



### *Te Kura o Heparā Pai*

*Care Manaakitanga  
Respect Whakaute  
Honesty Pono*

## Newsletter 05

**28 March/ Poutū-te-rangi 2024**

### From the Principal

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

As we move through Holy Week, the most sacred week in the liturgical calendar, we remember the Passion of Jesus and celebrate his resurrection.

It is hard to believe that we are approaching week 10 of the school term already. With this comes the change in weather and a reminder that we need our children to keep warm and dry.

This week we held our student conferences. It has been a great opportunity for teachers to connect with parents about how their children have settled into the new school year, how they are progressing and where appropriate discuss what supports may be needed to help children best access learning.

Over the next two weeks the following will be happening. In week 10 children will be separating into their school houses to brainstorm ideas for new house shields. In week 11 we will be having a cultural celebration week. Children will have the opportunity to learn about different cultures and dress in the national costume of their countries of heritage. If you are able to provide us with any rich cultural experiences please contact your child’s classroom teacher. We will also have the GetWise team from

the ASB talking to our children about Financial Literacy. Keep your eye out for more information about these events in our updates.

We wish you a blessed Holy Week and Easter Season,

Te Atua ki a koe / God bless

Ben Fahey

### Upcoming Dates

29 March	Good Friday (School Closed)
31 March	Easter Sunday
01 April	Easter Monday (School Closed)
02 April	Easter Tuesday (School Closed)
04 April	Pizza Orders Close at 6PM
09 April	Pizza Day
12 April	Term 1 Ends
29 April	Term 2 Starts
08 May	PTA Meeting
<b>Whole School Prayers in Term One:</b>	
	<b>Friday 2.40pm in church</b>
	Week 10 - Room 6
	<b>Week 11 - Thursday 11 April 2.15pm on turf</b>
	<b>Cultural Week Celebration - Parade of cultural dress and cultural performances</b>
<b>Whole School Prayers in Term Two:</b>	
	<b>Friday 2.40pm in church</b>
	Week 2 - Room 8
	Week 4 - Room 2
	Week 6 - Room 5
	Week 8 - Room 4
<b>Class Assemblies in Term Two:</b>	
	<b>Friday 2.15pm on the turf</b>
	Week 3 - Room 6
	Week 5 - Room 4
	Week 7 - Room 8
	<b>Week 10 - Thursday 9am - Book Character Parade</b>

*Please look carefully, as some of these dates have changed*

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## Easter Break- School Closed

The Easter break for all New Zealand schools is five days long – so we are **closed Good Friday 29 March, Monday 01 April and Tuesday 02 April**. School returns back to normal on Wednesday 03 April. We hope everyone enjoys their Easter break.



## Special Character

### Good Shepherd Awards

Congratulations to Ris Maven and Atarah for receiving the Gss Awards. Well done on upholding the values of Honesty, Care and Respect.



**Ris Maven Jinesh-** You have been an excellent role model in Room 7 upholding the GSS values of Honesty, Care and Respect and all your interactions.

**Atarah Fernando-** You are a great role model around the school upholding the GSS values and always doing the right thing.

## Holy Week



Church  
of the  
Good Shepherd



### HOLY WEEK at GOOD SHEPHERD



Holy Week Reconciliation  
Saturday 23 March - 8.30am to 9.15am - Tuesday 26 March 6pm - Rite II - 4 priests

**Palm Sunday**  
6pm Saturday Vigil Mass - 9.30am Sunday Mass

Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am Mass

**Holy Thursday**  
7pm - The Mass of the Lord's Supper  
with Adoration until 9pm

**Good Friday**  
10am - Stations of the Cross, Good Shepherd grounds  
3pm - The Passion of the Lord & Veneration of the Cross


**Holy Saturday**  
7pm - The Great Easter Vigil  
and First Mass of the Resurrection

**Easter Sunday Mass at 9.30am**

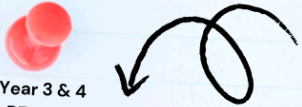
## Sports

### Good Shepherd Netball

**Calling Year 3-4 Boys & Girls Registrations Close Tomorrow!!**



Year 3 & 4  
**NETBALL REGISTRATIONS  
CLOSE THIS FRIDAY 29 MARCH**




Boys and Girls of all levels welcome, no previous playing experience needed.  
[Register Here](#)

We are still looking for more registration for the year 3-4 team in order to field a team. If there aren't enough children unfortunately GSS may not be able to register a year 3-4 team this year.

Games are played at Windmill Courts in Mt Eden  
Game times: 1x game on Thursdays 4.00pm | 4.55pm | 5.50pm  
Thank you to those players below who have already signed up:

*Madeline Foskin  
Jemima Kurian  
Madison Laika  
Emily Clark  
Maeve McArdle*

Ideally, we would like another 2-3 players. If transport is an issue, there could be options of car pooling.



[REGISTER HERE](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Aimee Greenhough on 021-763-002 or [aimee@ingoodcompany.co.nz](mailto:aimee@ingoodcompany.co.nz).



## Touch Champions

Congratulations to both our GSS touch teams that won their touch finals yesterday afternoon. An outstanding reward for all the hours you have put into training and playing as a team. Congratulations to the coaches and managers too.



## In & Around School



In the last couple of weeks we have been busy with our autumn planting. We have planted lettuce, cauliflower, cabbage, kale, carrots, spinach and celery, along with flowers to attract the bees and herbs to repel the pests. We look forward to harvesting these in Term 2 for our first produce sale of the year. We also found a kit set planter box in

our garden shed and attempted to construct it this week at Garden Club.



## Week 11 - Cultural Week at GSS

In week 11 of Term 1 we will be celebrating our cultural and ethnic diversity here at Good Shepherd School. Children can wear anything that represents

their culture to school each day (especially on Thursday). On Thursday at 2.15pm on the turf we will be having a cultural dress parade and cultural performances. We would love some children to perform a dance or song from their culture. They can do this individually or in groups. We would like to invite whānau to come along and watch this event. We would also like to invite parents and family members to come into the school and share aspects of their culture with the school. It could be reading a book in the library at lunchtime, teaching a song or a dance to a class. If you would like to do something like this, please contact your child's class teacher or Heather McLeod on: [hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz).

### Library Books

It's getting close to the end of the term. Overdue school library books need to be returned before the end of week 11. Children are able to issue library books for the holidays, if they don't have any overdue books outstanding. Please have a good look around your home for any books to return. The library will be closed from Wednesday 10 April.

### Information for Whānau

#### Principal's Open Office 8:30am - 9:30am

Principal's office is closed this week due to Good Friday.

### School Pool Closed - Return Pool Key

A reminder to families who hired a GSS swimming pool key, All keys need to be returned to the school office by Wednesday 03 April. Incorporated in the key hire charge is a bond of \$30.00 which is refundable if the key is returned to the school office. If the key is not returned by this date, you will lose your bond.

### Bring Your Child to School, Not Their Toys

Please do not allow your children to bring their toys, sports equipment or precious items to school to avoid any loss or damage and upset. The school will not take responsibility for loss or damage of personal items.

### Check Lost Property



Don't forget to check the lost property inside the school office. A lot of school uniforms, lunchboxes and shoes at the moment.

### Kāhui Ako Conference

Thank you whānau for allowing us to attend this very valuable afternoon last week. We all learnt so much about a whole range of teaching-related topics; and it was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with our Catholic colleagues as well. We look forward to sharing our learning with each other and of course your tamariki.

*Do you recognise these keynote speakers and don't you love the presentation title?*



### Attendance Dues - Term 1 Payments Due

Attendance dues for term 1 are due for payment by Friday 12 April. All attendance dues are forwarded to the Catholic Diocese on behalf of the school. If you have not made payment yet or made arrangements, could you please contact Ilana in the office on [ihowley-buddell@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:ihowley-buddell@goodshepherd.school.nz).



## GSS PTA NEWS



Good Shepherd School

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## Watch This Space



## Sushi, Pizza's & Moosies

Orders for the next Pizza Day are open now on Kindo. Pizza Day will be on Tuesday 9th April. Orders will close at 6pm on Thursday 4th April.

The **NEXT Pizza Day** will be on the following date this term: Tuesday 09 April.

**Moosies** are available most Fridays. They cost \$2 and can be ordered on Kindo or bring the coin to school.



*If you have ordered a Moosie from Kindo, please remind your child they MUST line up outside Room 2 at lunchtime, after they are released from sitting/eating time. Moosie monitors are not able to find children once lunch begins.*

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"Come down to Carlton Juniors and play rugby in 2024. Contact and non contact options available from the age of 5-13, Boys and Girls. Come down as a school team, register and play rugby with your mates on Saturday. It's as easy as putting in a school team, training after school and playing on Saturday. Great way to be active and play other sports in the winter."



**COME AND PLAY  
FOR CENTRAL UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB**



**U5 to U8 Kiwitea Football** (born 2016 - 2019)

Day & Time: Friday Nights, 4.15 - 5.15 PM  
 Location: Fryberg Park, Kiwitea Street, Sandringham  
 Cost: \$120 for the full season  
 Dates: Starts Friday 3 May 2024 and will finish late September

**U9 & 10 Junior Football** (born 2014 to 2015)

Trainings: Thursdays afternoons at War Memorial Park, Mount Roskill  
 Games: Saturday Mornings at various locations  
 Cost: \$160 for the full season  
 Dates: Saturday 27 April 2024 and will finish late September  
 Girls only team options available

**U11 & 12 Junior Football** (born 2012 to 2013)

Trainings: Thursdays afternoons at War Memorial Park, Mount Roskill  
 Games: Saturday Mornings at various locations  
 Cost: \$160 for the full season  
 Dates: Saturday 27 April 2024 and will finish late September  
 Girls only team options available

**U13 to U15 Youth Mixed Football** (born 2011 to 2009)

Trainings: Tuesday afternoons at War Memorial Park, Mount Roskill  
 Games: Saturdays at various locations  
 Cost: \$180 for the full season  
 Dates: Saturday 27 April 2024 and will finish late September  
 Girls only team options available

1 x weekly session with activities and matches

1 x Team training and 1 x match day a week - 7 aside

1 x Team training and 1 x match day a week - 9 aside

1 x Team training and 1 x match day a week - 11 Aside



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