



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakautē
Honesty Pono*

Newsletter 06

11 April/ Paenga-Whawha 2024

From the Principal

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

What an eventful and action packed term 1 this has been!

On Wednesday the 3rd of April our whole school split into 4 houses to learn about the different special people they are named after: Suzanne Aubert (Green), Peter Chanel (Yellow), Bishop Jean Baptiste Pompallier (Blue) and Mary Mackillop (Red). The name change occurred in 2023 and we are in the process of redesigning the shields for these houses. After learning about each person, children have discussed and drawn ideas about what symbols could be used to represent the incredible impact these people have had. From here the designs will be finalised between GSS staff, House Captains and senior children. In term 2 the new shields will be presented to the school.

This week we also had an emphasis on celebrating the many special cultures which make up GSS. It has been wonderful to see children arrive at school each day in clothing that represents their culture and beam with pride. A special thanks to the many parents who prepared presentations to share about their culture with classrooms. This has been a great opportunity to connect, share about who we are and

learn to appreciate what it is about our backgrounds which makes us unique and special.

As we approach these school holidays I want to acknowledge the wonderful community we are a part of here at GSS. The hardwork of all the staff, the care and support from parents, and our strong connection to our Catholic faith make this a great place to be. I wish you all a happy, safe and blessed school holiday and look forward to welcoming the children back in term 2 refreshed, and ready for another great term of learning!

Ngā Mihi,

Ben Fahey

Upcoming Dates

12 April	Term 1 Ends
25 April	ANZAC Day
29 April	Term 2 Starts
08 May	PTA Meeting
Week 11 - Thursday 11 April 2.15pm (hall) Cultural Week Celebration - Parade of cultural dress and cultural performances	
Whole School Prayers in Term Two: Friday 2.45pm in church	
Week 2 - Room 8	
Week 4 - Room 2	
Week 6 - Room 5	
Week 8 - Room 4	
Class Assemblies in Term Two: Friday 2.15pm on the turf	
Week 3 - Room 6	
Week 5 - Room 4	
Week 7 - Room 8	
Week 10 - Thursday 9am - Book Character Parade	

Please look carefully, as some of these dates have changed

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Special Character Good Shepherd Awards

Congratulations Gretta Tuibenau and Jacob Peiris for upholding the values of GSS in your classes and across the school through your various interactions with others.



Jacob Peiris - For being Respectful and working well with others.

Gretta Tuibenau - Your outstanding leadership in the student council, and being a great role model to your peers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday blessings to the following tamariki that celebrate their birthday in April:

Harry Browne
Paprika Chavez
Mary Dawit
Andrew Dowell
George Ellis
Niko Glavas
Noah Hopkins
Janice Jin
Joseph Jinu
Madison Laika Momoisea
Samuel Lin
Toby Meintjes
Ridhi Rawat

Viraj Rawat
Jake Siave
Noah Sujaritwatanasak
Ryleigh Tuala Soon
Lara Valde

Sports

GSS Sharks - FLIPPA BALL WINNERS!!

A huge congratulations to our very own GSS Sharks that won the flippa ball finals last Sunday, winning 5 - 1. Showing true sportsmanship, resilience and perseverance week in and week out. Thank you to coaches and past students Thomas Erickson & Kalo Sundin. The Sharks continually make our school community proud.



Back row: Willow Poland, Natalie Woods, August Gullery, Emily Clark, Maeve McArdle

Front row: Reuben Davenport, Jake Siave, Oliver Gullery, Siaki Sundin, Samuel Erickson

Cross Country Training

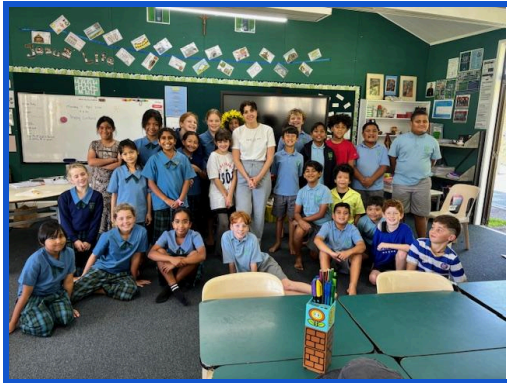
In week 2 of next term we'll be beginning our whole school training for the school cross country. This will be happening Monday to Thursday each week.

In & Around School

Cultural Week

It has been amazing this week to look around the school and see all the vibrant colours and cultural dress being worn at GSS. It's also been great to welcome whanau into the school and the classrooms. I know the children have loved having the visitors and learning about different cultures and ethnicities. A huge thank you to the whānau who have given up their time to come into school and visit us. We really appreciate it!!! The cultural celebration and performance assembly was an incredible event. Each item was entirely planned and organised by the children. It's great to see the

children so proud of their culture and identity that they want to share it with our school whānau.



Library Books

It's nearly the end of term. Overdue school library books need to be returned before the end of this week. 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. This also includes reading books.



This week at Garden Club we peeled, removed the seeds and cut up the butternut squash which we planted at the end of last year. We mixed sage from the garden and oil and salt with the butternut squash and roasted it in the oven. Many of the children were surprised by how delicious it was!





including sandals and lunchboxes. Any unclaimed property will be donated to our second hand uniform.

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.

GSS PTA NEWS



Watch This Space



Information for Whānau

Change of Clothes

From the beginning of term 2 children will need to be wearing a change of clothes to play on the field. This includes before school, morning tea time and lunchtime.

Children need to be wearing our winter school uniform from the beginning of term 2.



April 25 falls in the second week of the school holidays this year. Follow the links to find out more about Auckland [Anzac Day Parades and Services 2024](#) and [ANZAC Day at Auckland Museum 2024](#).

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

Get in touch before the term ends, Open office is available if any parents want to have a conversation with Ben. Please let the office know if you're wanting to book in time.

Check Lost Property



Don't forget to check the lost property before the end of term. There are a lot of school uniforms

Calendar Art 2024

Each year, we run a fundraiser that turns your child's art into beautiful products for you to purchase at the end of the year- calendars, notebooks, sketch pads and more. This process kicks off in Term 2, with more info to follow.

We are looking for a volunteer to learn the ropes and take over Calendar Art from the current organiser, who finishes at GSS this year. Ideally this will be a parent with a few years ahead of them at Good Shepherd.

It's a fun and rewarding way to be involved in the school. If you are keen, or for more information, please get in touch with Anna (parent to Esme Room 6), email annalshaw@gmail.com or 02102970532

Sushi, Pizza's & Moosies

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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