



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

**Care Manaakitanga
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Newsletter 08

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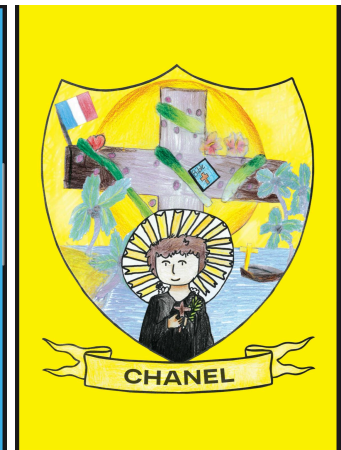
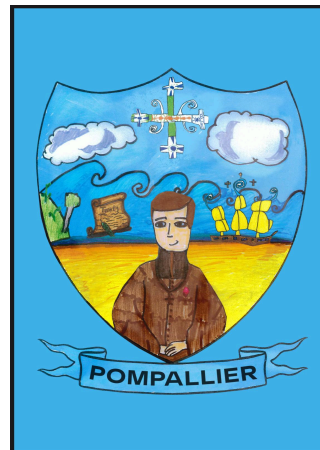
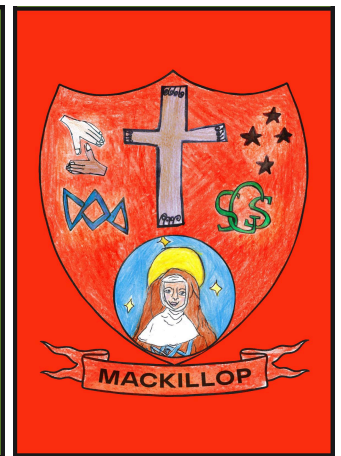
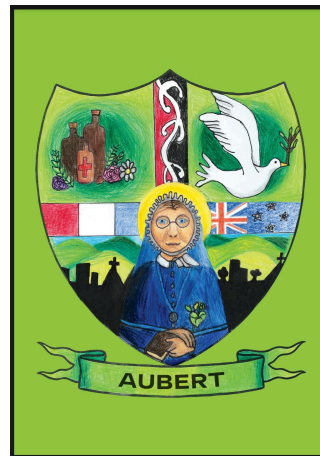
From the Principal

Dear Parents Caregivers and Whānau,

Our parish priest Monsignor Bernard Kiely celebrated our start of term mass Saturday 4th May on a cool Autumn evening. Children were called up to take part in an interactive discussion. We learnt about the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit: *wisdom, understanding, council, knowledge, fortitude, piety and Fear of the Lord*. We also learnt about the fruit of the spirit being ‘...love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control’ Galatians 5:22-23.

The Shade Sail above our sandpit is now complete and looks great. Thank you to the PTA for driving fundraising efforts to allow this to happen and the community for continually showing their support. These efforts allow us to make improvements to our school environment.

I would like to offer a special thank you to Danny Carlsen (a parent at our school) who has taken the house shields we designed recently and has published them in such a way we can enlarge, shrink and use for a range of purposes. View here these beautiful designs:



Last Monday 6th May two of our wonderful teachers attended their graduation ceremonies. Ms Carla Parry was awarded her Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Primary) and Miss Rhiannon Williams was awarded her Bachelor of Education. It is very encouraging to see teachers of this calibre entering the profession and we are blessed to have them as a part of the GSS team.



Finally a reminder that tomorrow we are encouraging children to wear pink to celebrate the conclusion of our BullyFree NZ week and to raise awareness for this good cause. During the week

teachers have been covering the topic of 'bullying' and discussing with children strategies which can support themselves and others.

Te Atua ki a koe / God bless,
Ben Fahey

Upcoming Dates

13-17 May	Bullying Free Week NZ
17 May	Pink Shirt Day
20-24 May	Road Safety Week
21 May	Year 5-6 Football Zones
22 May	Bright Colour Day - Awareness for Road Safety
28 May	BoT Meeting
03 June	King's Birthday (School Closed)
04 June	Teachers Only Day (School Closed)
Whole School Prayers in Term Two:	
Friday 2.45pm in church	
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

Quick Links

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PINK SHIRT DAY TOMORROW!!!



Children can wear anything pink to school tomorrow. Children can either wear fully pink clothes, or wear their school uniform with pink accessories e.g. hat, shoes, scarf, headband etc. If tamariki don't wear any pink, come in full school uniform. (No gold coin donation required.)

Special Character

Good Shepherd Awards

Congratulations Emily Clark and Arthur Blakemore. You are both shining examples of how we show Respect, Care and Honesty around our school.



Congratulations James Gallagher



Well done to James Gallagher for becoming the Junior Boys 2024 Track and Field Champion at Three Kings Athletics Club. Awesome achievement.

Sports

Auckland Rugby League



Room Two enjoying some free coaching today on our wonderful turf area.

Eden/Albert Football Zones

Week 4 - Tuesday 21 May

Save Day - Thursday 23 May TBC

GSS Whole School Cross Country

Our whole school cross country is taking place on Monday 10 June (week 7). A notice will be coming home in the next few weeks with more information.

If you are able to help out by being a marshal for this event please email Heather McLeod on:

hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz

Eden/Albert Cross Country Zones

Week 8 - Tuesday 18 June

Save Day - Thursday 20 June TBC

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Cross Country Training

We are continuing our whole school training for the school cross country. This is happening Monday to Friday each week. All children will need appropriate footwear to run in and older children can wear a change of clothes. If younger children can't tie shoelaces they will need sneakers with velcro.

In and Around School

Week 4 - Road Safety Week (20-24th May)

During next week at school we will be learning about different aspects of Road Safety and how to keep safe on the roads. We will be having visits from Constable Tino, who will be working with year 0-4 children on road safety, including crossing the road and travelling safely in a car. The year 5-6 children will be participating in cycle skills training sessions, including how to ride safely on the road. Year 5-6 children were given a notice about this today. The form needs to be filled out and returned to school before the sessions on Wednesday morning. All the information is on the link below and in the notice.

[Bike Skills consent / medical form](#)

On Wednesday the whole school can wear bright colours to school to promote road safety. It can be any colour or outfit, as long as it's bright and colourful!!!



At Garden Club this week we began preparing for next week's produce sale. We also began cleaning out our worm farms to try and get them working better. We found a few interesting items that should not have been in there, including an old tennis ball! We hope the worms will be happier now that these things have been removed.



parents to use the footpath around the field to walk children to class instead of crossing the field.

Waste Free lunches for Term 2

It has been great to see so many waste free lunches at school! We have noticed a great reduction in the amount of litter in the school grounds and also a lot less waste in our landfill rubbish bins. Our Environmental Leaders will visit each class once a week and award three spot prizes of a house point token, to each class. Here are a few photos of some waste free lunches. Information about waste free lunches can be found [here](#).

We have noticed a few incidents with glass containers being used sometimes resulting in breaking. If we could please use other containers that would be appreciated.



Information for Whānau Change of Clothes

From now on in 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. They can play in bare feet or different footwear (no school uniform or school shoes on the field).

Please don't wear any sports boots with sprigs (either plastic or metal) when playing sports on the field. This can cause injuries to children playing in bare feet.

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

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

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.

Have You Seen the Orange Cone?

You may see the orange cone on the field. The cone is a message from Sharyn to STAY OFF THE FIELD. As we approach cold mornings and rainy days the field gets very muddy, so we ask tamariki and

GSS PTA NEWS



Good Shepherd School

"We make the difference"



We have added a donation option on Kindo so families can make a small donation towards prizes on the night.

We also have a volunteer sign up link for parent volunteers to help set up, support selling tickets and drinks on the night and pack down. Please click this link and sign up to help us out.
volunteersignup.org/JR4AB



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

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help with sushi and pizzas this term. We would not be able to provide sushi and pizza lunch options for the children without your help!

Please see the dates below for sushi and pizza lunches in Term 2. Orders are taken online only via [Kindo](#).

- Friday 17 May - Sushi
- Friday 24 May - Sushi
- Tuesday 28 May - Pizza Day
- Friday 31 May - Sushi
- Friday 07 June - Sushi
- Friday 14 June - Sushi
- Friday 21 June - Sushi
- Thursday 27 June - Sushi
- Tuesday 2 July - Pizza Day
- Friday 5 July Sushi

Ordering has been set up on Kindo for all the sushi dates this term. You can order for as many weeks in advance as you like. Sushi orders close at 8.30am on the day of the delivery. You can also cancel a sushi order up until 8.30am on the day of the delivery.

Orders for Pizza Day on Tuesday 28 May are now open and **close on Thursday 23 May at 6pm**. Orders for Pizza Day will always close 5 days before the day of the delivery and cannot be cancelled after this time. We are unable to accommodate

pizza orders when the orders have closed so please be sure to order well in advance of this.

Moosies are also able to be ordered through Kindo and have been set up on Kindo for all of the Moosie dates this term. You can also order Moosies for as many weeks in advance as you like. Moosie orders close at 8.30am on the day of the orders. You can cancel a Moosie order up until 8.30am on the day of delivery.

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.



after school and playing on Saturday. Great way to be active and play other sports in the winter. "

Advertisements

"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



NO FEES FOR THE FIRST 3 MONTHS

To celebrate the re-branding of our centre, we have a very special offer if you sign up before the end of 31 May

(Minimum 20 hours a week, 1 Year term)

WHY YOU'LL LOVE US

- ✓ Experienced, Caring staff
- ✓ Arts & Music Focus
- ✓ Transition to school program

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