



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

***Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakautē
Honesty Pono***

Newsletter 09

30 May /Haratua 2024

From the Principal

Dear Parents Caregivers and Whānau,

Talofa lava to you all as we celebrate Samoan language week! Today was an opportunity for children to dress in traditional Samoan clothing and build off the learning we experienced during our cultural week at the end of term 1.

Over the past fortnight the children and staff at GSS have been busy and active! We have been training for our school Cross Country, our year 0-4 children have participated in Road Safety Education run by Constable Tino and our year 5-6 children have been learning Cycle Skills through Auckland Transport.

Clare Fala one of our fabulous release teachers had her last official day with Good Shepherd on Tuesday of this week. She is now moving to St Michaels in Remuera with an increased workload. Clare has been a part of the GSS team for over 8 years as a classroom teacher. Clare has been a key fixture in the organisation of Grandparents days and organising Irish dancing groups as well as involvement in school productions. We thank Clare for sharing her teaching talents with GSS and we wish her all the very best.

Our School Disco held on May 24th was a raving success! Children had a lot of fun dancing and dressing to the theme of 'Under the Sea'. Sincere thanks to Daniella Holschier and Maddie Langley for leading this and to the many parents who pitched in. A special mention to Jeff Davenport for offering his services as DJ for the event!

Yesterday the team at GSS successfully completed a lockdown drill. It was impressive to see how well our children followed instructions and quickly got themselves into the correct positions. Thank you to Sharyn Hodge who coordinated this drill.

Here you will find a link to [The Hummingbird Story](#). This story reminds us to do what we can, and that everything we do for the Lord Jesus matters. You may choose to read through and reflect on this with your child(ren) and discuss what meaning this has in your own lives.

As the temperatures continue to drop please continue to dress your children in warm clothes each day. We will encourage good handwashing and hygiene practices at school.

A reminder to all whānau that we have an extra long weekend coming up with King's Birthday being observed on Monday 3rd of June and our Teacher Only Day on Tuesday 4th of June. Marie Hirst will be our expert facilitator working with our teachers on the effective Teaching of Mathematics.

Wishing you a happy and safe long weekend.

Fa'amanuia le Atua / God bless,
Ben Fahey

Upcoming Dates

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| 03 June | King's Birthday (School Closed) |
| 04 June | Teachers Only Day (School Closed) |
| 5-7 June | Tread Lightly Caravan at school |
| 06 June | Pasifika Mass - St. Joseph's Parish |
| 10 June | GSS Whole School Cross Country |
| 18 June | Eden/Albert Cross Country Zones |
| 27 June | Matariki Breakfast |
| 28 June | Matariki Holiday (School Closed) |
| 1-4 July | Book Week |
| 1-3 July | Scholastic Book Fair in Library |
| 4 July | Book Character Parade 9am |
| Whole School Prayers in Term Two: | |
| Friday 2.45pm in church | |
| Week 6 - Room 5 | |
| Week 8 - Room 4 | |

Class Assemblies in Term Two:
Friday 2.15pm on the turf
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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Pasifika Mass 2024 - Come Along



Come and support our community at this year's Pasifika Mass. The singing is beautiful to experience, and this year our GSS students to represent our school are Lyanna Lemalu & Madison Laika Momoisea.

Special Character

Good Shepherd Awards

Congratulations to Patrick Nimo & Liam Tuala-Soon . You've both been leading role models around the school, showing Care, Respect and Honesty.



Please Keep in Your Prayers....

We ask for God's blessing on all those members of our community who are suffering illness or loss in their families at this time. Please keep them in your prayers.

Personnel

This week we farewelled an amazing person in our GSS community - Mrs Clare Fala. Clare has been teaching at Good Shepherd School for 8 years, and if you have had the pleasure of your children being taught by her, you would have experienced personally how amazing, creative and kind she is. We wish her all the best for the future, God bless you in your new journey.



Sports

GSS Whole School Cross Country

Our whole school cross country is taking place on **Monday 10 June (week 7)**.

This is the timetable for the morning:

9.30am - Year 0/1 girls then Year 0/1 boys

Year 2 girls then Year 2 boys

Year 3 girls then Year 3 boys

Morning Tea - approximately 10.30am

11.15am - Year 4 girls then Year 4 boys

Year 5 girls then Year 5 boys

Year 6 girls then Year 6 boys

1pm finish approximately

Eden/Albert Cross Country Zones

Week 8 - Tuesday 18 June

Save Day - Thursday 20 June TBC

Cross Country Training

We are continuing our whole school training for the school cross country. This is happening Monday to Thursday 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

Reminder to check out our [Highlights](#) site for even more photos and events from GSS...



We extend a very warm welcome to the following student who started with us recently:

Ivy Montague

Sustainability Science in Action - Getting to Know Our Compost Worms Really Well...





Last Friday we had our first produce sale of the year. We raised \$48 from selling our fresh fruit and vegetables and worm tea fertiliser produced by our worm farms. The money will be put towards Garden Club projects and activities.

Our worm farms have produced so much worm tea fertiliser that we have a huge surplus. If you would like some worm tea to fertilise your garden, please collect a bottle from the plastic tubs near the scooter/bike parking. You can approach our Year 5/6 monitors Aaron, Atreo, Harper, Devin or Liam from Room 6 or 7 if you are unsure where to collect it from. If you would like to make a gold coin donation for your worm tea, please take it to the office.

This week we harvested the carrots we planted in Term 1. We will enjoy eating these next week at the Garden Club.

Information for Whānau

Absences, Late or Early Exits at School

If your child is not attending school please make sure you call the school office **before 9:30AM** 09 6204962, email admin@goodshepherd.school.nz or leave a message on the school absence voicemail with the reason, this is so we can code your child's absence to the Ministry of Education accordingly.

Your child is late if they arrive at school from 8:50 AM, every child arriving after the late bell will need to come into the office to sign in as they won't have been marked on the class roll taken in the morning.

Leaving school early? Remember to get an exit slip from the office. Please be aware that if you decide to do early pick up during school break times, that you will need to factor into your timeframe your search in the school grounds to find them.

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.

Chess Club Years 3 - 6

Semester 2 starts Monday 10th June and operates Monday lunch times 1pm - 2pm in the school hall with Chess Master Mr McLaren. Please complete this [form](#) if your child has played before and wishes to join the club. (Cost is \$50 for 10 sessions.)

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. 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.

Waste Free Lunches

Well done to all those students who have continued to bring waste free lunches to school. Here are some photos of Room 8 lunch boxes. Room 8 is making a particularly great effort. Ka rawe! Excellent!

Some Tips for a Waste Free Lunch:

- Pack lunch into mini reusable containers or a compartment lunchbox
- Buy larger packets of snack food and dispense into containers or compartments of the lunchbox
- Use reusable wrap like beeswax wraps
- Remove wrappers from food such as muesli bars or muffins, before placing them in the lunchbox

Ka pai tō mahi - keep up the great work!



GSS PTA NEWS



DISCO FEVER

Many, many thanks to the wonderful whānau that put this popular event together! Looks like our little 'Boogie Buddies' had a totally amazing time!

Disco Thank You

A huge thank you to Maddy, Dani, Laura, and Megan for organising another fantastic disco.

Special thanks to Jeff for being our amazing DJ and to all the other volunteers who helped out

on the night. We couldn't make these wonderful and fun events happen for our Tamariki without your dedication and hard work. Thank you!

Upcoming PTA Events

As you may have seen in our PTA meeting minutes, we've reviewed our Events Calendar and are excited to announce two new events coming up in June and August:

Thursday 27 June – Matariki Breakfast August (date TBC) – GSS Olympics

We can't make these events happen without the support of our amazing parents. We're looking for volunteers to step up and take on the coordinator roles for these events. Don't worry, this doesn't mean you have to do everything! It simply means you'll help coordinate and plan the event with the support of Sarah, our PTA chairperson, and Aimee, our vice chairperson. It's a wonderful way to get involved and help bring these events to life.

The Matariki Breakfast is a special community event for the whole whānau to celebrate together and embrace the unique cultural elements of this significant day.

The Olympics Event is a fun and exciting fundraiser where our Tamariki will participate in various activities, creating our very own GSS Olympics. Both of these events are new, and we'd love for you to join us in making them a success. If you're interested, please get in touch with:

**Sarah: 021 119 2762
Aimee: 021 763 002**

Let's work together to create unforgettable experiences for our children and community!

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 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.

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.