



***Te Kura o Heparā Pai***

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

**Newsletter 10**

**13 June/ Pipiri 2024**

**From the Principal**

Dear Parents Caregivers and Whānau,

Last week on a cool winter night in a full St Joseph’s Church, Grey Lynn we celebrated the Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako (ACCKA) Pasifika Community Mass. Fr Tino Toleafoa led this beautiful occasion. It was wonderful to see members of the Good Shepherd School Community present. Madison Laika-Momoisea our Candle Bearer and Lyanna Lemalu who read one of the Prayers of the Faithful represented GSS so well!



A reminder to those parents who drop off/ pick up from the Volcanic Street carpark please do not drive past the orange cones. The cones are there to help keep our children safe as they enter and exit school each day.

This week we held our annual school Cross Country and the weather was on our side! The effort, determination and sportsmanship on display from our children was excellent. Thank you to the many parents who were able to come down, support and help with this event. A special acknowledgment to Heather McLeod who coordinated this.

Thank you for keeping your children home when they are unwell as there has been a spike in sickness across schools recently. We will continue to keep our classrooms well ventilated and as warm and dry as possible. We will also continue to promote good hygiene practices with handwashing, coughing into the elbow etc...

Wishing you all a happy and safe weekend ahead.

Te Atua ki a koe / God bless,  
Ben Fahey

**Upcoming Dates**

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
<b>Whole School Prayers in Term Two:</b>	
<b>Friday 2.45pm in church</b>	
Week 8 - Room 4	
<b>Class Assemblies in Term Two:</b>	
<b>Friday 2.15pm on the turf</b>	
Week 7 - Room 8	
<b>Week 10 - Thursday 9am - Book Character Parade</b>	

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

## Quick Links

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

*Noah Siave*

## Special Character

### Good Shepherd Awards

Congratulations to Saxon Wilkinson. You've been a leading role model 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.

## In and Around School

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

## Sport

### Fun on the Run!

Well done to all of our runners on Monday, and we were very relieved that the weather held up for us. Our Good Shepherd values were very much in evidence and the fitness and determination shown by even our youngest runners was impressive.

The efforts of all of our parent helpers, and Heather McLeod's meticulous organisation made this iconic event a great success. Ngā mihi everyone!





## Eden/Albert Cross Country Zones

Week 8 - Tuesday 18 June

Save Day - Thursday 20 June TBC

## 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](mailto: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

Principal's office is **closed** Friday 14 June & Friday 21 June.

### Change of Clothes

In term 2 children 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.

### 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



### 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**  
**Friday 02 August – 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.



**A big thank you to Fresho Dominion Rd, for sponsoring our Matariki breakfast. Please support them by calling in for your fruit, veggies and after school ice creams!**

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!

## Mother Superiors Night



**Thursday 20 June**  
**Lord Kitchener, Sandringham**  
**7PM**

## Sushi, Pizza's & Moosies

Sushi and pizza lunches in Term 2. Orders are taken online only via [Kindo](#).

**Sushi** - Friday 14 June  
Friday 21 June  
Thursday 27 June  
Friday 05 July

**Pizza** - Tuesday 02 July

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 the 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.*