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Update...

Te Kura o Hepara Pai

20 June/ Pipiri 2024

Upcoming Dates

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

Please look carefully, as some of these dates have changed

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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.

Sports

Cross Country Certificates

GSS School Cross Country Certificates will be handed out on Friday 21 June (week 8) after boogie beats. This should be around 9am on the turf.

Eden/Albert Cross Country Zones

On Tuesday 18 June 14 children represented GSS at the cross country zones, held at the Auckland Domain. It was a challenging course with lots of competitive runners. Our children all did extremely well and showed a lot of determination and resilience to finish the races. Ezra finished 20th in the year 5 boys race and Niko finished 21st in the year 6 boys race.



Past Student Achievement

Congratulations to past GSS student William Moulder for achieving 3rd place in the Year 9 Secondary Schools cross country race. William is the first St Peter's athlete to medal individually in the 50 years of this competition.



In and Around School

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

Room 8

Last week Room 8 was packed with excitement and creativity! We kicked off the week with a spirited cross-country event, we showcased our determination and sportsmanship as we raced alongside our peers and cheered on our classmates with posters. At our assembly, we sang "I Saw a Taniwha" wearing fun Taniwha masks we made ourselves. We also showcased our UFO scratch art.

We were captivated by stories of flying space machines from our talented writers, and Ted delighted us with his imaginative recount inspired by "Snake Brought Cake." It was a week of achievement and creativity.



Room 6 Have Penpals!!

Exciting to get letters the good old fashioned way! The students of Room 6 each have their own penpal. We are writing letters to a class of year 5 and 6 students from a school in rural Whangārei - Ms Parry's niece is in the class! We received our first letter and learnt about our penpals names, ages and interests - now our letters back to them are in the post. We can't wait to get our next letter!



Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako Samoan Art Competition WINNERS!

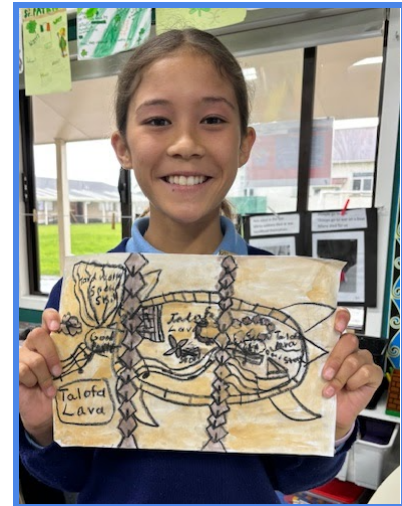
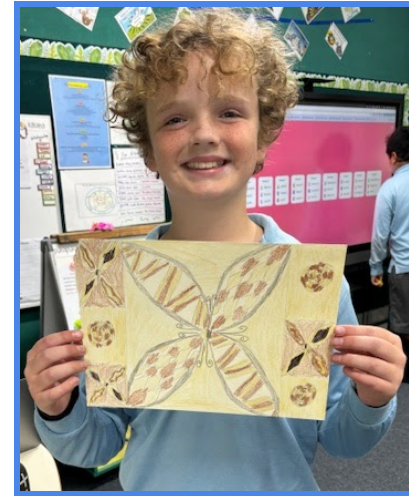
Congratulations to the following GSS students:

Ted Tuibenau - year 3

Maddie Foskin and Ava Bolton - year 4

Luke Butcher - year 5

Gretta Tuibenau and Gemma Su - year 6



GSS Book Week - Week 10 (Monday 1 July - Thursday 4 July)

Scholastic Book Fair

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of week 10, the scholastic book fair will be open in the library. The fair will be open from 8.30am - 9am and from 3pm - 3.30pm. You will need to come into the fair with an adult and the only way to pay is by eftpos.

Book Character Parade

On Thursday morning (4th July) we will be having our book character parade on the turf at 9.00am.

Children can dress up as their favourite book character for the day.
Everyone is welcome to attend!!!

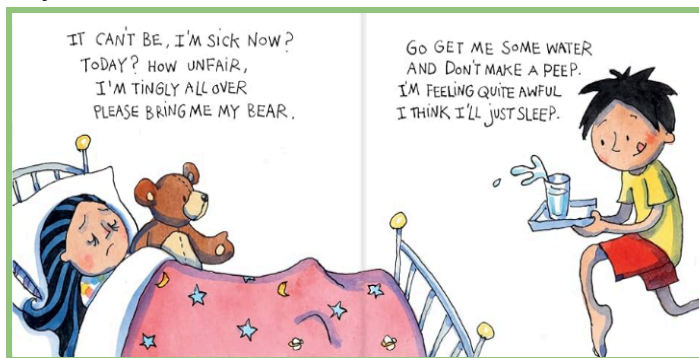
Garden Club Update

Garden Club would like to say a big thank you for the new gardening gloves that we bought with money from the PTA. We used them yesterday to plant strawberry plants.



Information for Whānau Keeping Our School Healthy Attendance & Illnesses

With an increase of sickness around school at the moment, please keep your child at home if they are very unwell.



When to Keep Your Child at Home

At GSS we believe every school day matters, however it is essential to recognise that sending a sick child to school can have an impact on their health and the health of others. Here are some guidelines to help you decide when to keep your child at home:

- **Fever:** If your child has a fever of 37.8°C or higher, they should stay home until they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.

- **Vomiting or Diarrhoea:** Children should stay home for at least 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.
- **Persistent Cough or Difficulty Breathing:** If your child has a severe cough or trouble breathing, it's best to consult with a healthcare provider before sending them to school.
- **Contagious Illness:** Your child should remain at home for the period advised by your healthcare provider.

As a parent or guardian we understand that your child's health and recovery is the main priority, if you believe that your child is needing extra time to recover from an illness please continue to listen to your parents' intuition, but **still** update the school office. We are currently experiencing an increase in student sickness at school. We are having to send an increasing number of children home who are or still feeling unwell.

Communicating Absences

If your child needs to stay home due to illness, please inform the school as soon as possible. This helps us keep track of health trends such as Covid, or respiratory viruses. Advising the school also ensures that your child's absence is properly recorded.

This [link](#) is from Health New Zealand, if you would like further information.

Overseas Holiday During School Term

Family holidays are fun and something to look forward to, however we want to remind families that holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not deemed by the Ministry to be acceptable reasons for being absent. If you are planning on travelling during a school term please remember you must email the Principal principal@goodshepherd.school.nz and their class teacher. See the link below with further information.

[Letter to parents going overseas](#)

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

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

Change of Clothes - On the Field

As the winter season sets in you will see that the field has become extra muddy and wet. Continue to

bring a change of clothes for children to play on the field. Children are still expected to arrive and leave school in their full school uniform. Once they are at school, they can change. Bare feet or different footwear (no school uniform or school shoes on the field) is allowed. Many children have sport style shoes as their school shoes, they are not allowed to wear these on the field.

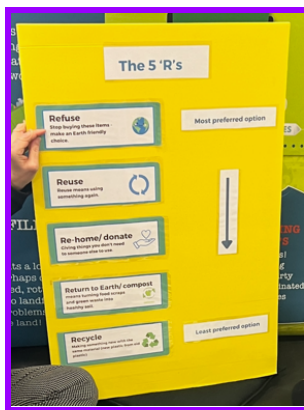
Please don't wear any sports boots with sprigs (either plastic or metal) when playing sports on the field. This can cause injuries to children playing in bare feet.



Waste Free Lunches

It has been wonderful to see all the waste free lunches around school. At Tread Lightly we learned about ways to reduce landfill waste. This tied in nicely with thinking about waste free lunches.

Ka pai tō mahi - keep up the great work!



Attendance Dues and Financial Assistance

We are nearing the halfway point in the school year and so payments of Attendance Dues need to be underway. Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending both primary and secondary Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese. If your family is facing financial difficulties, please contact Ilana in the school office, your Parish Priest, or Auckland Common Fund Ltd at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland on 09-360-3069 for further information. **Term 3 is a good time to start that process so please reach out for that assistance now.** Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website - please click [here](#).

GSS PTA NEWS



Upcoming PTA Events

MATARIKI BREAKFAST!

One week to go!! Get your tickets on Kindo. Ticket sales will close on Tuesday at 9am. Unfortunately, there are no door sales.

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. This event can only happen with the support of our amazing parents.

To sign up to help on the day, follow this link:

<https://volunteersignup.org/789KY>

**MATARIKI BREAKFAST
2024**

27TH JUNE 2024

A special time for us to all come together, share some kai and celebrate Matariki

GSS school hall, 7.30am
 Tickets \$3 per person available on Kindo now!
 This event is open to the entire GSS community so siblings and parents welcome.
 Breakfast consists of: Fry Bread, yoghurt, a piece of fruit and a milo (tea and coffee for adults)

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!

Olympic Fun Day

The Olympics Event is a fun and exciting fundraiser where our Tamariki will participate in various activities, creating our very own GSS Olympics. If you would like to get involved please contact

Sarah: 021 119 2762

Aimee: 021 763 002

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

Mother Superiors Night - TONIGHT!!!!

Mother Superiors

LET'S GET TOGETHER! THURSDAY 20 JUNE, 7PM LORD KITCHENER PUB

GSS MUMS Social Club
All welcome!

Lord Kitchener, Sandringham
 Thursday 20 June, 7pm

Dinner options: 1) Chicken Parma, slaw & salad \$25, 2) Margarita Pizza \$28, gf base \$33, 3) Squid Salad \$28.

RSVP to Kristelle-021 2052853 with name and dinner selection.

**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 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 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.