



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakaute
Honesty Pono

Newsletter 11

27 June/ Pipiri 2024



From the Principal

Dear Parents Caregivers and Whānau,

The year is flying by and it is hard to believe we are about to enter week 10 of term 2. Last week Monsignor Bernard Kiely, Miss Cathrine Kaur our Acting DRS and myself attended the Catholic Convention in Wellington. This event is held triannually and hosted over 700 guests. Predominantly the makeup consisted of school leadership teams, priests, bishops and BoT members.

The event was opened by our very own Tim Wilson (a parent in our school community), who delivered an inspiring story entitled *Faith, Failure and*

Fortitude. There were speakers from around the globe such as Joe Paproki who presented on *Resembling God: 5 ways Catholics live in the image and likeness of God*.

We also took this opportunity to tour the Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre in Island Bay. A very special place where you can view her impressive history through photography, video, writing and artefacts. We had the moving experience of praying in the resting place of Suzanne Aubert with sisters from the Home of Compassion.

Thank you to Sarah Diver and other members of the PTA who helped provide our special Matariki breakfast. What an amazing opportunity to come together and connect as a community. I would also like to acknowledge Matua Tainui and Ms. Carla Parry for preparing our children so they could participate in this special event.

We are looking forward to our book fair next week and of course the wonderful costumes our children will come dressed in on Thursday!

Te Atua ki a koe / God bless,
Ben Fahey

Upcoming Dates

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
27 July	Parish/School Mass 6PM
31 July	Sacramental Parent Meeting - First Holy Communion
02 August	GSS Olympics
06 August	Three-Way Conferences 2PM Finish
07 August	Three-Way Conferences 3PM Finish
20 August	BoT Meeting
Whole School Prayers in Term Three:	
Friday 2.45pm in church	
Week 1 - Pōwhiri	
Week 3 - Rm 9	
Week 5 - Rm 7	
Week 7 - Rm 6	
Week 9 - Rm 3	
Class Assemblies in Term Two:	
Friday 2.15pm on the turf	
Week 10 - Thursday 9am - Book Character Parade	

Please look carefully, as some of these dates have changed

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GSS awards

Congratulations to Olivia Waller & Abby Wright. You both are the perfect example of how we can follow in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd. Well done!



Olivia Waller - You make others feel welcomed and help them in the classroom and the playground.

Abby Wright - Treats her peers and teachers with Respect, Care and Honesty.

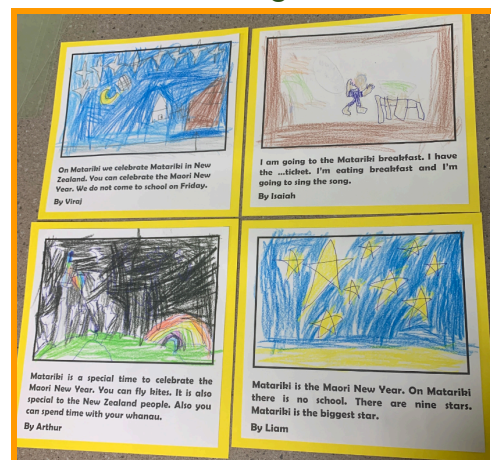
School Closed Tomorrow Friday 28 June - Matariki Holiday

Matariki signals the Māori New Year. The arrival of Matariki is a sign for people to gather, to honour the dead, celebrate the present, and plan for the future. This year GSS has celebrated Matariki by gathering together as a community and sharing parakuihi (breakfast) together. Here are some photos of how our tamariki have implemented Matariki in their classrooms. More information about Matariki can be found [here](#).

Harakeke Weaving



Matariki Writing in Room 4



Matariki Kites & Soup





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!!!

Reading Every Day



Joining the library is free for all residents of Tāmaki Makaurau. Join [online](#) then pick up your library card. The libraries run children's activities in the school holidays too.

To find some suggestions for your tamariki try the following websites

- [What Book Next](#)
- [Your Kids Next Read](#)
- read-nz.org/school-library

Lots of tamariki continue to enjoy being read to when they become independent readers. For older children try books to read aloud such as:



Library

The school library will be closed in week 10 for class visits and issuing. Please return all school library books as soon as possible.

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

Flippa Ball

ATTENTION all year 3 - 5 students!!!

Anyone interested in playing Flippa Ball next term??!! Good news ...we're thinking of putting together another GSS team as students just can't get enough of it and keep inquiring about how to get on the team! We hope to recruit enough players to join a third yet younger team.



Flippa Ball is a great way to gain water confidence as it is played in a shallow pool. It's also a wonderful way to build teamwork, all while having fun!

If you're interested in playing please contact Meghan Buckthought at meghan.baldisera@gmail.com

In and Around School

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

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.

Garden Club

After all our hard work this year, our garden is looking bountiful! At Garden Club this week we harvested some of our produce. During the Matariki period at kura we have been talking about the 9 stars in the Matariki cluster. It was great to connect our learning in the classroom to our learning in the garden about the stars of Tupuānuku and Tupuārangi, which are connected to food that grows below and above the ground.



Information for Whānau

Keeping Our School Healthy

Attendance & Illnesses

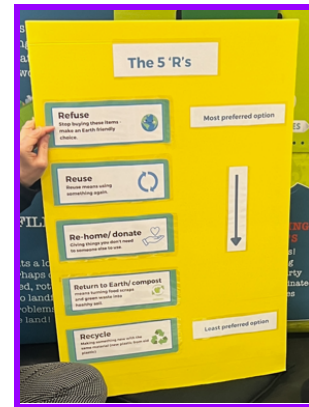
We're glad to see many of our tamariki returning back to school after their illnesses. Please continue to notify the school office if your child is away either by:

- Phone: 09 620 4962
- Email: admin@goodshepherd.school.nz or
- School App

Waste Free Lunches

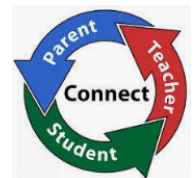
It has been wonderful to see all the waste free lunches around school. *Glass containers are not suitable due to breakages so please don't send these to school.* At Tread Lightly we learned about ways to reduce landfill waste. This tied in nicely with thinking about waste free lunches.

Ka pai tō mahi - keep up the great work!



Three-Way Conferences - Watch this Space

These will be held in week 3 of term 3 so please make a note in your diaries of the 06 and 07 of August. Further information will be emailed out in the first week of term. If parents are needing separate school reports please let the school office know ahead of time.



Attendance Dues and Financial Assistance

Payments of attendance dues for Term 1 and Term 2 are now considered overdue so please make every effort to make a payment towards these amounts in the next few weeks. Updated statements will be sent before the end of term. 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](#).

Lost Property



Lost ONE sock? ONE shoe? A pair of shoes? Has your child lost their third jacket this year? Perhaps a lunch box or drink bottle?

Well next week the lost property table will be set up outside the school office. Please check the table, our lost property is overflowing in uniform. Anything left in lost property by the last day of term will be donated to the second hand uniform cupboard or thrown away.

Pyjamas Out the Door!

We have such a generous community. Thank you for all the pyjamas we received, we managed to fill 2 boxes. These will be helping many children this cold winter season.



GSS PTA NEWS



Upcoming PTA Events

Matariki Breakfast

Wow!! What an amazing turn out this morning to celebrate our first Matariki breakfast as a school community! Thank you to everyone involved, without the support this celebration wouldn't have been possible. Further recap of the celebration will be posted next week. Enjoy your Matariki holiday surrounded by whānau.

"He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata." – What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.

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

Thank you to the Mums who braved the cold and came out for drinks and dinner at our first Mother Superiors get together of the year! It was wonderful to meet new faces and for each of us to extend our school support network. Stay tuned for our next get together next term

Sushi, Pizza's & Moosies

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

PIZZA ORDERS CLOSE TONIGHT 6PM

Sushi -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.