



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakautē
Honesty Pono*

Newsletter 12

04 July/ Hōngongoi 2024

From the Principal

Kia ora everyone,

Firstly thank you to our wonderful community for your impressive support towards school life at Good Shepherd. Our Matariki breakfast and today’s book parade are tremendous recent examples of this.

On Friday 26 July (week 1, Term 3) we are looking forward to a Pōwhiri to our newest children and their families to GSS. This will be an opportunity to showcase waiata and haka taught to our tamariki from Ms. Parry, Whaea Liv and Matua Tainui.

Our key fundraiser for the year is being led by Aimee Greenhough and is Olympics themed. There will be more detail to come however in a nutshell children will work towards completing a day at school of active and Olympics themed events. Children will reach out to friends and family for donations through a Give-A-Little page (to make it easier to include our whānau and community who live further away) to support their efforts. Money raised will go towards improving our school swimming pool area and ties in with our Student Council Led Initiative. There will be prizes such as pizza lunches for the class that raises the most money and if we hit a set target we get to cover the

principal with a bucket of slime! Thank you Aimee for taking on this huge task and I know as a community we will all be in to support her!

Wishing you and your whānau a happy, healthy and safe school holidays.

Te Atua ki a koe / God bless,
Ben Fahey

Upcoming Dates

1-4 July	Book Week
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 Three:	
Friday 2.15pm on the turf	
Week 1 - Pōwhiri	
Week 4 - Rm 7	
Week 6 - Rm 2	
Week 8 - Grandparents Day	

Please look carefully, as some of these dates have changed

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Personnel

Staffing Updates

Through the New Zealand Study Award our very talented Megan Dyer has been awarded a TeachNZ Sabbatical. Congratulations to Megan on the well deserved opportunity! This means Megan will be away from GSS for the duration of term 3. In her absence we



welcome back Ms. Peyton Evans who returns to GSS 3 days a week (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) next term to work alongside Heather McLeod as an Acting Deputy Principal. We wish Megan all the very best as she begins her sabbatical and we look forward to welcoming Ms. Evans back into the team! When Ms. Dyer returns in term 4, Ms Evans will open Room 1 and teach our newest members of GSS.



Special Character

Prayer for the End of Term 2...

“We thank you Lord, for this term. For our challenges, our successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith. Help us these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others. To be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term. We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you God in our lives.

We continue to pray over our families that are suffering with illness, loss or struggle may your face shine upon them and bring them comfort in this time.

We ask for your richest blessings over Ms Dyer during her sabbatical next term. Surround her with your loving care, keep her safe and return her to us, renewed and refreshed.

Amen”

Sports

Flippa Ball

ATTENTION all year 3, 4 or 5 students!!!

Anyone interested in playing Flippa Ball next term or even term 4 when the weather improves? 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 already have a year 6 and a year 4/5 team, but hope to recruit enough players to make a third team so some younger students can join.

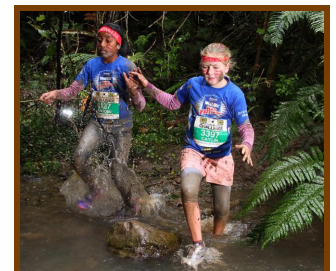
Flippa Ball is a great way to gain water confidence as it is played in a shallow pool. It's also a wonderful way to build teamwork, all while having fun!



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

Tough Guy Tough Gal Challenge - Kumeu Showgrounds, 9am Wednesday 7 August

We're looking for GSS kids (Years 3-6) interested in joining a school team to take part in the Tough Guy Tough Gal Challenge on 7 August in Kumeu. The Junior Tough Guys and Gals will take on a 1.5km or 3 km muddy obstacle course consisting of swamp crossings, a spider's web net climb, crawl under obstacles etc.



More info: <https://eventpromotions.co.nz/junior-tough-guy-and-gal-challenge/>

If you are keen, register interest with child's name / year with matp@projectcommunications.co.nz

In and Around School

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

Matariki NZ Dance Company Performance

Tamariki were privileged to be entertained by the incredible [New Zealand Dance Company](#). Through

contemporary dance, five dancers from NZDC portrayed the story of Matariki. The children were spellbound by the movement, music and staging - it was amazing to experience this high calibre and high energy performance.

*Harper Sujaritwatanasak
Heilala Taukolo
Jeremiah Tuivaiti
Lizette Valde
Olivia Waller*

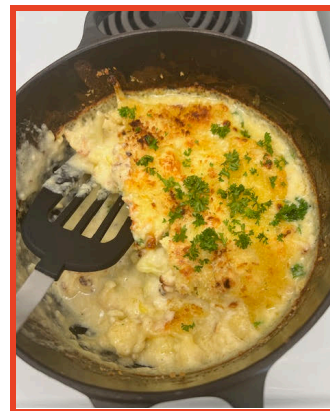


This week at Garden Club we harvested our cauliflower and used it to make delicious cauliflower cheese. Many of the children were surprised that they liked it. As Ms Chan was in Room 8 on Tuesday, the Room 8 children had the leftovers and also gobbled it up. The recipe can be found [here](#)



Birthday blessings to the following tamariki that celebrate their birthday in July:

*Alfie Arrasco-Ward
Felix Arrasco-Ward
Luke Boucher
Jasmine Dove
Talei Elbourne
Atarah Fernando
Emilia Joyce
Jemima Kurian
Maeve McArdle
Milana Miranda*



Cake, Cake and more Cake

Thank you to all our families that helped make a cake for their child's classroom when their class was rostered on. The money raised for every cake raffle helps with PTA fundraisers. We appreciate the time

and effort that our families put forward, from selling raffle tickets in the morning and after school to baking and decorating the cake. Thank you all so much. Can't wait to see the cakes in term 3.



Cakes from the Curnow family & the Diljith family

Book Week

It's been a fantastic week! And as always a highlight is the parade at the end. A lot of imagination, effort and creativity go into many of these costumes. Cruella and the dalmatians loved seeing all the amazing book characters come to life!! We especially enjoyed Gandalf and the magic unicorn for stopping by.

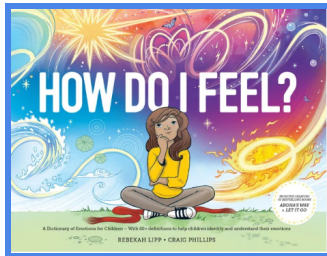


Reading Every Day



Joining the library is free for all residents of Tāmaki Makaurau. Join [online](#) then pick up your library card. In the school holidays, consider introducing some **"FART"** time (Families All Read Together) to keep the reading momentum from Book Week going.

A good book to be able to check in with your children and see what feelings may have come up for them:



To find some suggestions for your tamariki try the following websites

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

Lots of tamariki continue to enjoy being read to when they become independent readers. For Year 4 - older children try books to read aloud such as:



Interview with the Board of Trustees - Daniel Erickson



By Elria Gomes and Gretta Tuibenau

Gretta: What is your first and last name?

Daniel: Daniel Erickson.

Elria: When did you join the Board of Trustees?

Daniel: 6 years ago.

Gretta: Where did you grow up?

Daniel: Nelson, down in the South Island.

Elria: Why did you want to be on the Board of Trustees?

Daniel: I really enjoy being part of the GSS community and want to do my bit to help out.

Gretta: How would you like to make a positive impact on the GSS community?

Daniel: It's a very good school. I think I can help with communication and try to give GSS everything they need.

Elria: What's your favourite thing to do in your spare time?

Daniel: Fly fish and family time.

Gretta: Have you been a leader any other time in your life? If so, how?

Daniel: I'm a lawyer, I'm what they call a partner. I work for a law firm called Tompkins Wake.

Elria: What do you enjoy about the Good Shepherd community?

Daniel: The people, such good people in our community.



Information for Whānau

Pōwhiri - Term 3, Friday 26 July

All whānau come along. Welcoming our new students and their whānau. This pōwhiri is a ceremonial way of bringing us all together as one community. New whānau to meet in the office at 9:10am.

Waste Free Lunches

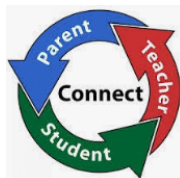
It has been wonderful to see all the waste free lunches around school. *Glass containers are not suitable due to breakages so please don't send these to school.* At Tread Lightly we learned about ways to reduce landfill waste. This tied in nicely with thinking about waste free lunches.

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.



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. Statements have been sent this week to each family showing the amounts that need attention. 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 - LAST DAY



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?

Lost property table is set up inside the school office. Please check the table and reclaim your items as our lost property is overflowing. **Anything left in lost property by the last day of term will be donated to the second hand uniform cupboard or thrown away.**

GSS PTA NEWS



PTA Events

Matariki Breakfast Photos





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!

Sushi, Pizza's & Moosies

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

Sushi -Friday 05 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.

Advertisements

Job Vacancy 2Marriage and Family Life - Administration Assistant

Marriage & Family Life are seeking an exceptional hardworking administrative assistant to join their team of marriage educators. This is a Part – time role of 16 hours, working 4 hours a day 10am -2pm Mon, Tue, Wed and Fri every week (with some evening and weekend work in venues) at the Pompallier Diocesan Centre in Saint Mary's Bay. For full details and requirements please visit the Diocesan website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz, under Diocesan Services and Staff vacancies. Closing date 23 July 2024

Free Parent Programme

Freeman's Bay has volunteered to host the Term 3 and 4 Incredible Years Parenting course facilitated by RTLB. We have some spaces left so if you have any parents prepared to travel for the 14-week course,

[Freemans Bay IYPP Information](#)



sports x Cornwall Cricket Club

INFO BOX 3 days!

July 8th - 10th // 9.00 - 3.00pm
5-12 years old || \$60 per day

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or visit sports.x.co.nz/auckland



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