



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakautē
Honesty Pono*

Newsletter 13

25 July/ Hōngongoi 2024

From the Principal

Dear Parents Caregivers and Whānau,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable two week school holiday period and it is wonderful to have your children back with us at Good Shepherd School refreshed and ready to learn!

This Friday 26 July we welcome all new members to the Good Shepherd community with a Pōwhiri on our school turf commencing at 9.30am. All members of the community who would like to attend are welcome to join us.

We have some exciting events happening this term. As the Olympics is about to kick into gear, Good Shepherd will be taking a break from our Science based Inquiry unit for three weeks as the children become immersed in learning about this special and historical event. On Monday of this week each classroom pulled from a hat the name of a country involved in the Olympics. As part of their learning the children will learn more about this particular country they have adopted. This ties in nicely with our Olympics themed fundraiser on Friday the 2nd of August where children participate in a range of active and Olympic themed events. Money raised

from this event will go towards improving our school swimming pool area.

This term our community mass will be a combined event with Grandparents day. This will be held in week 8 of the school term Friday 13th of September at 11.30am. Please mark this in your calendar as we hope to have a full church celebrating the special role grandparents play in our lives and also acknowledge the special character that comes with belonging to the Good Shepherd School community.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the important work we do in educating Tamariki. Thank you for having your children ready each day with everything they need to learn, thank you for volunteering to help with school events, thank you for sharing your knowledge and skills for the betterment of our school. Myself and the staff at GSS are looking forward to a busy, productive and fun school term ahead.

Te Atua ki a koe / God bless,
Ben Fahey

Upcoming Dates

26 July	Pōwhiri at 9.30am
26 July	Three-Way Conference Bookings Open 10AM
31 July	Sacramental Parent Meeting - First Holy Communion
02 August	GSS Olympics Day
06 August	Three-Way Conferences 2PM Finish
07 August	Three-Way Conferences 3PM Finish
09 August	Colourful Clothes Day - Gold Coin Donation
20 August	BoT Meeting
30 August	GSS Speech Finals
3-6 Sept	Maritime Museum Trips
13 Sept	Grandparents Day / School/Parish Mass
16-20 Sept	EPro8 for Year 6
23-27 Sept	Life Education Caravan at GSS

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 & Mural Blessing
- Week 6 - Rm 2
- Week 8 - Grandparents Day

Please look carefully, as some of these dates have changed

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Pōwhiri - Tomorrow Friday 26 July 9:30am

All whānau are welcome to come along to this event 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 .

Special Character

Sacramental Programme Dates - First Holy Communion

31 July 6:30pm - 8pm - Parent Meeting

04 August 9:30am - FHC First Session

11 August 9:30am - FHC Second Session

18 August 9:30am - FHC Third Session

25 August 11:30am Mass - Sacrament of First Holy Communion

School/Parish Mass - Date Change

This term's School/Parish Mass will be held on the same day as Grandparents Day Mass. Friday 13 September 2024 (Week 8). Further details will be given closer to the time.

Good Shepherd Parish Balmoral, Auckland

PARISH SECRETARY - CAN BE A SHARED ROLE FOR TWO PEOPLE

We are seeking a highly skilled and enthusiastic person to work in our busy parish office for 15 hours per week. The position requires someone who has initiative, highly developed computer skills and excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Duties will include:

- Secretarial services
- Accounts and finance management (MYOB)
- Managing parish records, parish accounts and other office processes and systems
- General office work

Applications are invited with current CV, covering letter and two professional referees. Enquiries and applications to:

Leanne Killgour

Email: leannek@cda.org.nz

Applications close: 4 pm Monday 29 July.

Sports

Flippa Ball

ATTENTION ALL YEAR 2 - 4 STUDENTS!!!

Anyone interested in playing Flippa Ball in Term 4 when the weather improves and winter sport has wrapped up??? 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

In and Around School

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

Information for Whānau

Term 3 Overview

[Term 3 Overview](#) - here is a link to our overview for Term 3. It has our overarching themes and topics for the term.

Playing on the field

In term 3 children still need to be wearing a change of clothes to play on the field. This includes before school, morning tea time and lunchtime.

Leaving school at 3pm

All children are expected to be wearing their full school uniform when they leave the school grounds at 3pm. This includes school socks and shoes.

Football Sessions

On Monday 29 July all year 0-3 children will participate in football coaching sessions at school. They will bring a flyer home about signing up for lunchtime sessions. They will begin in week 5 of this term and they will be on a Thursday at lunchtime on the field. They run for 5 weeks. This is run by a company called M Sports and they have been at Good Shepherd for a number of years. All the information about the sessions, prices, enrolling etc will be on the flyer. Year 4-6 children can still enrol if they want to.

Three-Way Conferences -Booking Appointments

An email was sent out yesterday about Online appointment bookings for the Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences. You will be able to book online from 10AM tomorrow. Bookings will close on Wednesday 31 July 12.00pm. Please visit www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter code **r69uv** for the event code and follow the instructions.

Attendance Dues and Financial Assistance

Payments of attendance dues for Term 1 and Term 2 are now considered overdue. We would appreciate

you please making payments towards these as soon as possible. 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



Quiz Night!!

BOOK YOUR BABYSITTERS!
GSS QUIZ NIGHT
Date: 7th September | Time: 7pm sharp | Venue: GSS School Hall
We can't run these events without parent help!
Get involved on the night or prep for the event.
Sign up here: [Quiz Volunteer Sign Up](#)
BYO Platter on the night - prize for the best platter!

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Colourful Clothes Day

On Friday 09 August children can wear their colourful clothes and bring a gold coin donation. Donations will go towards the Quiz Night event (Prize or silent auction item)

Olympic Fun Day



[GSS Olympic Information in this link](#)

Sushi, Pizza's & Moosies

This Term, sushi will be available on the following dates:

Friday 26 July
Friday 09 August
Friday 16 August
Friday 23 August
Friday 30 August
Friday 06 September
Friday 20 September
Friday 27 September

Orders are taken online only via [Kindo](#).

** Please note, there will be no sushi on Friday 2nd August due to the Olympics lunch and there will be no sushi on Friday 13th September due to Grandparents Day.

Pizza will be available on the following dates:
Tuesday 20th August and Tuesday 24th September.

We need one parent volunteer to help on each of the sushi and pizza dates. The volunteer needs to collect the sushi/pizza from the local supplier, write the children's names on the sushi/pizza package and sort the orders into class baskets. Please contact Emma Chan - chanemmanz@gmail.com if you are able to assist.

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

Accountant – Fixed Term 1 year Parental Leave Cover

We are looking for a CA qualified Accountant to provide full-time parental leave cover for a fixed term period of one year. The role will assist the Diocesan Accounting Manager with operational leadership for the financial management of various entities under the Catholic Diocese of Auckland. In this role, you will be responsible for ensuring all financial reporting requirements, imperatives are delivered accurately and add value to the organisation. You will provide accurate, timely and relevant statutory and management reporting information for entities which ensures the Diocese both fully meets its statutory requirements and to support the Diocese in the achievement of its strategic goals.

To view the full advert and the position description please go to our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.

Applications close 12 August 24.