



### *Te Kura o Heparā Pai*

*Care Manaakitanga  
Respect Whakautē  
Honesty Pono*

## Newsletter 14

**22 August/ Here-turi-kōkā 2024**

### From the Principal

Dear Parents Caregivers and Whānau,

This Sunday the 25th of August, 11.30am at Good Shepherd Parish we will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. This will conclude the sacramental programme for 2024. There are a total of 39 participants, 28 of which are from GSS. We are very grateful to Msgr Bernard, Miss Cathrine Kaur and the parish team for their work in preparing the children for this special milestone in their faith journey.

As a part of our triannual and upcoming Catholic Character Review in week 8 the diocese would like to gather some community voice. Please take the opportunity to complete [this form](#) to help with Good Shepherds participation in this.

Well done to all of our children who have recently been presenting their speeches in front of their peers. For some this is a big step out of their comfort zone and for others it is an opportunity to thrive and shine. Wherever your child sits on this scale we know this is no easy task and we commend them for taking on the challenge!

With some more inclement weather lately, please remind your children to come to school with warm clothes and jackets. There has also been a spike in stomach bug type sickness which spreads rapidly. As always we will encourage good handwashing and if your children are unwell please keep them home to rest.

This Friday we continue with our fortnightly Prayer Assemblies. These are held in our Parish Church at 2.40pm. If you are available we would love to have you join us before we move into the weekend. This is an opportunity to stop, pray and reflect on the teachings of Jesus. This week the liturgy will be hosted by Room 7.

Te Atua ki a koe / God bless,  
Ben Fahey

### Upcoming Dates

30 August	GSS Speech Finals
3-6 Sept	Maritime Museum Trips
11 Sept	Catholic Schools Cross Country
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 5 - Rm 7  
Week 7 - Rm 6  
Week 9 - Rm 3

**Class Assemblies in Term Three:**  
**Friday 2.15pm on the turf**  
Week 6 - Rm 2  
Week 8 - Grandparents Day

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

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## Tongan Language Week

The 2024 theme for Tonga Language Week is:

***'E tu'uloa 'a e lea faka-Tongá 'o ka lea'aki 'i 'api, siasí (lotú), mo e nofo-'a-kāingá - The Tongan Language will be sustainable when used at home, church and in the wider community.***

This theme derives from the overarching Language Week Series theme for 2024, 'Sustainability'. Good Shepherd School is especially lucky to have such a diverse, unique and talented community - which appreciates and celebrates our diversity. For many of our whānau, English is not their first language. It is essential that the languages of home are preserved, fostered and nurtured so they remain. We thank our Tongan children and their families for sharing their expertise in this rich culture with us over the week.



Yesterday our GSS student Maggie and her older sister Ysabella Nimo represented their tongan culture by performing at the ASB Pasefika Network Group, Tonga Language week Expo and Pop-Up Market yesterday at their head office in the city.

Ysabella and Maggie's Nana, Seini, was invited to showcase and talk about her handmade crafts while the

girls were invited to perform a traditional Tongan dance to open the Expo. Maggie also assisted at the 'How well do you know your Tongan' stall' where she tested ASB on their Tongan language skills by getting them to match Tongan phrases to the English equivalent.

Tomorrow Friday 23 August we invite our tongan families to dress in their traditional tongan attire to school.



## Te Kupu o te Wiki

Our kupu hou ki te wiki (new word for the week) is...

### Pātai

Pātai means question, to ask a question. You could use it in a sentence like this:

"He pātai pai tēnā" which means "Thats a good question".

We are looking forward to Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori in Week 9 of this term.

## Special Character

### First Holy Communion

Please keep in your prayers the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion this Sunday at 11:30am.

### THE LORDS PRAYER – TONGAN

KO 'EMAU TAMAI 'OKU 'I HĒVANI,  
KE TAPUHĀ HO HUAFĀ,  
KE A'U MAI HO'O PULE'ANGĀ,  
KE FAJ HO FINANGALO I MAMANI;  
HANGĒ KO IA 'I HĒVANI  
FOAKI MAI HA'A MAU ME'AKAI KI 'ANAI.  
PEA FAKAMOLEMOLE' 'EMAU NGA'AHĪ 'ANGĀHALA  
'O HANGĒ KO 'EMAU FAKAMOLEMOLE 'A KINAUTOLU KOTOA PĒ 'OKU MO'UA MAI.  
PEA 'OUA NA'A'KE TUKU KIMAUTOLU KI HE 'AH'AHĪ;  
KA KE FAKAHAOFI 'A KIMAUTOLU MEI HE FILL.  
HE 'OKU O'OU 'A E PULE', PEA MO E MĀLOHI', MO E KOLOLIA,  
'O TA'ENGATA PEĀ TA'ENGATA. 'EMENI

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN,  
HALLOWED BE THY NAME,  
THY KINGDOM COME,  
THY WILL BE DONE,  
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.  
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD,  
AND FORGIVE US AND THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.  
LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION  
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.  
FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND GLORY IS YOURS  
NOW AND FOREVER AMEN.

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## Māori Mass

### MIHA MĀORI

-Māori Mass-

*Taitē 19 Hēpetema*  
19th September

6.00 pm

*Christ the King Church*  
Owairaka

Nau mai haere mai ki te Kāhui  
ako Miha Māori.

Join us in celebrating our Māori  
community within our Auckland  
Central Catholic Kāhui Ako with a  
Māori Mass. Students from across  
our 15 schools will be  
participating in the mass.  
Light refreshments will be  
provided.  
-All are welcome to attend-

Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako





## Good Shepherd Parish Mass times

We encourage all families to attend Mass together, particularly those children who have completed the Sacramental programme. Sunday Mass is at **9.30am**.

## Good Shepherd Parish Balmoral, Auckland Parish Secretary – Part-time

### Looking for a rewarding, part-time secretarial role?

Good Shepherd Parish, Balmoral is looking for a friendly, confident, computer- and accounts-savvy person for 15 hours a week to keep the parish's admin and finances ticking over.

Please forward your CV and covering letter (along with two professional referees) to:

Jane Hahn

Email: [janehahnnz@gmail.com](mailto:janehahnnz@gmail.com)

**By Monday 2 September.**

## Sport

### Year 5-6 Netball Zones

Today we had our year 5-6 netball team compete at the Eden/Albert Netball Zones at Windmill Courts, Mount Eden. The team played extremely well and finished 4th in their grade. They had 1 win, 1 draw and 2 close losses throughout the day.



## In and Around School

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

### Room 7

In Room 7, we've been diving into the fascinating world of ecosystems as part of our inquiry topic. The students have explored various types of ecosystems through research and discussions. To bring our learning to life, we conducted an observational experiment where each student created their own mini-ecosystem in a mason jar. This hands-on activity allowed the students to see how different elements in an ecosystem interact and depend on each other. It's been an exciting and educational experience, and we're eager to continue our exploration of the natural world!





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

**Oliver Byrnes**

## Sustainability Learning at GSS

Following on from our interactive learning experience with the Tread Lightly Caravan in June, over Term 3 and 4, each class will be a part of four sustainability focussed sessions with Ms Chan. The key messages from the Tread Lightly Caravan were:

- Our actions and choices have an impact on our environment.
- The current rate and way in which we use resources (water, materials, energy) is not sustainable
- Small changes in the way we live will prevent pollution and protect our plants, animals and their habitats

Each class has had one sustainability session with Ms Chan so far. These have been based on some follow up activities from the Tread Lightly Educators, focusing on students learning about reducing their waste and having good recycling practices. We have taken this learning and thought about how we can do a better job of reducing waste and having good recycling practices at Good Shepherd School. Key Ideas included:

- Looking after our classroom resources so that they do not become damaged and need to go into landfill
- Using only what we need (eg limit use of paper towels and tissues to essential use)
- Bringing a waste free lunch to school
- Ensuring nothing goes into the landfill bin which could actually be recycled
- Ensuring nothing goes into the landfill bin which could go into the worm farm compost bins
- Ensuring any bottles/cans/containers/boxes have been cleaned before being put into the recycling bin

- Ensuring recycling is not contaminated with non recyclable items



## Home-School Connection

If you are keen to reinforce this learning in the home, you could try playing this game at home with your child. They have done this in class already so you can test them on their knowledge or they can test you! [Recycle Right Game](#). In addition to this, if you do not already collect [soft plastics](#) at home and take them to the soft plastics recycling bin at the supermarket, this is something you may like to start doing with your child. This was something that was discussed at Tread Lightly to reduce landfill waste. We do not collect soft plastics at Good Shepherd because we ask that students' lunches are waste free.

## Waste Free Lunches

We encourage you to continue with sending a waste free lunch to school with your child. This can be achieved by using a compartment lunchbox or reusable containers inside a lunchbox/lunch bag and removing any packaging from food items before placing it in the lunchbox. We ask children who do have any waste in their lunchbox (packaging or uneaten food) to bring it home to put into their home food waste / soft plastic recycling where possible unless we can accommodate it in our school worm farms or recycling bins

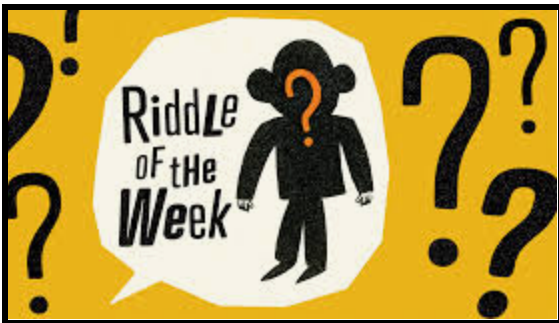


through time to today's migrants. Together we will discover how people migrate and most importantly why. Students will reflect on their own whānau origins, their reasons for migrating, and their impact on the changing face of Aotearoa New Zealand. The workshop is complemented by a self-guided immigration trail that explores the Museum's taonga including Te Waka, an animated short film showing the Pacific migration of the early Polynesians. Students will work in small groups, led by their adult supervisors, to follow their own interests and learn at their own pace. **Students will also get to go sailing on a sailing ship with the instructors.**

**Programme timetable.**

From	Group 1	Group 2
10:00 am	Arrival, orientation & morning tea	
10:30 am	Educator workshop (Immigration and Identity)	Sailing (Maximum 42 passengers)
11:30 am	Sailing (Maximum 42 passengers)	Educator workshop (Immigration and Identity)
12:30 pm	Lunch	
1:00 pm	Gallery Explorer (Self-guided trail)	
2:00pm	Depart	

**Information for Whānau**  
**Riddle of the Week**



By Max Madarasz

**'What's in the middle of the ocean?'**

Read to the bottom of the newsletter to find the answer

**School Trip to Maritime Museum**

**Immigration and Identity**  
**PROGRAMME OVERVIEW**

**Why do people migrate? What are the driving forces that influence people to leave?**

Experience the journeys of immigrants from the past and get your sea legs in the 1841 rocking cabin. Beginning with the story of our first people, this Educator-led workshop will lead you on a journey

**Trip Dates - Week 7 Term 3**

**Tuesday 3 September - Rooms 6 & 7**

**Wednesday 4 September - Rooms 8 & 9**

**Thursday 5 September - Rooms 4 & 5**

**Friday 6 September - Rooms 2 & 3**

**Parent help form & Further trip information**

Children will ONLY return the form if a parent or caregiver CAN help. Please return this form by tomorrow Friday 23 August to your child's classroom teacher.

**Information for Whānau**

**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.

**Attendance Dues and Financial Assistance**

Thank you to all our whānau that have made full payment or part payments towards their accounts for the year. We appreciate the payments made

towards the Family Donation as that helps our school provide the extra resources that keep our students learning at a higher than national average level.

**TERM 3 Payments now due. Payments of attendance dues for Term 1 and Term 2 are now considered overdue.**

Financial assistance is available to assist families who have made an attempt to make payments but 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](#).

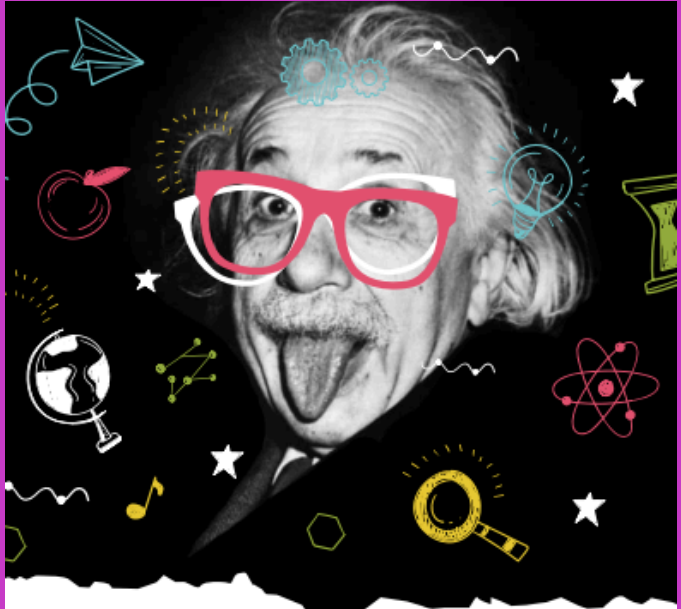
### School Uniform

There has been a noticeable number of tamariki that have started wearing non-uniform clothing, shoes and accessories to school. Long hair must be tied back. Reminder to our whānau that we understand that the mornings and afternoons are still cold, an extra warm jacket can be worn but be reminded that clothing items are plain colour such as black or Navy. GSS holds a high standard and our school uniform holds respect and honour. We have a great stock of second hand jumpers in the uniform shop for \$5.

### GSS PTA NEWS



### Quiz Night!! - TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE



**IT'S A DRESS UP QUIZ PARTY!!**  
**GSS QUIZ NIGHT**  
Date: 7th September | Time: 7pm sharp | Venue: GSS School Hall

**The theme is 'G' - will you come as Ghosts, Grandmas, Goons, or something Green?**

**Gather your team of 8 and start thinking about your team name - tickets go on sale August 16th!**

**Tickets will be available in groups of 8 for \$200. Don't have a team? No worries! Buy a single ticket for \$25 and we'll match you up with one.**

**ALL WELCOME!**  
**Friends and family of GSS are invited to join in the fun.**

**BYO Platter on the night - prize for the best platter!**

Sign up here: [Quiz Volunteer Sign Up](#)

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## Calendar Art



**Calendar Art 2024**

The annual PTA fundraiser is returning in early September.

more info to follow !

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kids art works

## Grandparent's Day Mass - WE NEED YOUR HELP



**We need your help!**

**Grandparent's Day**  
**Friday 13th September**

We need everyone to bring baking. Baking can come in many forms - sweet, savory, store bought, pre-packed bags of popcorn or chips - get creative. Please deliver to school office on the morning of the Friday 13th September.

We also need volunteers. Last year we didn't quite have enough. We would really appreciate extra support this year. Scan QR Code below to sign up.



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## Caring Committee

Good Shepherd PTA, as part of its school community focus, has a Caring Committee that gives support to families that are in need for a variety of reasons such as sickness, loss of a family member or wakeful newborns. This service is usually given as meals or baking for the family.



When the committee gets notified of a family, an email is sent out to everyone on the committee, and whoever can help on a certain day for a meal then you get rostered for that day. No conditions or pressure even if your name is on the committee, only help when you can. If you are interested in being on the email list, please email [sashamadas@hotmail.com](mailto:sashamadas@hotmail.com)

## Sushi, Pizza's & Moosies

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

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 13th September due to Grandparents Day.

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

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.*