



Te Kura o Hepara Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakautē
Honesty Pono*

Newsletter 15

05 Mahuru/September 2024

From the Principal

Dear Parents Caregivers and Whānau,

This week our children have had the exciting opportunity to participate in a trip to the Maritime Museum. This learning experience builds on inquiry learning from earlier in the year on the topic of 'Migration'. During their visit the children had the opportunity to go sailing and attend an Educator led workshop on 'Immigration and Identity'.

A reminder to please take the opportunity to complete [this form](#) to help with Good Shepherd School's participation in our upcoming Catholic Character review.

We have two exciting events coming up. Firstly we have the Quiz Night this Saturday 7th September in our Parish Hall. There are still tickets available for this event if you would like to join. Thank you to Penny Browne and the team for making this event possible. I understand there are some great Silent Auction prizes available on the night including 'Principal for the Day!'

Secondly we have Grandparents Day which will be celebrated with a Mass led by Monsignor Bernard Kiely on Friday the 13th of September 11.30am in our

Parish Church. This term the mass doubles as our community mass and so we strongly encourage all whanau to prioritise this in their calendar. The children are excited to share this experience with their family and in particular their grandparents.

Finally the children of Room 6 will be leading us for Whole School Prayers this Friday 6 September in our Parish Church and as always whānau are welcome to attend.

Te Atua ki a koe / God bless,
Ben Fahey

Upcoming Dates

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
19 Sept	Maori Mass
23 Sept	Calendar Art order close off date
23-27 Sept	Life Education Caravan at GSS
27 Sept	Term 3 ends
29 Sept	Daylight Savings Begins
14 Oct	Term 4 Begins
22 Oct	BoT Meeting
23 Oct	PTA Meeting
28 Oct	Labour Day (School Closed)
01 Nov	All Saints Day - 9:30am Mass
11 Nov	Teachers Only Day (School Closed)
12 Nov	GSS Athletics Day - Whole School
14 Nov	Photolife School Photos
27 Nov	PTA Meeting
04 Dec	End of Year Mass
12 Dec	GSS Christmas Concert
13 Dec	Term 4 Ends - Last Day of School
	Whole School Prayers in Term Three:
	Friday 2.45pm in church
	Week 7 - Rm 6
	Week 9 - Rm 3
	Class Assemblies in Term Three:
	Friday 2.15pm on the turf
	Week 8 - Grandparents Day

Please look carefully, as some of these dates have changed

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Cans for Christmas!!!

LAST DAY TO BRING CANS TOMORROW.



CANS FOR CHRISTMAS

CAN DRIVE

Celebrating 10 Years

In support of
St Vincent de Paul Society

6th September 2024

Proud Sponsors

TOSHIBA

Term Dates 2025

Term	Start	Finish
1	Tuesday 28 January	Friday 11 April
2	Monday 28 April	Friday 27 June
3	Monday 14 July	Friday 19 September
4	Monday 06 October	Friday 12 December

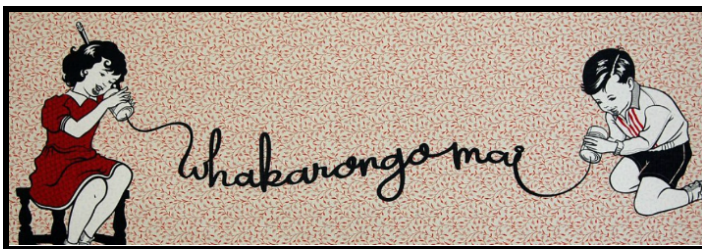
Te Kupu o te Wiki

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

Whakarongo

Whakarongo means listen. You could use it in a sentence like this:

“Whakarongo mai” which means "Listen to me". We are looking forward to Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori in Week 9 of this term.



Special Character

Catholic Character Review Whānau Survey

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 Shepherd's participation in this.

Māori Mass



MIHA MĀORI
-Māori Mass-

Taite 19 Hepetema
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**.

Sport

Chess Lessons - Semester Three

Last chance to enrol by clicking this [link](#)

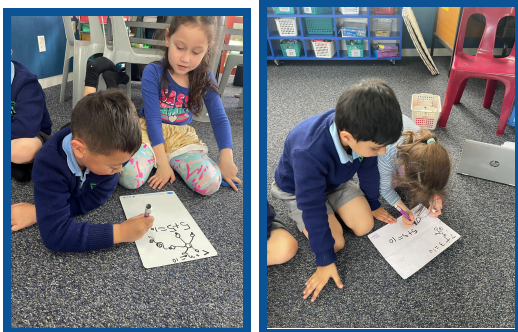
The final block of 10 lessons with Chess Master Mr. McLaren begins Monday 2nd of September for children who have played chess before and are in Years 3 - 6. The tamariki that participate in these lessons will sit official NZCF tests with those passing having another opportunity to earn badges and certificates.

Chess fees are \$50 for this semester and will be added to your child's 2024 school dues statement.

In and Around School

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

Room 2



This week in maths, students took on a fun problem-solving challenge! They worked together to solve an open-ended question about Mr. Fahey's trip to the fun fair, where he used 10 tickets. The students explored different possibilities, discussing what rides he might have gone on and how many tickets each ride could have cost. It was a great exercise in teamwork and creative thinking.



Room 2 had a great time at their Teddy Bear Picnic this week! The students brought their favourite stuffed toy and enjoyed eating together.



This week, students engaged in pair reading, taking turns reading aloud and supporting each other in their learning. Working together helped boost their confidence through teamwork and encouragement.

Maritime Museum Trip

We have had an exciting week so far as each of our classes embark on their trip to the Maritime Museum. Children extended their learning of migration with a classroom session, followed by an exhilarating sail out in the Auckland harbour.



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

Allegra Duncan-Shepherd

Good Shepherd School

Grandparents' Mass

Friday 13 September 2024

Programme of the day below:

Time	Item	Notes
11:30am	Mass	
12:30pm - 1:00PM	Class visit	
1:00PM - 1:30PM	Lunchtime	Food/Drink for sale
1:30PM Bell	Return to class	Visitors go to the turf ready for performances
1:45PM	Performances	
2:15PM	Return back to classrooms (If whānau want to take children home they must go back to classrooms and let the teacher know before taking children home)	



Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

We appreciate your efforts in letting us know about siblings who are coming up for enrolment at Good Shepherd and ask that you encourage any family and friends who are thinking about enrolling their children at our school to let our office know as soon as possible.

Absences from School for Overseas Trips

At this time of year we receive a number of requests for permission to take children out of school for family holidays and trips overseas. Although there are undoubtedly benefits and learning opportunities for children in these situations, there is also a very real impact on in-school teaching and learning. Please see guidelines below to clarify for parents and caregivers the impact of extended absences from school.

[Letter to parents - Travelling overseas during term time](#)

Information for Whānau

Joke of the Week

By Margit Rounds



“Why did the cow cross the road?”

Read to the bottom of the newsletter to find the answer

Keeping Extended Whānau Informed

We have a lovely extended community at GSS. If you have family members such as grandparents that would benefit from receiving our school newsletters and keeping up to date with school activities then please email the school office admin@goodshepherd.school.nz and we can add them to our newsletter distribution list.

Good Shepherd School Uniform Expectations

Please pay special attention to your child's uniform and ensure they are wearing the correct uniform to school, particularly to school shoes, hair, and accessories.

Term 3 - Winter Uniform

Students wear winter uniforms. This includes black socks and black shoes.

A watch and gold or silver ear studs are the only jewellery permitted with the school uniform.

Religious & cultural taonga are allowed.

Sports Uniform: Compulsory for Years 4, 5 and 6.

Nail polish is not permitted on either fingers or toes. Makeup may not be worn. Long hair must be tied back. Hair accessories must be simple and either navy blue or black. If your child is wearing non-uniform items, please email the class teacher.

Attendance Dues and Financial Assistance

Financial assistance applications need to be underway by the 16th of September. These are 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 asap 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. 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



Calendar Art

Calendar Art 2024

Online orders are open!

HOW TO ORDER

- Order forms will be sent home with your child/ren, including your special order code
- Visit www.kidsartworks.com & enter your code
- View your kid's art, choose items & pay online- easy!
- **Closing date - Monday 23 September 2024**
- Orders will arrive mid-end Term 4, date tbc
- Missing codes, or questions, ask Anna

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QUIZ NIGHT - TWO MORE SLEEPS

THE COUNTDOWN IS ON!!!

GSS QUIZ NIGHT

Date: 7th September | Time: 7pm sharp | Venue: GSS School Hall

Amazing prizes to be won, fabulous items to bid on at the silent auction and a live auction by Harcourts!

Prizes include:

- Restaurant vouchers from Morningside Tavern
- Kiss Kiss • Toninos • Lord Kitchener • Sake Bar Nippon
- Gusto Italiano and more!

Silent auction and live auction include:

- A romantic staycation at Britomart Hotel and breakfast at Kingi restaurant
- Family holiday getaway to Maungawhau bach
- Family photography package
- Farros hampers • Golf vouchers • Sailing cruises and more!!!

Quickfire raffle hampers up for grabs, tickets only \$2 each

Beer and Wine from \$8

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

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

Good Shepherd School would like to thank the following for supporting our Quiz Night fundraiser:



Thank you to our Quiz Night Sponsors

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.



Sushi, Pizza's & Moosies

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

Friday 06 September
Friday 20 September
Friday 27 September

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

**** Please note, there will be no sushi or moosies 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 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.

"To get to the moosies"