

Good Shepherd School



Update Notice, May 21, 2020

Upcoming Dates

24 -30 May - Samoa Language Week

Friday 29 May - Teacher Only Day - School Closed

Sunday 31 May - Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 31 May - Applications for Marist College close

Monday 1 June - Queen's Birthday Holiday

Friday 3 July - End of Term 2

Please note that some of these dates may change

Special Character

Good Shepherd Awards



Esme Shaw - always being positive and happy while learning at home

Sheldon D'Rozario - working very hard at online learning

This Sunday - The Feast of the Ascension

The Ascension is traditionally celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday, and commemorates Jesus

Christ's ascension into Heaven. The Ascension is important as it signifies the end of His work on Earth.

"At His ascension, our Lord entered Heaven and holds the door open for us to enter" Oswald Chambers

Good Shepherd Blessing Box

It is great to see all the fresh produce arriving into the Blessing Box, and then disappearing again as people help themselves.

Although we are not able to gather in Church for Mass at the moment, we invite you to join with others online to celebrate daily and Sunday Mass.

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/>

In and Around School

First Week Back

After all the preparation, it was great to see the children back at school this week. They have enjoyed getting back to the familiar - friends, teachers, classrooms, routines - and we are very proud of the way they have handled the necessary differences. We will be glad when we can welcome parents back into school grounds again but the children have been amazing about saying goodbye at the school gate - even those who just started school this week! Thank you all for your cooperation and we will continue to be very vigilant about our Alert Level 2 health and safety measures.

Check out the photos at the bottom of the newsletter.

Information for Whānau

Ngā Mihi Nui Ki a Koe!

It was incredibly heartening to see how our community sprang into action to support each other through the uncertain territory of remote learning. We especially thank those parents who put their hands up to facilitate support networks for each classroom. Whether through Whatsapp, phone or email, they kept a close eye on fellow parents, and provided support and advice, often saving time for busy teachers. The effort we have put into building a strong sense of community within our school paid off for us during what could have been a very isolating time. We would love to see our parent community keeping these strong networks operating now that we are back at school.

School Attendance Dues Covid-19

Final Assistance

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support as a result of the Covid-19 Virus with the payment of 2020 Attendance Dues for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager on 09-360-3069 at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information.

Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website:

[Covid-19 Attendance Dues Assistance](#)

Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

Thank you to all those families who have filled out enrolment forms for siblings of current students. We also appreciate the support of our school families in recommending Good Shepherd School to their friends and whānau.

Health and Safety Reminders for Alert Level 2

- Keep your child/children home if they are sick and inform the office straightaway that they are not coming in
- Drop children off at the school gate - they will be welcomed into school by a staff member
- No adults will be allowed in the school gates other than one adult accompanying a new entrant
- Adults keep your 2m distance from each other while waiting for your children
- Send your child to school with a full, **named** water bottle
- Entry into the school office will be on a 'one out, one in' basis
- Email the school office if you would like to book your child/children into OSCA

Please refer to the [Good Shepherd School Plan for Alert Level 2](#)

OSCA Bookings

The Good Shepherd OSCA (out of school care) programme is available for both before and after

school care. Please email your bookings to admin@goodshepherd.school.nz

Our Alert Level 2 health and safety guidelines require us to minimise the number of adults entering school grounds so your children will be met at the school gate in the morning and delivered to the school gate at pick up time in the afternoon.

Winter School Uniform

Thank you for your patience as we have fitted your children out in their winter school uniforms during the school day. To order new winter school uniforms while we are in Level 2 please email the school office admin@goodshepherd.school.nz with your order. Please include:

- a) Student name and room number
- b) Uniform item and size (we can arrange students to visit the office for fitting if required)
- c) The number of each item required

Your child will take the uniform home with them along with a slip containing the cost and how to pay. Please do not give your child money to pay at the time - we will arrange payment times separately.

[Uniform Price List](#)

Obviously we have been flexible over this last week and will continue to be flexible next week about school uniform, but we would like to remind you about the following:

- All items of clothing (including shoes) must be **named**
- Winter uniform includes black knee high socks and black shoes (no other colour on the shoes, please)
- Extreme hairstyles and coloured hair are discouraged and long hair is to be tied back and not covering the eyes. Students may wear a wristwatch and those with pierced ears are to wear a single silver/gold ear stud. Nail polish is not to be worn at any time.

Open for
Business..
Yippee!



Marist College Application Closing Date

Due to the Covid 19 lockdown, Marist College has extended the enrolment application closing date for 2021 until Sunday May 31, 2020. Please see attached flyer. [Link](#)

Breast Screen Aotearoa

Breast Screen Aotearoa Mobile Clinic will be at Wesley Community Centre 104 Sandringham Road 2 June - 3rd July 2020

Swimming Pool Hire Keys

A reminder to families who hired a GSS swimming pool key for the season, the keys need to be returned to the school office by Friday **29th May 2020**

Incorporated in the key hire charge is a bond of \$30.00 which is refundable if the key is returned to the school office. If the key is not returned by this date, you will lose your bond.