

# Good Shepherd School



*...Care...Respect...Honesty...*

Newsletter No 2, 4th March 2021

## From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

Once again a challenging week for us all as we adjust to the Alert Level 3 conditions. Our teachers have worked hard to set up online home learning programmes very quickly, a challenge at this time of the year when routines were still being established. Thank you for your patience as we all work together to make this as positive and effective as possible for our tamariki..

We are also very aware of the difficulties faced by parents working from home and also trying to help their children in their learning. Thank you for supporting your children's engagement in their learning as much as your personal circumstances allow you - please only complete what you can without putting undue stress on your whānau.

Last night the PTA had their meeting on Zoom. Thank you to those who were able to attend - the PTA is such an important part of our Good Shepherd community. The PTA makes a huge contribution to the resourcing of our school but it is also a great communication tool between home and school. This week we have attached for your information a report on student achievement in mathematics from

the end of 2020 which we discussed at the meeting last night.

Ngā manaakitanga

**Jane Hahn**

## Upcoming Dates

	<b>March is Walking School Bus Month!</b>
8-12 March	Year 3/4 Swimming Programme
12 March	Sheridan Swimming Display
13 March	Hot House Challenge
14 March	Reconciliation 3
15-19 March	Sign Language Week
16 March	First Reconciliation
17 March	St Patrick's Day
19 March	Feast of St Joseph
22 March	Swim Education Sessions
23 March	World Book Day
24 March	Walk to School Day
25 March	Eden/Albert Cricket Zones
26 March	Purple Day (Epilepsy Awareness)
27 March	PTA Quiz Nite (tbc)
28 March	Palm Sunday
2 April	Good Friday - school closed
4 April	Easter Sunday
4 April	Daylight Saving Ends
5 April	Easter Monday - school closed
6 April	Easter Tuesday - school closed
10 April	PTA Quiz Nite (tbc)
13 April	Eden/Albert Touch Zones
15 April	Eden/Albert Touch Zones Save Day
16 April	Term 1 ends
3 May	Term 2 begins

**Please note that some of these dates may change**

## Special Character

### Good Shepherd Awards

*...will return when we move Alert Levels.*

## Remembering Lent

Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Lent is a special time when you can share the concepts of prayer and giving with your children. Take family time each day to offer devotional prayers. Consider as a

family how you might help others in need by giving of your time or resources. Even very young children can understand and will enjoy participating in the process.

*Almighty and Everlasting God,  
You have given the human race  
Jesus Christ our Saviour as a model of humility.  
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man  
And giving His life on the Cross.  
Help us to bear witness to You*

### Parish Sacramental Programme

The Parish will be in touch with families of students participating in the Sacramental Programme as to when the first session for the students will be held. This week's session is cancelled.

### Online School Prayers

These will be available each day.

### Good Shepherd Parish Mass times

We encourage all families to attend Mass together, particularly those children who have made their Sacraments. Saturday Mass is at 9.00am followed by Reconciliation at 9.30am, and Vigil Mass at 6.00pm in the evening. Sunday Mass is at 9.30am and Phillipino Mass at 11.00am.

## In and Around School

### Welcome!

We extend a very warm welcome to Oliver Gullery who started with us this recently.



### Birthdays

Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday in March:

Sabine Andrews	Samantha Corrales	
Gabriella Custodio Wilson	Rory Barbour	
Carlo Eclarino	William Erickson	
Levi Harris	William Harris	
Matthew Jansen	Matthias Kautoke	
Kyrie-Eleison Leger	Lyanna Lemalu	
Gavin Lin	Adam Lobo	
Lewis Mann	Darcy	
McGivern	Eli Millar	Cecelia
Niuula	Benicio San Martin	Asher
Sutton	Felix Taito	
Promise Thomsen		
Melody Tuala Soon		

## Sport

### Term One Eden/Albert Zones Events:

Cricket Zones - Thursday 25 March (week 8)

Touch Zones - Tuesday 13 April (week 11)

Save Day - Thursday 15 April (week 11)

**We will need parent help with all of these events.**

**Notices will come home with the children who have been selected for these events.**

**Please email Heather McLeod on:**

**[hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz) if you can help in any way.**

## Information for Whānau

### Home Learning TV

Home Learning TV can be [accessed on demand here](#) or via the TVNZ App on a device (Mobile phone, smart tv or tablet). Mauri Reo Mauri Ora is also available on demand from Māori TV [for primary aged tamariki](#) and [here for secondary school rangatahi](#).

### GSS PTA Meeting and AGM

The PTA AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 30 March. Not all current Office Holders will stay in their roles this year. If you wish to nominate yourself for a position please come along to the meeting where there will be a vote for any position with more than one nomination.

Otherwise just come along if you're interested in what's happening and enjoy some refreshments and nibbles.

Reminder – as a parent you automatically become a member of the PTA. If you want to contribute to the proceedings – just come along!

### OSCA

*To parents of students who attend OSCA*

There is a delay in sending OSCA statements due to a glitch in our system. Please bear with us as we endeavour to get this resolved. Thank you for your patience.

### Contacting the School Office

All queries relating to your child's school fees, OSCA or uniform and stationery payments should be directed to Rita at [accounts@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:accounts@goodshepherd.school.nz).

Absence notices and general queries should be sent to Rachel [admin@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz). Thank you from our busy office!

### Stationery

Thank you for making such an effort to pay for your child's stationery. It is very important that we make maximum use of every school day for learning and having the correct tools helps to provide your child with a positive start to the school year.

If you haven't paid for your child's stationery yet please attend to this as soon as possible.

### Uniform Shop

School uniforms can be purchased on Thursday mornings between 8.30am and 9.00am. Please note, the school does not have eftpos or credit card facilities. If you cannot make the day or time mentioned above please email the school office to arrange a time. You will receive a pink slip with the amount owing. Please attend to payment as soon as possible.

**The uniform and stationery bank account is:  
12-3067-0208272-00**

*Please name all clothing.*

### Attendance Dues

You would have all received your child/children's school fee statement which was sent home with each student.

Attendance dues are compulsory and enable the Catholic Diocese of Auckland to provide and maintain the land and buildings in our Catholic school system. The Special Character donation also supports the wider Catholic education system by helping to provide religious education advisers and other personnel.

The other contributions you are asked to pay come directly to the school and enable us to provide the resources and programmes for all children that you have come to expect from Good Shepherd. We ask that, if at all possible, you pay all the contributions outlined in your account.

**Please commence payments as soon as possible.** Payments can be spread out over the year **but** must be paid by 1 December. If you are paying in term instalments, the first instalment is due by week 6 (next week). It is important that you advise us of your

payment arrangement. Please contact Rita in the school office or email [accounts@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:accounts@goodshepherd.school.nz).

**The school dues bank account is:  
12-3067-0208272-02**

As always, if you have any difficulties at all please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Hahn.

### Attendance and Punctuality

We cannot emphasize strongly enough how important it is for children to be at school every day unless they are genuinely too unwell to attend.

#### **EVERY DAY COUNTS.**

Our school day starts at 8.50am. Any one arriving after this is asked to report to the school office to get a late slip. Please aim to have your children at school before 8.45am as this gives them a positive start to the day.

Absences should be communicated to the school office via email, school app or telephone before 8.45am.

### 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.

### Open Days and Enrolment Information

[St Peter's College](#) Open Day

30 March 2021 9:30am or 1:00pm (note this is a change of date)

[St Paul's College](#) Open Day

24 March 2021 9:30am or 1:45pm (note this is a change of date)

[Marist College](#) Open Day Postponed.

Marist will conduct online interviews for 2022 intake. Marist will contact you about conducting a 10 minute interview once 'Section A' has been received by them. Complete Section A online [here](#) Further information can be found on the Marist College website.

[Marcellin College](#) Please visit Marcellin College website for enrolment information.

[Baradene College](#) Please visit Baradene College website for enrolment information.

[St Mary's College](#) Open Day Postponed

Please visit St Mary's College website for enrolment information.



**MARIST COLLEGE**  
*Catholic Girls School, Years 7 to 13*

# Enrol Now for 2022 intake

Due to Level 3 restrictions we are currently taking online interviews.  
**Enrol online and secure your place now.**



**ST. PETER'S COLLEGE**  
Mountain Road, Epsom  
Tel: 021 8108

Catholic School for Boys Years 7-13

**CHANGE OF DATE**  
**TUESDAY 30th MARCH 2021**

# OPEN DAY

For Year 7 Enrolments in 2022  
*Limited enrolments at other levels*

**TUESDAY 9th MARCH 2021**  
9:30 am or 1:00 pm

in the **College Hall (main school entrance – Mountain Road)**  
You do not need to register.

followed by a conducted tour of the College by senior boys

*St Peter's College provides an education in the CATHOLIC tradition by building a strong foundation in the ACADEMIC, SPORT & MUSIC areas.*

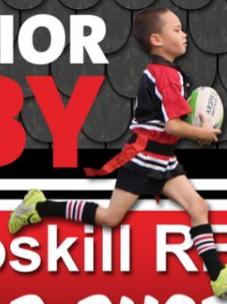
*The College has a dual pathway of assessment with both Cambridge International Examinations and NCEA offered at senior year levels.*

The College is well served by public transport from all parts of Auckland

**"ST PETER'S BUILDS OUTSTANDING MEN"**

(Weather permitting, limited parking available on the top field, main entrance Mountain Road)  
www.st-peters.school.nz

# PLAY JUNIOR RUGBY



## Mt Roskill RFC JUNIOR RUGBY



**RIPPER RUGBY** is the non-contact version of RUGBY, no tackling, just ripping a Velcro tag from the opposition's belt-line. It's the perfect introduction to RUGBY for 3 to 7 year olds.  
**UNDERS'S** grade will be played at 4.30pm Fridays at Fearon Park.

**Grades** Ripper Rugby for Under 5s to Under 7s. Under 6s & Under 7s and all Tackle Rugby from Under 8s to Under 13s and Girls Teams, on Saturdays

For Registration or general information contact;  
Tracey Gilling 020 416 11033 or [Tracey@westview.co.nz](mailto:Tracey@westview.co.nz)

Facebook: [Mount Roskill Junior Rugby](#)



# COME PLAY FOOTBALL

REGISTER NOW  
[AUCKLANDUNITEDFC.ORG.NZ](http://AUCKLANDUNITEDFC.ORG.NZ)

**GRAND OPENING:**  
SAT 13 MARCH  
10.00AM  
KEITH HAY PARK

FUN FOOTBALL GAMES.  
BOOTS SWAP.  
ALL PLAYERS WELCOME!

EST 2020



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# JUNIOR RUGBY

## MIXED & GIRLS ONLY TEAMS



**REGISTER  
ONLINE  
TODAY!**

UNDER 5'S - UNDER 13 TEAMS

RIPPA & TACKLE TEAMS

MIXED & GIRLS ONLY TEAMS

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