Good Shepherd School



Update Notice, August 06, 2020

Upcoming Dates

| 8 Aug | Feast of St Mary MacKillop |
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| 8 Aug | Confirmation Mass |
| 11 Aug | BOT Meeting |
| 14 Aug | Teacher Only Day |
| 15 Aug | Feast of the Assumption |
| 19 Aug | Speech Competition |
| 21 Aug | PTA Disco |
| 27 Aug | School Council Fundraiser |
| 30 Aug | First Holy Communion Mass |
| 31 Aug-4 Sept | Tongan Language Week |
| 1 Sep | Eden/Albert Netball Zones |
| 3 Sep | Netball Save Day |
| 5 Sep | PTA Quiz Nite |
| 6 Sep | Father's Day |
| 11 Sep | Cans for Christmas |
| 11 Sep | Grandparents' Day |
| 12 Sep | PTA Quiz Nite (tbc) |
| 15 Sep | Catholic Schools Cross Country |
| 15 Sep | BOT Meeting |
| 19 Sep | General Election |
| 22 Sep | Eden/Albert Football Zones |
| 24 Sep | Written Reports Home |
| 25 Sep | End of Term 3 |
| 12 Oct | Beginning Term 4 |
| 13 Oct | School Photos |
| 23 Oct | Teacher Only Day |
| 26 Oct | Labour Day |
| 28 Oct | Three Way Conferences |
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| 9 Nov | Kids for Kids Concert |
| 11 Nov | GSS Athletics Day |
| 14 Nov | Ukulele Festival |
| 18 Nov | GSS Athletics Save Day |

27 Nov Parent Helpers' Morning Tea
2 Dec End of Year Mass
9 Dec Christmas Concert
10 Dec End of Term 4

Please note that some of these dates may change

Special Character

Good Shepherd Awards



Sophie Gray - showing such positive leadership skills when leading the Little Lambs group **Slade Blake** - making an effort and giving everything a go at school

Feast Day of St Mary Mackillop

Good Shepherd School will be celebrating the feast day of Saint Mary MacKillop. We will attend 9.00am Mass on Friday 7 August. All families are invited to attend this special Mass with us.

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus
and constant in bringing hope and
encouragement

to those who were disheartened, lonely or in need.

With confidence in your generous providence and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop

We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit

so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness. Ever generous God, hear our prayer. We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

In and Around School

Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to **Madeline Foskin** who started with us recently.

Birthdays

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

Rosalie Fala Lily Millar Henry Katongo Gemma Su Rishmikaa Selvathas Jiwoo Jang Havana-Shai Baker-Leger Olivia Liu

Maisie MacGilvray Bianka Woffindin Kalo Sundin Sheldon D'Rozario Lachlan Barbour Saron Dawit

Room 2 is Opening Soon!

Room 2 will be opening with new entrant children from 24 August. We welcome Sarah Carlsen and Janet Willmott to our teaching team. They will be working in Room 2, closely with Ellen Irish in Room 1 to give our children a wonderful start to their schooling. We also welcome Emma Chan to the team - Emma will be providing weekly senior leader release in Room 3/4 for Heather McLeod.

COVID-19 Reminders

Key public health measures remain important for protecting all of us from the spread of disease:

- wash your hands regularly and thoroughly
- cough or sneeze into your elbow
- don't go to work/school, socialise, or be out in public if you are sick

Keep a digital diary of your whereabouts by downloading and using the COVID Tracer app. If anyone has symptoms but is unsure if they have been exposed to COVID-19, they should ring

Healthline on 0800 358 5453 or their GP for advice. Everyone is encouraged to get tested, if advised to do so.

Sports

Upcoming

These are the upcoming sporting events for Term 3: Eden/Albert Netball Zones - Tuesday 1 September (week 7)

Catholic Schools Cross Country - Tuesday 15 September (week 9)

Eden/Albert Football Zones - Tuesday 22 September (week 10) More information will come home with the children, closer to the events.

Please email Heather McLeod on hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz if you are able to help out with any of these events. We will definitely need help with football zones.

Have a Go at Cricket.

Please see the flyer below for details of Cornwall Cricket Club have-a-go-day at Good Shepherd School on 2 September from 3.15-4.30pm.

In the past there has been a Yr 5/6 girls GSS team and it would be great to get a team of Yr3/4 girls together. Training is usually on Thursday evenings and games early on a Saturday morning at Melville Park, Epsom. Contact Laura on laura.russell@esr.cri.nz for more details.

Cultural Happy Cook Island Māori Week!



Celeste Seiave Andrews looking wonderful

Teacher Only Day - Friday 14 August

Please remember that school will be closed for students next Friday, 14 August.

Environmental

Walking School Bus

Looking for an adventure? Join the "Adventurers"

The "Adventurers" meet at the corner of Foch Ave and Dominion Road at 8.15am, leaving at 8.20am. Please contact Liz Barry on

elizabethjanebarry@gmail.com or 021 549 948.



Information for Whānau

School Disco



GSS School Disco Friday 21st August 6pm-7:30pm.

Tickets cost \$5 for one student and one adult, \$10 for two or more students and one adult.

Tickets are available now via Kindo, from the office or through door sales on the night.

Please note this is not a drop off event so do remain at the venue with your children.

To make sure this fun night runs as smoothly as possible, parent helpers are needed to help set up,

sell drinks and snacks and help with the clean up. If you are able to help in any way, please email Tracy Harkison at tracy.harkison@aut.ac.nz

Fairy Lights

We are hoping to decorate the hall for the school disco with fairy lights and then decorate again for the Confirmation celebration a week later. We are hoping that some of our families might have some fairy lights (white) that the PTA and Sacramental families can borrow. If any parents or caregivers have a set (or two) and don't mind lending them to our groups for a couple of weeks between the 21st August and the 1 September it would be greatly appreciated. They can be brought to the school office (don't forget to name them!) and we will return them during the 1st week of September.

Grandparents' Mass

The PTA require help for one of the happiest events of the year - Grandparents' Mass. This year it will be held on Friday 11 September. For new families to the school, the PTA run a bake sale and refreshment stand for grandparents, children and families on the school field. This takes place after mass.

This year the PTA will be selling sandwiches, homebaking and sausages to purchase on the day. To make it the best day ever *we need your help*. We need all families to bake for the day. We love slices, biscuits, muffins or scones (no cakes).

AND

We need 20 volunteers on the day itself, some from 9am in the morning to help set up, then again during lunchtime to help sell all of the goodies and clean up. It's a team effort and we need you help!

Please email Maria Gribble at mariagribble@yahoo.co.nz or Hannah Turner-Padgett on tat2id@hotmail.com if you can help on the day (or even part of the day!)

Sushi and Pie Day

Sushi lunch is available for you to order for your child's lunch on Fridays.

Due to a Teacher Only Day (14 August) and Grandparents' Mass (11 September) both being scheduled for Friday, we have moved sushi to Thursday on those weeks.



We also have Pie Day coming up on Wednesday 23rd September with pies supplied by Jester's Pies.

Ordering is done online only, by setting up an account on Kindo. To set up an account, please go to the Kindo website:

myKindo.co.nz

Orders are now open for the whole term. You can choose to order in advance or just week by week.

Whole School Prayer on Monday Mornings

We love to have our parents and whānau join us for whole school prayer on Monday mornings. These are usually hosted by a class, and are followed by the presentation of the Good Shepherd Award to students who are displaying our school values of care, respect and honesty. You also get a chance to hear what is happening at school during the week through our Monday Announcements. Here is the timetable for prayer leaders for the remainder of term 3:

Monday 10 August Room 3/4
Monday 17 August Room 7
Monday 24 August Room 1
Monday 31 August Room 5
Monday 7 September Room 9
Monday 14 September Room 2

Monday 21 September Special Character Team

Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

We are currently processing enrolments for 2021 and would like to finalise our roll numbers. We would appreciate your help in advising friends and whānau intending to enrol their children in our school to submit their applications as soon as possible.

Application forms can be obtained via the school website - please click here - or by visiting the school office. Submissions can be delivered to the school office or by emailing a scanned copy of the application, Preference of Enrolment Form and Baptismal certificate to: admin@goodshepherd.school.nz

Home-School Partnership: Reporting to Parents

Teachers very much enjoyed catching up with families at the end of last term to discuss children's transition from home-learning back to school. The following arrangements have been made for more formal reporting on progress and achievement for the rest of 2020:

24 September - Written reports go home 28-29 October - Three Way Conferences

Remember - you do not have to wait for these more formal opportunities to discuss any concerns about your child's learning.

Uniform - Again!

Please make sure your children are coming to school in the correct uniform. We are particularly noticing children not wearing the correct footwear or socks. The correct school uniform is long black socks and all black school shoes. If there is a reason why your child is not wearing the correct uniform please send a note to school if you have not already done so.

Auckland United Softball Club

Give Softball a Go event 13 September 10am - 12pm at Fowlds Park - <u>Link</u>



CORNWALL CRICKET CLUB

HAVE-A-GO DAY

Good Shepherd Covered Turf Area 3:15-4:30PM, 2 September AIMED AT YEARS 1-4

PROFESSIONAL COACHES
BOYS & GIRLS GROUPS

WWW.CORNWALLCRICKET.CO.NZ