# Good Shepherd School



**Update Notice, 11 February 2021** 

#### **Upcoming Dates**

	February is Bike Month!
11 Feb	SPC Music programme begins
12 Feb	Chinese New Year
15 Feb	Chess with Mr McLaren begins
16 Feb	Shrove Tuesday
16 Feb	PTA Meeting
16 Feb	Footy Kids Taster
17 Feb	Ash Wednesday
18 Feb	Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival
19 Feb	Leadership Assembly
22-26 Feb	Life Education in school
23 Feb	Sacramental Programme meeting
26 Feb	Rm 6 Assembly
26 Feb	PTA Disco
28 Feb	Reconciliation Session 1
	March is Walking School Bus Month!
1-5 March	Year 3/4 Swimming Programme
2 March	Eden/Albert Swimming Zones
5 March	Opera in Schools
7 March	Reconciliation Session 2
8-12 March	Year 3/4 Swimming Programme
12 March	Sheridan Swimming Display
12 March	Sports Assembly
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 Mav	Term 2 begins

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

#### **Special Character**

**FOOD FOR FAITH** offers brief daily email encouragements in LENT 2021 for those who sign up at <a href="www.foodforfaith.org.nz">www.foodforfaith.org.nz</a>. Take a few minutes each day .-of Lent to experience Jesus Christ present with you and experience immediate benefits. This Lent's offerings include a TAKE ONE hour a week invitation to be in contact with others who are on the same journey. More information at <a href="www.foodforfaith.org.nz">www.foodforfaith.org.nz</a>.

#### **Good Shepherd Awards**



Ayden Kavia-Patel - using his initiative and being considerate of others

Jonty McGivern - making such an enthusiastic start to the year

#### **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 Fillipino Mass at 11.00am.

#### **Sacramental Programme 2021**

Good Shepherd School and Parish have enrolment forms available for the Sacramental Programme in 2021. All children who have been baptised and are 8 years old and above are eligible. A copy of their baptism certificate is required. If there are any children enrolled as Preference students who would like to find out about being baptised in preparation for the Sacramental programme, please contact the Parish Office or Good Shepherd School office.

Enrolment forms are now available at the Parish Office or Good Shepherd School office or on this Link Closing date for enrolment will be Sunday 14 February 2021.

For further inquiries contact Jane Hahn principal@goodshepherd.school.nz

# In and Around School COVID-19 Reminders

We continue to have a large amount of control over how we can prevent the spread of COVID-19 in New Zealand. For our school we will:

- display QR code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App
- keep our visitor register, attendance register and timetables up to date
- be monitoring for illness and asking anyone who is unwell to remain at home, or to go home
- encourage people with relevant symptoms to seek medical advice through Healthline or their GP and get tested for COVID if recommended to do so
- reinforce the importance of good hand washing and drying
- reinforce good cough and sneeze etiquette

We also continue to regularly clean all parts of our school.

Recent cases are a reminder that we should all be consistently using the NZ COVID Tracer App and turning bluetooth tracking on.

#### **Sport**

## GSS Y3-6 Swimming Carnival - Thursday 18 February

If you are available to be a parent helper at this event please email Heather McLeod on:

hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz

Please also let Heather know if you are able to be in the pool.

We need more parent volunteers for this event to go ahead.

#### Information for Whānau

camp last week.

Leadership Assembly Friday February 19, 9am (note change of date)

Please join us to congratulate our new Year Six leaders and see them receive their badges.

After their phenomenally successful week at camp, our Year 6 students have now taken on their leadership roles for the year, with duties already commencing for many. Every one of these duties is essential to the smooth running of GSS life and we thank them in advance for their contribution. We are very impressed with this year's leadership group. One parent had these kind words about school

This is a truly wonderful way for the Year 6s to start the year, bond and feel like they have risen to the leadership roles they will all hold this year. I love how you promote them, push them and help them grow in this their last year at a very special primary school. X came home positively beaming and we can see how X is relishing the challenges, independence and general fun start to the year.



### **Expectations for Online Learning and Use of Devices**

Just like everyone else, 2020 threw up all sorts of new challenges for GSS. Some of them centered around use of devices. Three of the main ones are based around our core values of Care based around our core values of Care based.



based around our core values of Care, Honesty and Respect including:

- respect for ourselves and others online, and being open and honest if anything does go wrong
- treating GSS devices with care and respect
- respect and appreciation for the privilege of borrowing GSS devices for *learning*, and not allowing unnecessary distractions to detract from this.

With this in mind we have composed a new contract to be signed by students and whānau after discussion. There is quite a lot to consider within the contract so senior students will also have some associated homework. Please set aside some time for this important process.

#### Moosies Back on Sale!

Thank you Kirsty-Anne Singleton for restocking our supplies. We will have these on sale tomorrow for \$2.



# The Incredible Years Programme (IYP) for Parents (free programme)

**OPTION 1** 

**Day and Time:** Tuesday <u>evenings</u> 6.30-9pm from March 2nd. (Please note the change to <u>Tuesday evenings</u>.

Venue; 155 New North Rd Eden Terrace.

**Duration** 14 Week Programme with a break during holidays

Contact Person: Julia Langford

Please email Julia Langford <u>julial@rtlb7.school.nz</u> to reserve your space or phone Julia 0226100345 for any queries

#### **OPTION 2**

**Day and Time:** Wednesday mornings From March 3rd

**Venue** St Lukes Church Newmarket *There is no charge to attend* 

#### **The Incredible Years Programme for Parents**

\*Supports parents to effectively manage challenging behaviours `

\*Encourages learning in a supportive environment

\* Helps to raise children's self esteem, emotional regulation, social interaction, persistence, compliance

\*This programme is invaluable for all parents

To register interest please email: Julia Langford <u>julial@rtlb7.school.nz</u> or phone 0226100345

#### **Open Days**

St Peter's College 23 February 2021 9:30am or 1:00pm

Marist College 02 March 2021 3:00pm-6:00pm

Marcellin College 4 March 2021 4:00pm-7:00pm

Baradene College 4 March 2021 6:30pm

St Mary's College 4 March 2021 2:30pm or 6:30pm

St Paul's College 4 March 2021 9:30am or 1:45pm

#### Sushi and Pie Davs



Sushi lunch is available for you to order for your child's lunch on Fridays. Due to a Good Friday on Friday April 2nd, we will have sushi on Thursday, 1st April.



We also have Pie Days coming up on Wednesday, 10th March and Tuesday, 13th April 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. If you have paid in advance, you can cancel your order and get a refund up until 8.45 on the day of the delivery. Reminders to order are posted via the Good Shepherd School PTA Facebook Group. Please join this if you would like to get reminders.

We would not be able to have sushi and pie days without the help of parent volunteers. Thank you to those who have already volunteered via the Good Shepherd School PTA Facebook page. We are still looking for helpers for the following dates:

Friday 19th March (sushi) Thursday 1st April (sushi) Friday 9th April (sushi)

Please email Emma Chan <a href="mailto:chanemmanz@gmail.com">chanemmanz@gmail.com</a>
- if you're able to help. Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions around what is involved.

#### Give a Little

Please follow the Give a Little Page link below to help get in behind the parents of one our students



<u>Dan takes on the Tarawera Ultramarathon to raise</u> <u>support for Susie's salary</u>

#### Walk a Day

Walk a day in their shoes! Join a 12-hour walk around Auckland on the 6th of March to raise funds for vulnerable families in Latin America through the Catholic charity - NPH New Zealand. Find out more or donate here: www.nph-nz.org/walk

# Back to school disco!



When: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 6pm-7.30pm

Venue: School hall

Price: \$5 per child and adult,

\$10 for two or more children and adult

### ST. PETER'S COLLEGE

Mountain Road, Grafton Tel: 524 8108

Catholic School for Boys Years 7 – 13

## OPEN DAY

For Year 7 Enrolments in 2022

Limited enrolments at other levels

#### **TUESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 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













