



**Te Kura o Hepara Pai**

**Care Manaakitanga  
Respect Whakautē  
Honesty Pono**

**Newsletter 9  
01 Pipiri/June 2022**

**From the Principal**

Talofa lava

Welcome to Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week 2022. This year's theme for the celebration of the third most spoken language in Aotearoa is

***Fa'aāuāu le Folauga i le Va'a o Tautai -  
Continue the Voyage with Competent Wayfinders  
of the Ocean***

2022 is also a significant year for the Samoan community, being the 60th anniversary of Samoa Independence. We congratulate our Samoan families on this milestone, and thank the children and their 'aiga for sharing this beautiful language with us during this special week of commemoration.

Every three years, state and state-integrated school communities elect their parent and staff representatives to help govern their schools. School trustee elections will take place next term and this is an invitation to start thinking about whether you could bring your skills and experience to benefit all Good Shepherd tamariki.

School board members are active leaders in our schools. They have an important role in supporting strong professional leadership and ensuring effective teaching for all students through informed

governance. School boards also need to represent the diversity of their school communities to ensure a bright future for all our children.

Some of the parent representatives who have made a major contribution to our school in this role over the last few years will be moving on at this election. We thank them for their significant contribution and commitment to our school community - they have done an amazing job in the area of governance, particularly during the challenges of recent years. If you would like more information about becoming a board member, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of our current board members. More information can also be found on the [NZSTA website](#).

Faamanuia le Atua ia outou uma.

**Jane Hahn**

**Upcoming Dates**

30 May-3 June	Samoa Language Week
2 June	GSS Cross Country
3 June	Teacher Only Day - school closed
5 June	Pentecost Sunday
6 June	Queen's Birthday holiday
8 June	Whānau First Holy Communion mtg
10 June	Assembly: Room 6
21 June	Eden/Albert Cross Country zones
24 June	Matariki holiday - school closed
28 June	BOT meeting
4-8 July	Book Week
5 July	Pie day
8 July	Term 2 ends
25 July	Term 3 begins
7 August	Feast of St Mary MacKillop
19 August	Teacher only day - school closed
30 September	Term 3 ends
17 October	Term 4 begins
24 October	Labour day holiday
15 December	Term 4 ends

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

The following 2023 term dates were approved at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees:

Term	Start	Finish
1	Tuesday 31 January	Thursday 6 April
2	Monday 24 April	Friday 30 June
3	Monday 17 July	Friday 22 September
4	Monday 9 October	Friday 15 December

## School Closed Friday 3 June & Monday 6 June

Please remember that Good Shepherd School will be closed tomorrow, Friday 3 June, for a Teacher Only Day as our teachers continue their professional development in mathematics and the new Aotearoa New Zealand's Histories Curriculum.

Monday 6 June is the Queen's Birthday public holiday. We wish all our whānau a restful long weekend with your families.

## Principal's Sabbatical Term 3

Next term our principal, Jane Hahn, will be on sabbatical. As part of this sabbatical, she will be investigating how Kāhui Ako, or Communities of Learning member schools are using their resources and new learning in culturally responsive practice to better cater for gifted and talented Māori and Pacific learners in their schools.

Megan Dyer will be Acting Principal for term 3 and Heather McLeod will take on the Acting Deputy Principal role.

## Special Character



Congratulations to Luca and Cheryl on their recent Baptism at Good Shepherd Church



## Sacramental Programme

Congratulations to the students from Good Shepherd School who were confirmed on Sunday. We will continue to pray for you all as you continue on your faith journey.



## Good Shepherd Awards



**Madeleine Rewcastle**- Putting great effort into her work and making the most of her school day.

**Ashton Noel Pereira**- For working hard and showing great commitment to getting work done.

## In and Around School

### Birthdays

Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthdays in June:

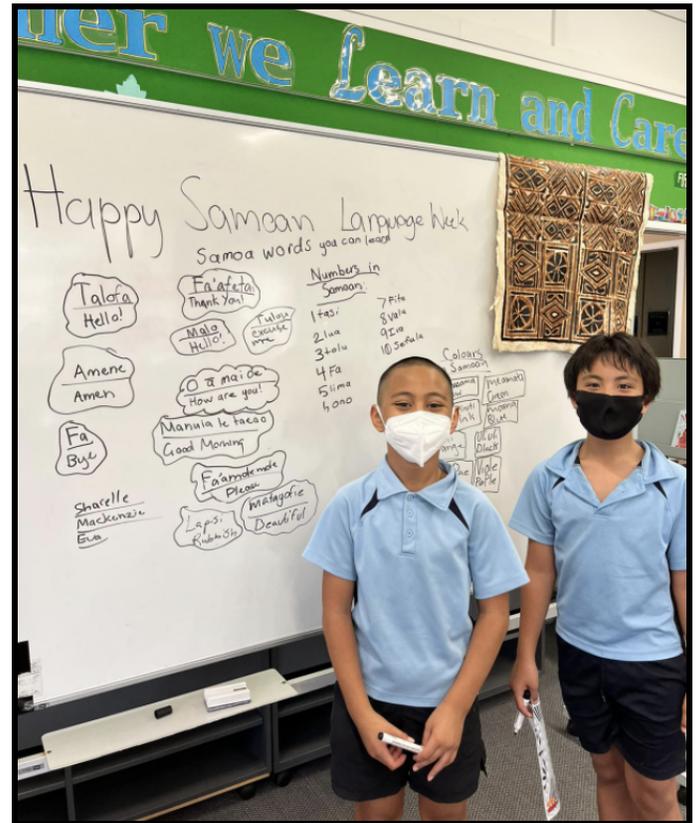
Genevieve Vogel  
Patrick Divers  
Eva Carlin-Shadbolt  
John Tuitama



Luca Coppell  
 Ronan Farrell  
 Yoel Dawit  
 Vincent Gatt  
 Celeste Seiave Andrew  
 Cassie Bray  
 Suyara Hewamanage  
 Eden Dawit  
 Francesco Kastelan  
 Max Madarasz  
 Esme Shaw  
 Gretta Tuibenau

**Gagana Samoa, Samoa Language week**

We love celebrating our diverse range of cultures at Good Shepherd School and this week our cultural leaders did a wonderful job of showcasing the Samoan culture.





Amazing cake provided from the Siave aiga for Room 3/4.

## Room 8

Room 8 has been learning about birds and we are sharing a piece of our writing.



## Snowy Owls

By Esme Shaw

Snowy owls are owls that live in Arctic tundra. They are beautiful birds that have adapted their body structure so they can fit in the environment they live in.

### Environment

The snowy owl lives on the Arctic tundra in the Alaska Arctic tundra which is cold, snowy and treeless. This place is frozen all year round. It is hard for plants to grow so there are very few nutrients there to support plants and animals.

### Bird feet

The snowy owl has curved claws that are wonderful for catching lemmings (the snowy owl's favourite meal). Unlike most birds, the snowy owls' claws are covered in feathers. This helps snowy owls to keep warm in the very cold environment.

### Bird feathers

The snowy owl's feathers are white but not completely. The snowy owl adapted to have layers of feathers to keep warm. They even have some on their legs (wow), which is not usual but they need that to keep themselves warm!!!! There are some differences between male and females in their feathers and in the body. Female snowy owls do have white feathers but they have little specks of brown in them, while the male snowy owl has almost completely white feathers. The feathers grow whiter while the male grows older. In the body, the snowy owl has a rounded body to maintain its body heat. It is among the heaviest in the owl family because of its feathers.

The wonderful snowy owls are the only owls that live in the coldest place on the earth, which is amazing.

## Sport

### Term 2 sporting events are:

Week 8 (Tuesday 21 June) - Eden/Albert Cross country zones

### Playing on the Field

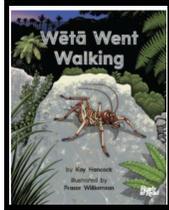
Children need to wear a change of clothes to play on the field during terms 2 and 3. No school uniform or school shoes are permitted on the field.

## Information for Whānau

### READER RETURNS NO QUESTIONS ASKED!!!!

Multiple lockdowns have left big gaps in our reader book sets and they are expensive to replace because we have to order in sets of ten.

THANK YOU TO THE AIGA WHO HAVE FOUND AND RETURNED READERS - KEEP LOOKING! 🔍



### Beat the Bugs this Winter

There has been lots of information about the continued risk of rising COVID-19 cases as we head into winter. At Good Shepherd School we continue to have cases of students and teachers testing positive, although these are substantially down on the number of cases in term 1.

While we have been enjoying having whānau back in school grounds, we really appreciate your cooperation in not spending too much time in classrooms and in continuing to wear masks while visiting the school. We have also had high compliance with our request for students, especially those in Years 4-6, to wear masks while indoors.

Our other mitigation measures include:

- good cough and sneeze etiquette
- regular cleaning
- staying away if unwell
- good ventilation in all indoor areas

We are also aware of the dangers of the spread of measles, a highly infectious virus that spreads faster than COVID-19 in people who aren't immune to it. The best protection against measles is vaccination with two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine. Please check with your doctor if you are unsure about your own or your children's vaccination status.

Here is the link to the Beat the Bug measles resource on the ADHB website:

[https://arphs.health.nz/assets/Uploads/Resources/Disease-and-illness/Measles-Mumps-Rubella/Measles/2022/Education/Beat-the-Bugs\\_Measles-Resource\\_2022May25.pdf](https://arphs.health.nz/assets/Uploads/Resources/Disease-and-illness/Measles-Mumps-Rubella/Measles/2022/Education/Beat-the-Bugs_Measles-Resource_2022May25.pdf)

### Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

If you, or anyone you know, are considering enrolling your child at Good Shepherd, please contact the school office as soon as possible on [admin@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz).

As always we appreciate your recommendations of our school to friends and whānau.

### Good Shepherd OSCA

Our before and after school care programme is an important service to our school community and every care is taken to guard children's safety and wellbeing while they are at OSCA. It is very important that we are notified if there is a change in the nominated person picking up your child. This means that children will not be released to anyone other than the person or people nominated on our records unless contact has been made by that person to advise a change. A couple of extra reminders:

- Please fill in all forms for OSCA accurately and keep us up to date with changing medical conditions for your child
- An adult toilet is available in the OSCA area if you need it - please do not use the children's toilets

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending both primary and secondary Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their 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:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>

### Good Shepherd School Uniform

The children should now be wearing their winter school uniforms. Uniforms are purchased through Elizabeth Michael Uniforms (see notice below) although we do keep a supply of second hand uniforms for purchase at the school. Can we please give special attention to footwear over the winter months? The uniform shoes are black, worn with black knee high socks. As we approach winter and the colder weather, we strongly recommend that children wear the school uniform jumper and there is also a school jacket available. A warm singlet could also be useful. Please name all uniform items.

Finally, children are asked to bring in a change of clothes if they want to play on the field as it quickly becomes very muddy.

**GOOD SHEPHERD  
SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

With Auckland schools reopening you can now come into the Elizabeth Michael Bond Street shop to organise your child's Good Shepherd uniform!

Shop safely with covid protocols in place.

You can also shop online 24/7. Simply visit [www.elizabethmichael.co.nz](http://www.elizabethmichael.co.nz) and register for Good Shepherd School by entering the school code **GS221**. We can courier to you or you can select pick up from our Bond St store.

**Mon - Thurs 9.00am - 5.00pm**  
**Fri 9.00am - 4.00pm**  
**Sat 9.00am - 12 noon \***

**BACK TO SCHOOL - SATURDAY OPENING HOURS**

\*Extended Saturday hours from 4 Dec 2021 to 12 Feb 2022 are as follows:  
Saturday 4, 11, 18 Dec 2021 9.00am-3.00pm  
Saturday 8, 15, 22, 29 Jan 2022 9.00am-3.00pm  
Saturday 5, 12 Feb 2021 9.00am-3.00pm

**ElizabethMichael  
UNIFORMS**

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### Sushi and Pie days

Sushi is now available to order for lunch on Fridays. Orders are taken online only via [Kindo](#). If you do not have a Kindo account, it is quick and easy to set one up by clicking Join Up. Please check your child's classroom number. Sushi orders close at 8.45am on Friday mornings. Remember if your child orders Teriyaki chicken on rice, please send them to school with a fork in their lunchbox. You can order in

advance for multiple weeks and you can also cancel your order through your account before 8.45 on a Friday morning.

Another pie day on Tuesday July 5th. We need a parent volunteer to collect the pies from Dough Boys on Dominion Rd on Tuesday the 5th July. If you're able to help please contact Emma Chan [chanemmanz@gmail.com](mailto:chanemmanz@gmail.com).

### After school netball programme for Yr0-3

A fun free introduction to netball. Sessions help to improve motor skills, hand-eye coordination, playing as a team and learning the basics of netball. First session is on Thursday 2 June until 30 June. Starting from 3.15pm-4pm at the school netball courts.

If your child is interested please email Laura McArdle [lauramcardle.nz@gmail.com](mailto:lauramcardle.nz@gmail.com) with your name, child's name, room number, and contact number. Please advise if your child attends OSCA so arrangements can be made.

### Music Programme for Term 2

St Peter's Primary School Music Programme will proceed in Term 2 . Registrations can be found in the link below.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFfcKkGQFGYS9btTyFTZnv47urmy\\_BDnUe9qDZV6tVINFRag/closedform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFfcKkGQFGYS9btTyFTZnv47urmy_BDnUe9qDZV6tVINFRag/closedform)