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Te Kura o Hepara Pai

Care Manaakitanga Respect Whakaute Honesty Pono

01 Mahuru/September 2022

Upcoming Dates

1 Sept.	Eden/Albert Netball Zones
5-9 Sept.	Tongan Language Week
5-9 Sept.	Social Justice Week
7 September	BOT election day
12-16 Sept.	Life Education Caravan
13-19 Sept.	Māori Language Week
20 September	Catholic Schools Cross Country
20 September	Mix and Mingle for BOT, PTA, staff
22 September	Grandparents Day
25 September	Rescheduled Pacific Fono 3pm
26-30 Sept.	NZ Chinese Language Week
30 September	Term 3 ends
17 October	Term 4 begins
24 October	Labour day holiday
26 October	GSS Open Day
15 December	Term 4 ends

Please look carefully, as some of these dates have changed.

Good Shepherd Awards



Rosie Fala: You are kind, caring and considerate to your classmates
Madison Laika-Momoisea: You consistently display the good shepherd way by helping others

In and Around School Room 7

In recent weeks Room 7 were thrilled to join Rooms 1 and 2 for our St Mary Mackillop celebration day. Prior to this Room 7 read and researched important events in the life of Mary Mackillop. When we joined with our teina we supported them in creating quilt patches (on paper) that represented these important moments in Mary's life. We used these patches to create a very large quilt, which Father Bernard has very kindly offered to display in our church. Please go in and view it next time you are passing.



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.

Social Justice Week

Social Justice Week 2022 runs from September 4-10 and focuses on the topic of racism. The title of the Caritas resources is:

"WHAKAKĀHORETIA TE KAIKIRI. KOTAHI ANŌ TĀTOU I ROTO I TE KARAITI / SAY NO TO RACISM. WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST"

Good Shepherd School will join Catholic schools around New Zealand in daily prayer and activities to promote, challenge and be inspired to see - judge act. As we journey through this week the key question we ask ourselves is: *how are we becoming one in Christ*?

Grandparents Day

Kia ora everyone - After a covid hiatus Grandparents Day returns for 2022. It is scheduled for **Thursday the 22nd September** (with a mass at 11.30am followed by food at 12.30pm). The PTA are looking for some volunteers to help with this event. If you are interested and have the capacity to help in some way on the day please get in touch with Simone St Clair via email sstclair@eggs.school.nz or 0220291757. There are a number of different jobs such as helping with food prep, setting up, selling food etc so even if you are willing to come for just part of the day we would be grateful for your help.

HOT HOUSE CHALLENGE - SAVE THE DATE!

That's right, after a few long years, the PTA is looking to bring back the **Hot House Challenge**, with **19 November** the date we are working towards. Block it out in your calendars!

For new families, the Hot House Challenge is a fun outdoor obstacle course for students to complete, with a few splashes and slides along the way!

This year the PTA is keen to use the day as a 'mini-fair' and we are hoping to include some stalls and maybe even a white elephant sale. Of course, this takes some organising, so we are calling on any parents out there keen to help out to get in touch. We'll need some muscle (calling on some Dads and the Holey Fathers here) to help get the course set up, and then general help to organise other activities on the day. If anyone is keen could you please flick me an email on brad.st.clair@gmail.com and I will be in touch with how you can help.

GSS Speech Finals

Congratulations to all our speech finalists. You did an amazing job presenting your speeches on Wednesday morning. Here are the final placings:

Year 0-1

1st - Ted Tuibenau 2nd - Mateo St Clair 3rd - Kia Joseph

Year 2

1st - Ryan Menezes 2nd - Dominic Carter 3rd - Max Madarasz

Year 3

1st - Lucia Hodgson 2nd - Reuben Davenport 3rd - Cecelia Niuula

Year 4

1st - Yasmine Couch 2nd - Atreo Fernando 3rd - Analise Turner-Padgett

Year 5

1st - Sio Sundin 2nd - Thomas Erickson 3rd - Thomas Carlin-Shadbolt

Year 6

1st - Phoebe Carlsen 2nd - Benjamin Maddox 3rd - Naomi Buddell



Information for Whānau Safe Tamariki

We continue to work on making our top carpark safer. Thank you for your patience as Sharyn trials a safety plan for parking. Please look carefully at the diagram for parking and direction and if you are unsure, please see Sharyn.

 Remember no child is allowed to walk through the carpark unattended, including meeting parents in the carpark. Children with permission to walk must take the footpath around the top playground and through the alleyway as per diagram. Please also take this route if you are walking out of the school with your child.





A few children have been bringing cellphones to school recently. If you require your child to have a cellphone at school they need to drop it in the office before school and collect it

afterwards.

Please remind your tamariki to follow our school values of *Honesty, Care and Respect* when they interact in person, and when they interact online,

whether or not they are using their Good Shepherd School account.

School Board Elections: We Are Counting Down

Voting closes at 4pm on Wednesday 7 September 2022, make sure your vote is in the box by then.



Prizes Please

We have been giving out prizes for extra effort, which are a very popular source of motivation for everything from running to learning times tables! If you have any small 'treasures' at home in brand new condition that you could donate, such as novelty pens or erasers, please drop them to our office. Thank you to the whānau who already donated prizes for us.

Walking School bus

A big thank you to Meghan Buckthought (Jack's Mum from room 3) who has offered to start a route from Kiwitea street in the mornings. If you are interested in joining this route please talk to Miss Irish



or to Meghan directly. If any other parents are keen to start a route please email Ms Irish. Remember it's cool to walk to school! Meghan's email address is: <u>meghan.baldisera@gmail.com</u>

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.

As always we appreciate your recommendations of our school to friends and whānau and we have scheduled an **Open Day** for **October 26**.

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-school s-2/

Good Shepherd School Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing their correct school uniform:

Winter Uniform: Students wear winter uniform in Terms 2 & 3. This includes black knee high socks and black shoes.

Sports Uniform: Compulsory for Years 4, 5 and 6. Jewellery, nail polish, makeup, hair

A watch and ear studs are the only jewellery permitted with the school uniform. Nail polish is not permitted on either fingers or toes. Makeup may not be worn. Long hair must be tied back. Hair accessories must be either navy blue or black.

Finally, we have a good selection of second hand uniforms available at minimal cost from our school office.



Sushi and Pie days

Sushi orders are available for lunch on Fridays. Orders are taken online only via <u>Kindo</u>.

Sushi (supplied by Cafe

Sushi on Dominion Rd)

Friday 9 Sep Friday 16 Sep Thurs 22 Sep Friday 30 Sep



Sushi can be ordered in

advance for as many weeks as you like. If your child is not going to be at school you can cancel your order up until 8.45am on Friday. If you have any questions please contact Emma Chan <u>chanemmanz@gmail.com</u>

Remember if your child orders Teriyaki chicken on rice, please send them to school with a fork in their lunchbox.







FUN summer competitions designed to encourage mass participation, affiliated to Touch NZ and the respective Provincial Touch associations.

FEARON PARK - MT ROSKILL 7 weeks of games aligned to school terms 1 & 4 STARTS OCTOBER - WEDNESDAYS FROM 4PM Yr 1&2 Open | Yr 3&4 Open | Yr 5&6 Boys & Girls | Yr 7&8 Boys & Girls







Little Scientists



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Geology Energy Waterslides

At **Little Scientists** we LOVE all things science! Spectacular explosions! space, bug hunts, action-So much to investigate and explore!





The Gingerbread Man

Family Show

Monday, 10 Oct 2022 - Friday, 14 Oct 2022 Approx. 50 minutes Show times: 10:30am and 12:30pm daily TAPAC Performing Arts Centre 100 Motions Road Western Springs.

Tickets: \$20.00

Bookings can be made at https://www.tapac.org.nz