



*Te Kura o Heparā Pai*

*Care Manaakitanga  
Respect Whakautē  
Honesty Pono*

**Newsletter 15**  
**08 Mahuru/September 2022**

### From the Principal

Mālō e lelei!

Happy Tongan cultural week to you!! We had a lovely introduction on Monday. Two former students, along with two of their classmates, gave a performance and taught us some songs and phrases. We were so proud of them! Now our children are all busily completing and sharing their Tongan learning, with extra help from our 'experts'. Alongside this, our fanau have been learning about Social Justice, specifically *Whakakāhoretia te Kaikiri. Kotahi Anō Tātou i Roto i te Karaiti* or *Say No to Racism. We Are One in Christ*. Caritas website suggests the journey may first include *Seeing* or *Tirohia*, where we listen, learn and understand in order to identify what is causing concern, including from the perspective of those affected. Next is *Judging* or *Wānangatia*, where we make informed conclusions from what we learn. Finally there is *Acting* or *Mahia*, where we shape our proactive response and of course, put it into action.

Moving beyond racism towards a brighter future is a long and complex process. Our Tamariki will certainly not be leaving the process behind this week. Rather it is an ongoing theme highlighted especially by the Mitey programme currently being taught at our school, and the Aotearoa New Zealand's histories curriculum which the teachers have been working on all year in preparation for implementation.

Faitapuekina koe 'e he Eiki  
Megan Dyer  
Acting Principal

### Special Character Good Shepherd Award



**Dominic Carter**- You display the GSS way by being polite and kind to adults and children.

**Joseph Lelava**- You are a team player and considerate to everyone around you.

### Upcoming Dates

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 note that some of these dates may change*

### In and Around School

#### Room 6

This week Room 6 have been hard at work celebrating *Lea Faka-Tonga*, solving complex maths problems and diving deep into Caritas Social Justice Week. During prayer one morning we used he kāri mahi- action cards, to reflect on the things we can do to celebrate our differences, stand up for others and include everyone.



## Information for Whānau

### Health Consultation

It is a legal requirement for schools to consult with their communities regarding the delivery of the health education components of the New Zealand Curriculum, every two years. The first section of the document will give you some information about Good Shepherd School's health programmes and this is followed by a survey that will give you an opportunity to give us feedback or to make comments on our delivery of the health curriculum. Please follow this [Health Curriculum Survey](#) link to complete the survey today, it will only take five minutes. The last day to complete this survey is Friday 23 September.

### Life Education Caravan

Next week we will be having a visit from Harold and the Life Education Caravan. Our focus for the week will be:

**Sheridan (Junior School) Yrs 0-3** – Identity and Resilience (with a special focus on resilience and conflict resolution).

**Connolly (Senior School) Yrs 4-6** – Relationships and Communities (with a special focus on digital citizenship, cyber safety, decision making and friendships).

### Sports

#### Eden/Albert Netball Zones

Last week on Thursday, we had 3 teams represent GSS at the Eden/Albert Netball Zones at Windmill Road. They all had a brilliant day and enjoyed competing in a tournament.

### Lea Faka-Tonga

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022 is Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e Lea Faka-Tonga, Tongan Language Week. At Good Shepherd we have been integrating some Tongan language into our learning this week, we are so lucky to have experts here within our school! We were also blessed with a special visit from some familiar faces who performed a beautiful dance for us all, malo 'aupito Anastasia and Filomena Kautoke!

The Year 5 team won the Year 5 section 3 grade.



The Year 5/6 Griffins team won the Year 6 section 3 grade.



The Year 6 Silver Sharks team competed extremely well in the Year 6 section 2 grade.



### Catholic Schools Cross Country

This event is happening on Tuesday 20 September at Monte Cecilia Park in Hillsborough. The children who represented GSS at the Eden/Albert cross country zones will be attending this event.

### Information for Whānau

#### Eden Albert Cultural Performance

If your child would like to participate and has not returned their form, please send it back to school tomorrow. Please see the office if you have mislaid your form.



We do not have any space left in the Samoan dance group. However, there are still spaces in the Irish Dance (boys and girls year 4-6) and Fijian Meke (boys all ages).

There is plenty of interest in Tongan and Māori performances, however for these to go ahead we will need somebody to lead them. (We do have videos of Haka from previous years if that's of any help at all). Please contact Megan if you can 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](mailto:brad.st.clair@gmail.com) and I will be in touch with how you can help.

### Cyber Safety

Please be extra vigilant for an email purported to be from 'Fr Bernard Kiely' asking for money for vouchers or similar. Many of our Good Shepherd community have been targeted by this scammer recently. As always, check sources and validity very carefully, especially where money is involved.



### Prizes Thank You

Thank you so much whānau, for all the lovely prizes which have been flooding in recently. We are putting them to very good use!

### Grandparents Day September 22

Just a couple more weeks now until Grandparents Day. The PTA kindly ask all families to contribute baking for the bake sale. Please deliver your baking to reception on the morning of the event. If you name any containers with your surname and child's

room number we will make sure they find their way back to you.

This is a great fundraiser for the PTA so please remember your baking and to send some gold coins along with your children on the day.

On the day we are still looking for a few more volunteers mainly to help with selling baking from 1pm to 2pm. The student performances begin at 2pm.

If you are able to help out please sign up on the volunteer signup sheet link below.

[volunteersignup.org/FPCEF](https://volunteersignup.org/FPCEF)

### **The schedule for the day is as follows:**

Grandparents Day Mass: 11.30am – 12.30pm

Classroom visits from 12.30pm

Lunch/Tea and Coffee 1-2pm (this is when the Bake Sale/Sausage Sizzle takes place)

Student performances (on the turf) 2 – 2.30pm

### **Pasifika Fono**

Save the date for **Sunday 25th of September**. An email will be sent out next week with further details. Please contact the office about the 'Pasifika Whanau' Whatsapp group. The communication is to keep families up to date with school events.

## GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

### PASIFIKA FONO

Theme: Continuing Connections

Connecting face to face after our first introduction via Zoom.  
It was warming to reconnect with each other after such a long time.  
May we come together again as we continue to strengthen our ties.

When: 25 September Sunday, 2022  
Where: Good Shepherd School Staff room

Time: 3pm-5pm

Please bring a plate of food to share, we also warmly extend the invite for your children and Extended family members. Children can play on the turf or playground.  
Please bring them along, this space is shared for them too.

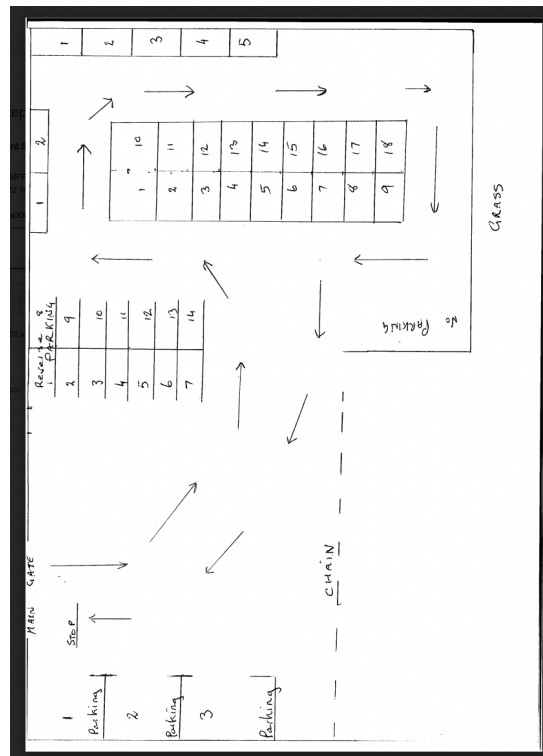
Please RSVP to: [admin@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz)  
By 20 September 2022

### **Safe Tamariki**

Our top car park has been much calmer lately. As someone reminded me this week, a delegated whānau carpark is a rarity in any school. We would like to avoid closing it during drop off and pick up times, so let's continue to collaborate together to make it work safely.

If you haven't already, please look carefully at the diagram for parking and direction and if you are unsure, please see Sharyn about the system she is trialling.

- 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.



### **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: [meghan.baldisera@gmail.com](mailto:meghan.baldisera@gmail.com)



### **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 Heads Up!

We are tightening up on correct uniform attire, as some children have been slipping a little bit. Please take the opportunity to 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.

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

## 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

Sushi orders are available for lunch on Fridays. Orders are taken online only via [Kindo](#).

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 [chanemmanz@gmail.com](mailto:chanemmanz@gmail.com) Remember if your child orders Teriyaki chicken on rice, please send them to school with a fork in their lunchbox.

## Weetbix Tryathlon



*Weetbix Tryathlon entries are open!* It's a great day out for the kids and a really satisfying physical challenge. We have entered a group for the South Auckland Event on November 30th at Mountfort Park in Manurewa.

## Register Here

<https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/south-auckland/>

When you register an individual, there will be a place to enter as a part of a group - search for Good Shepherd School.



## CENTRAL JUNIOR TOUCH

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## 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>