

Te Kura o Hepara Pai

Care Manaakitanga Respect Whakaute Honesty Pono

Newsletter 19 17 Whiringa-Ā-Rangi/November 2022

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

Together We Learn and Care - this simple but very meaningful motto is part of the legacy left by those who have gone before us. It has meant a lot to past students, whānau and staff and it is up to us to bring it alive today. The Hot House Challenge taking place on Saturday is another great opportunity to do this. It is such a fun event for children and adults alike and it would be great to see a full turn out of our families there. The few stalls will be an added bonus, selling baking, children's books, plants and the ever-popular Jolly Jars. See you there!

We celebrate our diverse community at Good Shepherd and the Albert/Eden Cultural Festival coming up later in November is a great showcase of the cultures and traditions that make up Auckland and Good Shepherd School. We are very grateful to the parents and whānau who are giving up their time to prepare the children for this event. It's well worth going to so save the date (Saturday 26 November).

Please join us on Friday 25 November for a Special Assembly when we will be celebrating two very important people reaching milestones. Sharyn Hodge has been a pivotal part of the Good Shepherd community for 30 years, and Msgr Bernard Kiely is celebrating his 30th anniversary of entering the priesthood.

Te Atua ki a koe, God bless. Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

 19 November 22 November 25 November 26 November 30 November 30 November 01 December 06 December 07 December 09 December 12 December 14 December 15 December 15 December 	Hot House Challenge - 2PM Eden/Albert Zone Athletics Special Assembly - 2PM Albert/Eden Cultural Festival Bike Safety Programme - Year 5 & 6 Board of Trustees meeting - 7PM End of Year Mass Sports/Performance Assembly - 2PM Reports home Christmas Concert Year 6 - Pt Erin Pool celebration - 4PM Term 4 ends - 2PM
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Please note that some of these dates may change

Special Character Good Shepherd Award



Benjamin Maddox - You are positive and have an upbeat attitude.
 Calum Buddell - You show our school values and are always willing to help others.

In and Around School

Welcome!

We extend a very warm welcome to *John Joshy & Peter Pouhila* and their families who started with us recently.

Special Celebration Assembly Friday 25 November at 2pm

This year we celebrate special milestones for two significant people in our Good Shepherd family. Thirty years ago Msgr Bernard Kiely, our parish priest, entered the priesthood and at the same time Sharyn Hodge began working at Good Shepherd School, managing the property. We are thrilled to be able to acknowledge the years of service both these people have given our community and invite you to join us at a Special Assembly on 25 November to do this.

Room 6

In Room 6 this term we have been working hard on building our understanding of leadership and service to others as we prepare to enter our final year at Good Shepherd next year.

Psalm 78:72 "He shepherded them with a pure heart and guided them with skillful hands"





Sport

Athletics certificates will be handed out during our Sports/Performance assembly **on Friday 9 December (week 8**). This assembly will be in the afternoon, beginning at 2pm on the turf.

Information for Whānau

School Camp

Today all of our Year 6 whānau will receive information about our exciting Year 6 Camp 2023 which will run from **Monday 30 January - Friday 3 February (including Auckland Anniversary Day).** There are two online forms to complete. Please keep a close eye on your email (subject Camp 2023) and return the required information promptly.

Year 5 and 6 Bike Safety Nov 30, Dec 1

Today our Year 5 and 6 students brought home a form about the bike safety programme they will all

be participating in, which will be run by Bigfoot Adventures. Please complete the form and return to school tomorrow.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOKS NOW!!

Our 2022 yearbook provides you with a permanent and colourful record of our students and their activities at school. The 2022 yearbook is bigger and better than ever before. All of our junior and senior students are celebrated in this glossy, professionally bound book, with pages dedicated to each class, and special recognition for our leavers.

Yearbooks cost \$25 and can be purchased on <u>Kindo</u>. To open a Kindo account please follow this <u>link</u> and select join up.

HOT HOUSE CHALLENGE THIS SATURDAY!

This Saturday 19 November! From 2pm onwards. Cash only event so remember to bring your coins as there will be a few stalls with food/books/crafts/seedlings/toys and jolly jars. Registration for Hot House Challenge at 2.30pm. Participants are encouraged to wear swimwear. There will be prizes and bonus points awarded to best costumes (students and parents).

BAKE SALE FOR HOT HOUSE CHALLENGE

Please bring your baking contributions to GSS reception on Friday morning (18th November).

RACE SCHEDULE

2:30pm	Race registration & House team cheers
3:00pm	Middle School Race (Years 3 & 4)
3:20pm	Junior School Race (Years 1 & 2)
3:40pm	Senior School Race (Years 5 & 6)
4:00pm	Past pupils race
4:15	Free-for-all race
4:30pm	Trophy Presentation and Prize Giving

Year Six Save The Date!!

All Good Shepherd 2022 Year 6 graduates are invited to come to POINT ERIN POOLS – Shelly Beach Road, Herne Bay, for a last celebration with their friends and whānau, for a pool party: Date: 15th DECEMBER 2022 (last day of school) Time: 4pm – 6pm Many thanks, Tracy and Kelly.

Swimming Pool

A limited number of keys are available for hire by Good Shepherd School families for this summer. Keys are available for purchase from 8.45am on **Monday 21 November 2022.** Please note we are only accepting cash (no online payments). Keys will be allocated on a first come first basis, to families who present a completed hire form and payment. In fairness to all families we are not accepting reservations for keys or allocating keys prior to Monday 21 November. Please find the hire form link here, or at the school office.

Albert/Eden Cultural Festival 2022

On Saturday 26 November held at Rocket Park, Mount Albert. Good Shepherd School has three cultural groups performing - The Samoan Dance Group, Irish Dance Group and Fijian Dance Group. Please see the timetable below. Support our beautiful tamariki and enjoy a day of cultural performances and food.

GSS Performance Timetable			
Group	Time		
Fijian Dance	2:25 PM		
Irish Dance	2:50 PM		
Samoan Dance	3:30 PM		

Potters Park Christmas Carols

Come along and support the GSS Choir performing on 11 December. 5pm - 7:30pm at Potters Park 173 Balmoral Road, Mount Eden.



Walking School bus

A big thank you to Meghan Buckthought (Jack's Mum from Room 3/4) 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 <u>admin@goodshepherd.school.nz</u>. As always we appreciate your recommendations of our school to friends and whānau. We have an open day coming up next term so watch this space...

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.

Procedure for dealing with concerns and complaints at Good Shepherd School

We value our community culture at Good Shepherd School. When dealing with any concerns and complaints that may arise, we keep at the forefront our core values of care, respect and honesty. If you have an issue, please follow this <u>link</u> which can guide you in how to proceed in order to resolve it with us.

Good Shepherd School Uniform

All students should now be in their full summer uniform.

Summer Uniform: Students wear summer uniforms in Terms 4 & 1. This includes black sandals and a wide-brim school hat.
 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.

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



Good Shepherd End-of-Year and Graduation Mass

Wednesday 7 December at 5.30pm

Please make sure that this time is set aside for our last formal gathering as a community for the year, when we thank God for all the blessings of 2022, and farewell our senior students.

Attendance Dues 2023

The attendance dues will be increasing for the 2023 year to \$122 per term per child.



Attendance Dues are used to pay for building related costs at Catholic Schools in the Auckland Diocese. Paying Attendance Dues is a condition of enrolment for all students attending New Zealand Catholic Schools. Attendance Dues are compulsory – there is a legal requirement for parents and caregivers to pay Attendance Dues under the Education and Training Act 2020.

ATTENDANCE DUES ARE:

2023	PRIMARY STUDENTS	SECONDARY STUDENTS
per year (incl. GST)	\$488	\$956
per term (ind. GST)	\$122	\$239

Sushi, Moosies and Pie days

Moosies are available to buy most Fridays, for two dollars. Please make sure your child has their coin in a safe place before lunchtime.Orders are



open on Kindo for sushi and pie orders for Term 4. If you do not have a Kindo account it is quick and easy to set one up<u>here</u>.

There will be sushi available on Fridays in weeks 5, 6, 7 and 8. There will be no sushi in Week 9. There will be a pie day on Tuesday 6th December. If you have any questions, please email Emma Chan <u>chanemmanz@gmail.com</u>.

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who help make this lunch service possible. **Remember if your child orders teriyaki chicken on rice, please send them to school with a fork in their lunchbox.**



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