# Update...



Te Kura o Hepara Pai

Care Manaakitanga Respect Whakaute Honesty Pono

08 Hakihea/December 2022

### **Upcoming Dates**

09 December	Sports/Performance Assembly - 2PM
12 December	Reports home
14 December	Christmas Concert - 6PM start
15 December	Year 6 - Pt Erin Pool celebration - 4PM
15 December	Term 4 ends - 2PM

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

## **Special Character**

**Good Shepherd Awards** 



*Xavier McKinnel-* You are a reliable and enthusiastic role model to everyone.

**Teaki Rogerson-** You have been demonstrating the Good Shepherd Way by taking great care of others and of your school work.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

5pm Christmas Eve - Children's Vigil Mass Midnight Mass (with Carol Service from 11.30pm) 9.30am Christmas Day Mass



## In and Around School

#### Good Shepherd End-of-Year Mass

Thank you for making this a wonderful celebration for our children. We wish our graduating Year 6s all the very best as they move on to intermediate.

A very special thank you and blessing to all those families moving on from our Good Shepherd community.



#### Room 1

This week Room 1 has been enjoying doing some Christmas Themed Maths. We made Advent Calendars and practised our numbers from 1-25. Have a look at some of our wonderful mahi.





#### Thanks to the PTA from the Staff

The team enjoyed a wonderful morning tea compliments of the GSS PTA on Tuesday morning. We were very grateful for the delicious food and the appreciation shown to us for all the mahi!



### 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 Safety in the Car Park

You will all be aware of the work we have done around keeping children safe during drop off and pick up times. This is an important reminder that the cones in the Volcanic Street car park are there for a reason. **Please do not drive through them.** They provide a safe area for our children to make their way to and from school.

#### Year Six Graduating Class Pool Party

Good Shepherd Year six students for 2022 are invited to celebrate together:

Date: Thursday 15 December (last day of school) Time: 4pm – 6pm Place: Point Erin Pools – Shelly Beach Road,

Herne Bay

#### Cost: \$15 (to be paid in advance)

Tickets are available to purchase via Kindo. The cost includes pool entry, party food and drinks in a reserved area.

An email has been sent with further information.

#### **Personnel Update**

Next year we welcome three new teachers to our Good Shepherd team. We welcome back Tainui Singh-Clark who spent some time with us as a student teacher in 2021. It is also a pleasure to welcome Leisel Inglis and Lana Nimmo to Good Shepherd. Each of these teachers come with strengths in many areas and are very excited to be joining our team next year.

#### Swimming Pool

#### LAST WEEK!

A limited number of keys are available for hire by Good Shepherd School families for this summer. Keys are available for purchase from the school office after 8.45am. 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. Please find the hire form link <u>here</u>, or at the school office.

Good Shepherd Christmas Concert Wednesday 14 December

5.30pm children report to teacher ready for concert to begin at 6:00pm



You are warmly invited to the Good Shepherd Christmas Concert. All

classes will perform a Christmas item and we hope you will join in the carol singing in between items. Bring your own picnic dinner and the PTA will be providing a sausage sizzle. Once the concert is finished, children will be under the supervision of their parents. The event will finish at 8.00pm.

So come along with your picnic rugs, and join us as we celebrate this special time of year with the children of Good Shepherd.

#### **Christmas Concert Raffle**

The PTA will be holding a raffle at the Christmas concert on 14 December. The main prize will be a hamper of food and wine. Tickets are available to purchase through Kindo.

#### St Vincent de Paul Giving Baskets

Each classroom in the school has a 'Giving Basket' that will be donated to St Vincent de Paul at the end of the year for Christmas. Rooms 3, 5, 7, 9 are collecting wrapped gifts (please label these with boy/girl and which age group they suit) and Rooms 1, 4, 6, 8 are collecting non-perishable food items. All gifts and food items are greatly appreciated at this happy time of the year when we can give back to our local community. The boxes will be delivered to the St Vincent de Paul after the Christmas Concert.

#### **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.



## 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.

#### Attendance Dues 2023

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

## ATTENDANCE DUES

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

#### **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.

#### **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

#### **Elizabeth Michael Uniform- MOVING**



#### **Good Shepherd School Uniform**

Term 4 is underway and 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.

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

#### 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 week 8. There will be no sushi in Week 9.

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.

#### Flippa Ball 2023

Is your child/ren interested in playing Flippa Ball in 2023? Not played before? That's okay as long as they are confident in the water they can sign up.



Flippa Ball is the junior version of Water Polo and played in water where they will be able to touch the bottom.

If they will be year 3 or over in 2023 please register interest by completing the below google form for each child.

All those that complete the registration form will be contacted early next year with further information and confirmed team details.

Google Form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebYOc AL8wbzZk52VHGyk\_Pr5Pt0IcoLZp0ZaXUFHLz0oQ -uA/viewform?usp=pp\_url

If you have further questions please contact me. Debbie Wright Abby's mum (currently year 4) <u>Debbiesandrawright@gmail.com</u>