



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakautē
Honesty Pono

Newsletter 13

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From the Principal

Kia ora te whānau

Our last newsletter coincided with **Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani: Cook Islands Language Week**, and it gave me the opportunity to talk about the *Cultural Diversity* principle in the New Zealand Curriculum (NZC). This week I thought I might discuss another of the NZC principles, **High Expectations**, and what that looks like at Good Shepherd School. Having high expectations for all of our tamariki means that we support every learner to strive for personal excellence so that each one reaches their full potential. Potential is not measured by academic outcomes alone but covers a range of outcomes that are valued by society, including social skills, wellbeing and cultural identity.

What does this look like at our school? We nurture a culture of growth mindset and creative thinking. We encourage positive interpersonal skills through our school values, and we value the linguistic and cultural experiences that our learners bring to school. Academically, we use a range of assessment tools to monitor student progress, and identify learners' potential levels of success. We also monitor the impact of our teaching practice in an ongoing way, and make adjustments to that practice when needed.

Our high expectations are also evident in our Catholic special character. We are fortunate to have the role model of Jesus, the Good Shepherd at the heart of our charism, setting a very high standard for each of us in putting others before ourselves.

Te Atua ki a koe
God bless
Jane Hahn

Principal's Open Office

Don't forget to pop in to see Mrs Hahn in her office between 8.30am and 9.30am on Fridays if you have any questions about school life, or you just want to catch up.

Upcoming Dates

18 August	Colourful Clothes Day-Chocolate Bars
22 August	School Board Meeting
24 August	GSS Speech Finals
29 August	Fair Stall Holders Meeting
1 September	Colourful Clothes Day-Jolly Jars
3 September	Tongan Language Week
5 September	Catholic Schools Cross Country
11 September	Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
15 September	Grandparents Mass
22 September	End of Term 3
24 September	Daylight Saving begins
9 October	Beginning of Term 4
13 October	Colourful Clothes Day-Preserves
14 October	General Election
18 November	GSS School Fair
6 December	End of Year Mass
15 December	End of Term 4

Please look carefully, as some of these dates have changed

The following 2024 term dates were approved by the School Board:

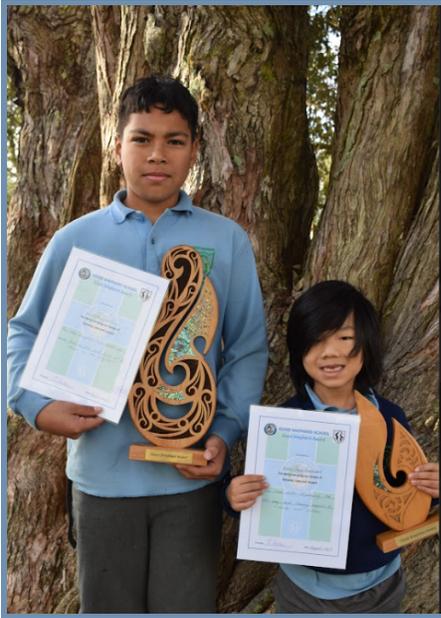
Term	Start	Finish
1	Tuesday 30 January	Friday 12 April
2	Monday 29 April	Friday 5 July
3	Monday 22 July	Friday 27 September
4	Monday 14 October	Friday 13 December

Special Character

Please Keep in Your Prayers....

We ask for God's blessing on all those members of our community who are suffering illness or loss in their families at this time. Please keep them in your prayers.

Good Shepherd Awards



Nimilote Fotofili- Being a role model by working hard in class and looking out for others on the playground.

Noah Sujaritwatanasak- Trying his best in the classroom and showing the GSS way .

Good Shepherd Parish Mass times

We encourage all families to attend Mass together, particularly those children who have completed the Sacramental programme. Sunday Mass is at **9.30am**.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the young people who received Communion for the first time on Sunday. What a pleasure it has been to walk alongside you in your faith journeys. Welcome to the table of the Lord!



Sport

Term 3 Sporting Events are:

Catholic Schools Cross Country - Tuesday 5 September

In & Around School



We extend a very warm welcome to the following students who started this week:

Thomas Bull
Olivia Waller

Room 2

Room 2 has started to focus on 'time' for maths. We created a large clock and learned about the minutes and hour hands. We change the time by moving the correct hand.



As part of our inquiry, Room 1 and 2 have started to learn about maunga in the local area. We came together to find out what we knew already and what we would like to learn.



Yummy Lemon & Rhubarb cake. Find the recipe here:

<https://mojewypieki.com/en/recipe/lemon-and-rhubarb-cake>

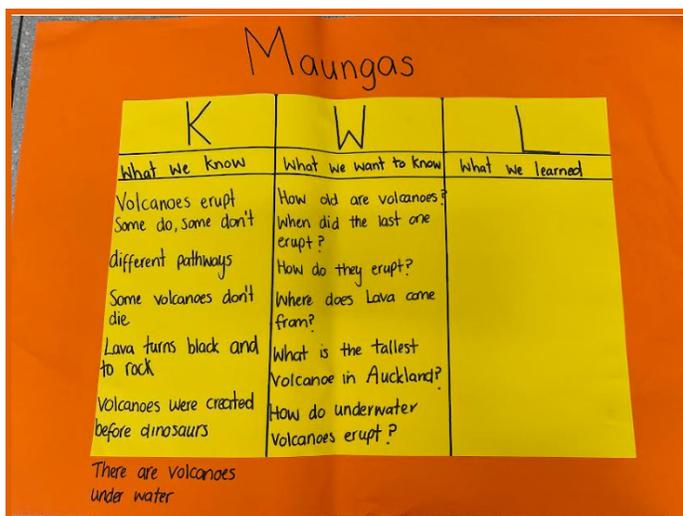
Colourful Clothes Day - TOMORROW - DON'T FORGET YOUR CHOCOLATE

On Friday 18 August, we will be having a 'Colourful Clothes and Chocolate' day, where all children can wear clothing of their choice. Each child will bring in a block of chocolate that day, to be used for the 'Chocolate Toss' at the School Fair. For any new parents, this super popular game involves kids trying to toss coins to land on and win chocolate bars. All chocolate will be collected from your child's class.

School Council Bake Sale

On Wednesday the 2nd of August the School Council held a bake sale and raised **\$660.80**. Thank you to those who brought in baking as we all enjoyed the yummy treats. And thank you to those who helped us set up and sell the baked goods. We will be donating \$175 towards the Catholic Caring Foundation and the rest to support New Zealand's endangered animals. Once again thank you to everybody who brought in baking. This day would not have been possible without you.

Cassie, Joanna and Thomas (School Council Leaders)



Garden Club



This week at Garden Club we made a lemon and rhubarb cake using rhubarb from our garden and lemon from the Good Shepherd School orchard. The children enjoyed their lemon and rhubarb cake very much.

Information for Whānau

Good Shepherd Uniform

The children are in their winter school uniforms until Term 4. Uniforms are purchased through Elizabeth Michael Uniforms although we do keep a supply of second hand uniforms for purchase at the school for \$5 per item. Online orders can be made through Elizabeth Michael's website with the code GS132.

Can we please give special attention to footwear?

The uniform shoes are black, worn with black knee high socks. We encourage students to bring in and wear sports shoes for sports but they must wear their uniform shoes to and from school.

In 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.

Class WhatsApp Groups

Stay in touch with what's happening in your child's classroom.

We use WhatsApp and Facebook to facilitate communication among whānau. There is no obligation to join these informal groups, but whānau find them very useful for asking and reminding each other about school happenings - not to mention tracking down lost property! This document contains links to our groups, including classroom and PTA WhatsApp groups, and school and PTA Facebook groups.

[GSS WhatsApp and Facebook Information 2023](#)

Absences



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Please notify the school office of any student absences **before** 9:15 am on the day of absence by phone on 09 620 4962, by emailing admin@goodshepherd.school.nz or using the app to

enable us to complete our school roll. Our school uses an app that is linked to teachers and our admin staff. Please download the app '@school' and contact the office on admin@goodshepherd.school.nz if you require your unique login information. Please also see a previous [newsletter](#) with the set up instructions.



Signing in Late/Signing out Students

If your child will be arriving late for school you must stop by the School Office to sign them in before you take them to class. Similarly if you are picking your child up from school for an offsite appointment you must also sign them out at the school office.

- If you do not come through the office when your child is late, your child will not be marked on the morning roll which may result in a phone call from the office. To avoid confusion, if your child arrives after 8.50am ALWAYS come through the office before going to class.*



Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

	Pre Enrolment Applications 2024 and 2025	
	NOW OPEN	
Contact us: Phone: 09 620 4962 Website: www.goodshepherd.school.nz Email: admin@goodshepherd.school.nz	Visit us: 30 Telford Avenue Balmoral Auckland 1041	
GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL		
	Te Kura o hepara pai. Together We Learn and Care	

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.

Dropping off and Picking up Children

We have had a noticeable amount of children entering school very early and being picked up after school much later than 3.15pm. If you know you are needing to drop your child to school earlier than 8.00am or be picked up later than 3.15pm you can arrange for your child to go to the OSCA programme. We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter as it does interfere with school staff preparing and still working before and after school time. Children are not closely supervised in the playground before 8.30am.

Good Shepherd OSCA - Before & After School

The Good Shepherd OSCA programme is an important service that we offer to our school community. Below is a link to the booking form and OSCA Parent Information Sheet which outlines the operational details, and costs for the programme.

[OSCA 2023 Form & Parent Info](#). Forms can also be picked up from OSCA. OSCA is payable in **advance** to bank account 12-3067-0208272-03 on the Friday before the booking is needed.

- Please fill in all forms for OSCA accurately and keep us up to date with changing medical conditions for your child.
- Remember to let us know by email to admin@goodshepherd.school.nz if your plans change, for example if your child is being picked up by another parent.

Thank you to Alex and his team for all the good work you do in OSCA.

Mitey-Community Engagement



This year we again are excited at Good Shepherd School to partner with the Sir John Kirwan Foundation to deliver Mitey – a NZ specific, evidence-based approach to teaching mental health education in our classrooms. Please use this [link](#) to find out more about Mitey and what it means for Good Shepherd School.

Winter health and vaccination reminders

Te Whatu Ora encourages whānau to vaccinate their tamariki for pneumococcal disease, Meningococcal B, measles, and flu, alongside their three COVID-19 vaccines to provide the greatest level of protection heading into winter.



Tamariki aged six months to 12 years are eligible for free flu vaccinations. For more information, visit:

[Flu immunisation for tamariki – KidsHealth](#)

[Measles, mumps, and rubella \(MMR\) vaccine – Te Whatu Ora](#)

[COVID-19 boosters for over 30s and those at increased risk of severe illness – New Zealand Government](#)

You will still need to isolate for seven days if you have COVID-19 to reduce the risk of spread. For further information:

[If you have COVID-19 – New Zealand Government](#)

Please inform the school if your child has tested positive for COVID-19.

Books for Tonga

BOOKS4TONGA
BOOK DRIVE IN SEPTEMBER!
We're seeking books for Tongan villages.
Fiction and non-fiction for all ages.

<u>Drop-off dates & times</u>	<u>Place for drop-off</u>
THURSDAY 14TH SEPT: 10AM - 7PM	St Albans Church, 443 Dominion Rd, Mt Eden/Balmoral
FRIDAY 15TH SEPT: 10AM - 7PM	
SATURDAY 16TH SEPT: 10AM - 5PM	

Can you help?
We're also looking for volunteer helpers to help sort and pack books!

Contact us!
Website: www.books4tonga.org
Email: books4tonga@live.com

Attendance Dues and Donations 2023

Attendance Dues are a compulsory payment approved by the Minister of Education under the terms of the Education and Training Act 2020. They are a condition of enrolment at Good Shepherd School, as they are in all Catholic schools in Aotearoa New Zealand. Attendance Dues are collected by Good Shepherd School on behalf of the school's Proprietor, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland. Thank you to all of our families that have made payments already and to our families who have made per term, per week and per fortnight arrangements.

Good Shepherd School also asks for **donations** from whānau. We rely on these donations to provide the extra learning opportunities, such as the *Opera in Schools* performance, and the exceptional resources available to our students, such as one-to-one devices in our classrooms. These donations include *Trips and Activities* and, where relevant, camp donations so that we can offer our students a range of rich education outside the classroom experiences. As a small school, we very much appreciate these contributions to our limited budget.



GSS PTA NEWS

Sushi, Pizza & Moosies

Sushi, Pizza and Moosies Can Now All Be Ordered On Kindo!

Sushi and Moosies are available for lunch most Fridays in Term 3. Pizza is available as an alternative to sushi twice this term on the dates noted below.

Due to a recent price increase from our supplier, the price of each sushi pack will increase by 50 cents effective this week

As Friday 15th September is Grandparents' Mass, sushi will be available on Thursday 14th instead. Orders are taken online only via [Kindo](#). You will need to set up a Kindo account if you are ordering for the first time. Orders will close at 8.45am on the day of the sushi delivery. You can order weekly or for as many weeks in advance as you like. You are also able to cancel sushi orders up until 8.45am on the day of the delivery. Remember if your child orders Teriyaki chicken on rice, please send them to school with a fork in their lunchbox.



Sushi and pizzas lunches are scheduled for the following dates this term:

Friday 18th August (sushi)
Friday 25th August (sushi)
Friday 1st September (sushi)
Friday 8th September (sushi)
Thursday 14th September (sushi)
Tuesday 19th September (pizza)
Friday 22nd September (sushi)

Moosies are sold for two dollars, and are managed by our Year 6 House Captains. If you prefer your child to pay for their Moosie with a coin, please instruct them to keep it in a safe place before lunchtime. Don't send tamariki with large amounts of money, as change can easily get lost at school.

If you have ordered your child's Moosie on Kindo please remind them that they must line up for it next to Room 2, straight after they finish eating their lunch. **House Captains will not search around the school for missing Moosie customers.**

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers and House Captains, who help make this lunch service possible.

Calendar Art 2023

A poster for 'Calendar Art 2023' featuring a calendar grid and several art cards. The text on the poster provides information about online orders, product prices, and contact details.

CALENDAR ART 2023

Online orders for the PTA Calendar Art fundraiser will open in early September.

Products & prices:

2024 Calendars	\$18
hardback, A5 diaries	\$20
8 x cards & envelopes	\$18
A5 softcover sketchpad	\$18
Mousemat	\$20

A notice will come home next week including all the info you need to order.

Example products can be viewed in the School Office.

Questions? Anna 021 029 70532
annalshaw@gmail.com

MAJOR PRIZES FOR SCHOOL FAIR

With just under 3 months until the GSS Fair we are reaching out to our families and friends to ask for your help. Every year we have major prizes up for grabs at the fair. Raffle tickets are sold for these major prizes and we promote the prizes (and donors) on the tickets, in the lead up to the fair and on the day. In previous years, we have had amazing support from our school community and from our local friends and businesses donating prizes. We have offered some amazing prizes such as overseas trips, scooters, laptops, luxury weekend getaways, signed sports memorabilia, thrilling drives in luxury cars, and even jewellery. These prizes have played a big role in creating buzz and excitement about the fair.

This year, we would love to be able to offer 3-4 major prizes to promote the fair and drive raffle ticket sales and this is where we need your help! We would like to ask for your assistance in reaching out to friends, family or businesses within your network who might be able to donate a prize. We would like to have our major prizes confirmed by the end of September so we can have time to have the prizes printed on the raffle tickets.

If you are able to help please call or text Michelle Herlihy (021 720 857) or Aimee Greenhough (021 763 002)

Caring Committee

Good Shepherd PTA, as part of its school community focus, has a Caring Committee that gives support to families that are in need for a variety of reasons such as sickness, loss of a family member or wakeful newborns. This service is usually given as meals or baking for the family. When the committee gets notified of a family, an email is sent out to everyone on the committee, and whoever can help on a certain day for a meal then you get rostered for that day. No conditions or pressure even if your name is on the committee, only help when you can. If you are interested in being on the email list, please email sashamadas@hotmail.com



Please join the facebook school fair page by scanning the barcode below or search

'Good Shepherd School Fair 2023'



JOIN THE MOTHER SUPERIORS

The Mother Superiors is the mum's version of the Holey Fathers. If you are interested, please add yourself to the Whatsapp group or keep an eye out in the newsletter for the next event.

[Mother Superior's WhatsApp Group](#)

Join the Holey Fathers

The Holey Fathers are a group of Good Shepherd School dads, who get together from time to time for social catchups and to help out at the school with the occasional working bee. We'd love to welcome some new faces to the group, especially dads who have just joined the Good Shepherd School community. It's a great way to get to know other dads at school and have a bit of fun along the way.

Please contact holeyfathers@gmail.com if you're keen to join us.