

Update...



Te Kura o Hepara Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakaute
Honesty Pono*

02 November/ Whiringa-ā-rangi 2023

Upcoming Dates

2 November	All Souls Day
3 November	Cultural Clothes Day
3 November	Parent Helper Morning Tea
7 November	Year 5 Trip to Cathedral
8 November	2024 New Entrants Visit
10 November	Room 1 and 2 Assembly
10 November	Diwali
13 November	Teachers Only Day (School Closed)
14 November	GSS Athletics Day
15 November	School Photos
17 November	School finishes 2PM (Fair Preparation)
18 November	GSS School Fair
24 November	Performance Assembly TBC
25 November	Albert/Eden Cultural Festival
28 November	Eden/Albert Athletics Zones
6 December	End of Year Mass
12 December	Farewell Assembly
14 December	Christmas Concert
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

Cultural Clothes Day - Tomorrow

Students are invited to dress up in cultural dress this Friday 03 November. This could be clothing items that represent your family's culture and country. If your child chooses not to wear any cultural items then they will be required to wear their school uniform.



(Photos from 2022 Cultural Clothes Day)

Special Character

**Caritas World Day of the Poor
Sunday 19 November**

Sunday 19 November will be the 7th annual World Day of the Poor, a day to consider how we all can stand in solidarity with people in need. Caritas Aotearoa NZ has created resources for the day. Go here: www.caritas.org.nz/world-day-of-the-poor

Good Shepherd Awards



Lily Millar- You have involved yourself as a leader and been a helpful role model to younger students.
Samuel Erickson- You have been making sensible choices and displaying the GSS Way in and out of the classroom.

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.

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.

A VERY Special Assembly

We would like all of our Good Shepherd whānau to join us for an assembly at 2pm on Tuesday 12 December to celebrate the extraordinary leadership of our beloved principal Jane Hahn; and to wish her well as she departs for the next stage of her journey. We also take the opportunity to farewell our other valued teachers - Michelle Taylor and Leisel Inglis. After the assembly we will be serving a light afternoon tea, including a drink and biscuit for the tamariki. For this we need an indication of numbers (including children) so please RSVP to Chelsea: admin@goodshepherd.school.nz

Ngā mihi nui,
Megan Dyer

Sport Athletics

The whole school has begun training for our school athletics day. Our training days are Monday and Tuesday for Rooms 5-9 and Tuesday for Rooms 1-4. It would be great if children could bring a change of clothes to wear for these sessions.

GSS Athletics Day - Tuesday 14 November at Margaret Griffen Park.

We need more parent volunteers to help out on Athletics Day. If you can help, even if it's for half a day, please email Heather McLeod on: hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz

Eden/Albert Zones Events - Our Eden/Albert primary sports committee have amended our zones events and from Term 4 onwards only Year 5 and 6 children will be attending all zone sporting events, including athletics zones this term and cross country going forward. Our decision keeps it concise and it means that all events during the year are open to only Year 5 and 6 students.

In & Around School



We extend a very warm welcome to the following student who started at Good Shepherd recently:

Abigail Liz

Library Books

Please have a hunt around your house for any stray library books and return them to school this week.

Chess Champions

Congratulations to Darin Dong and Hugo Madarasz who were first equal winners in our Good Shepherd school chess competition this term. And well done to Annalise Turner-Padgett, Aaron Liu and Max Madarasz for joint third equal placing.

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SHARED UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL HEALTH AT GSS

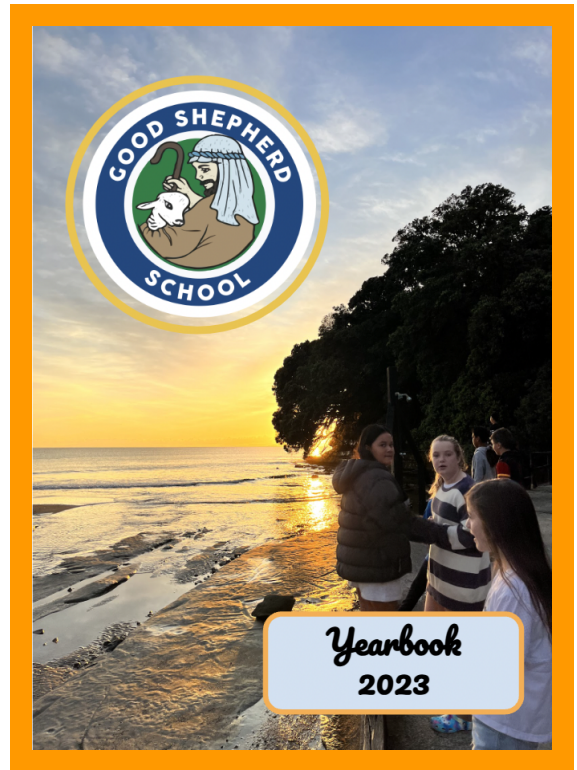
We are mentally healthy when we feel supported, included and valued. When we have a positive attitude towards life and learning, and this helps to boost our mental well being. We need to help others and be helped by others in order to be mentally healthy.

Developed by our teaching staff in 2022.

YEARBOOK TIME IS HERE!!!

Our 2023 yearbook provides you with a permanent and colourful record of our students and their activities at school. 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 [Kindo](#). To open a Kindo account please follow this [link](#) and select join up.



Information for Whānau

Year Six Leaving Party - Save The Date!!

Year 6 2023 Good Shepherd graduates are invited to a last celebration with their friends and whānau, for a pool party:

Where: Point Erin Pools Shelly Beach Road, Herne Bay

Date: 15th DECEMBER 2022 (last day of school)

Time: 3:30pm - 5:30pm

To make this an amazing day for our children I am after parent volunteers for driving and helping with food.

Please contact Fleur (Rose's mum)

My contact details are:

roberts_fleur@hotmail.com

021388646

Swimming Pool - Volunteers Over The Holidays

We are needing 2 people from our community to help with the upkeep of the school pool in the summer months (particularly in the Christmas holidays). If you would like to help please contact Sharyn, shodge@goodshepherd.school.nz

Attendance Dues Paid by 04 December

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.

We are in our final term of the year so payment before 04 of December 2023 is appreciated.

Good Shepherd School also asks for **donations** from whānau. We rely on these donations to provide the extra learning opportunities, 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.

Dogs at School

This is a reminder that, if you are bringing your dog onto the Good Shepherd site to pick up or drop off your child, it must be kept on a lead at all times. Dogs are not allowed on the 'Up Top' playground at any time.

Good Shepherd Uniform Summer Uniform in Term 4

Term 4 ALL children are expected to be in their full summer uniform.

Summer Uniform: Students wear summer uniforms in Terms 4 & 1. This includes black sandals and a wide-brim hat. **NO BASEBALL CAPS!**

If a child does not bring their hat to school they must stay in the shade during morning tea and lunchtime breaks.



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.

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 - MAKE SURE YOU RING



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

A banner for 'Pre Enrolment Applications 2024 and 2025'. It features the school logo, a cross, and contact information. Text includes 'NOW OPEN', 'Contact us: Phone: 09 620 4962, Website: www.goodshepherd.school.nz, Email: admin@goodshepherd.school.nz', and 'Visit us: 30 Telford Avenue, Balmoral, Auckland 1041'. At the bottom, it says 'GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL' and '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.

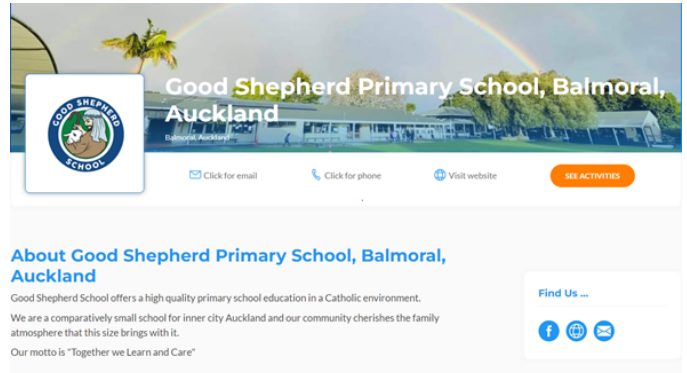
As always we appreciate your recommendations of our school to friends and whānau.

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 [link](#) which can guide you in how to proceed in order to resolve it with us.

Before & After School Care

The Good Shepherd OSCA programme is an important service that we offer to our school community and we're adopting [Enrolmy](#) to help streamline the booking and payment process. Emails will be sent in the coming days and weeks with more information to assist with the setting up process.



Below is a link to the current 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.



GSS PTA NEWS

Sushi & Moosies

Sushi and Moosies Can Now All Be Ordered On Kindo!

Exciting news!

We have a new sushi supplier for Term 4. You will notice some changes to menu items and pricing. We will have the following items on offer:

Teriyaki Katsu Chicken on Rice 240g \$8.50
Salmon Sushi - 4 pack \$6.50
Salmon Sushi - 6 pack \$8.00
Salmon Sushi - 8 pack \$9.50
Chicken Sushi - 4 pack \$6.00
Chicken Sushi - 6 pack \$7.50
Chicken Sushi - 8 pack \$9.00
Tuna Sushi - 4 pack \$6.00
Tuna Sushi - 6 pack \$7.50
Tuna Sushi - 8 pack \$9.00
Vegetarian Sushi - 4 pack \$6.00
Vegetarian Sushi - 6 pack \$7.50
Vegetarian Sushi - 8 pack \$9.00

Orders are taken online via [Kindo](#). Sushi will be every Friday this term and orders need to be in before 8.45am on Friday morning. It is possible to order in advance for as many weeks as you like and you can also cancel your order 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.

Pizza days will be on Tuesday 7th November and Tuesday 12th December this term. Orders for the first Pizza Day are now open and will close on Thursday 2nd November at 6pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Emma Chan chanemmanz@gmail.com

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.**

Reminder to parents that when you order successfully from Kindo you will receive a confirmation email

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