

# Update...



*Te Kura o Heparā Pai*

*Care Manaakitanga  
Respect Whakaute  
Honesty Pono*

## 16 November/ Whiringa-ā-rangi 2023

### Upcoming Dates

17 November	School Finishes 2PM (Fair Preparation)
18 November	GSS School Fair
24 November	Performance Assembly 9am
25 November	Albert/Eden Cultural Festival
28 November	Eden/Albert Athletics Zones
28 November	School Board Meeting
29 November	PTA Meeting
6 December	End of Year Mass
11 December	Reports Home
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

## School Finishes Early Tomorrow

Tomorrow Friday 17 November school finishes at 2pm due to Fair preparations. OSCA will still be operating for families that need after school care.



## Fair Baking - Bring Tomorrow!!

Last Friday every family was given a cake box to fill with yummy baking to contribute to our Baking Stall at the fair. We kindly ask that the filled boxes be returned back to the school office tomorrow Friday 17 November.



## 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](http://www.caritas.org.nz/world-day-of-the-poor)

### 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.

### Baptism Programme - Expression of Interest

The school and parish is preparing a Baptism programme for this term. If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like them to be baptised, please send an email to Jane Hahn [principal@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:principal@goodshepherd.school.nz).

### Sacramental Programme 2024

We are now accepting applications for the 2024 Sacramental programme. If your child is in Year 4 or

above and you would like them to be involved in the Sacramental programme please look at the attached [timeline](#) and [application form](#). If you have any questions. Please contact Jane Hahn [principal@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:principal@goodshepherd.school.nz).

### 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.

### Sport

**GSS Athletics Day certificates will be handed out on Monday 4 December (week 9) at 9am after whole school prayers.**

**Eden/Albert Athletics Zones - Tuesday 28 November at Margaret Griffen Park**



**Kapai Mrs McLeod and all GSS tamariki, kaiako and whānau - we had a great athletics day!**

### Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon

Good luck to all those tamariki who are competing in the Weet-bix TRYathlon next Wednesday! Thank you to those parents who have organised this opportunity for Good Shepherd children.



### In & Around School



At the Garden Club last week, we weeded our garden beds and fertilised them with worm tea and worm castings from our worm farms before planting potato seeds. We have also recently planted squash and courgette. We will wait with much anticipation and hope to see if these grow over the summer holidays.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday in November:

*Millar Bolton  
KC Celso  
Rasheli Dias  
Samuel Erickson  
Isabel Hagemeister  
Jacqvin Jomon Chakkalakkal  
Isaac Kurian  
Ayrestyn-Skye Leger  
Aaron Liu  
Hugo Madarasz  
Magdalena Nimo  
Siaki Sundin  
Griffin Tangitau  
Tyler Tuala Soon  
Willam Woods*

## Mitey

### Why the Need?

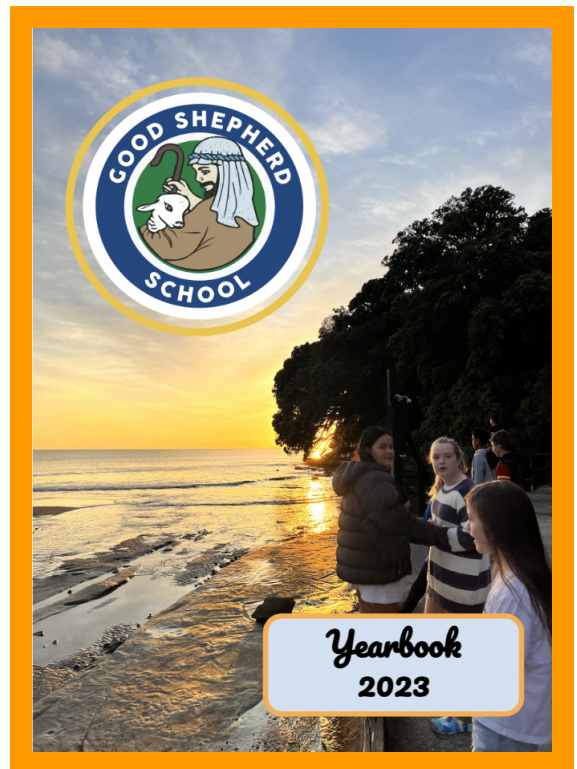
Mental health concerns and issues amongst NZ youth have doubled in the past 10 years and we all agree that unhappy students don't learn.

Youth suicide rates in NZ are among the highest in the world. Partnering with Mitey allows our school to be part of a transformational change for young people by enabling them to nurture their mental health – and that of others – for the rest of their lives.

## 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](mailto:roberts_fleur@hotmail.com)

021388646

### Performance Assembly

**Friday 24 November 9am**

You are invited to a special performance assembly on Friday 24 November. This is an opportunity to celebrate many of the outstanding music and performance groups at Good Shepherd School, including the choir, ukulele group, Kapa Haka groups, Indian dance group and some of the musicians who have been working with Sophia Connors during the year.



## Albert/Eden Schools Cultural Festival 2023

Saturday 25 November 11am-5pm

Rocket Park, Mt Albert



This is the major performance event for our junior and senior Kapa Haka groups for this year. We would love you to come along to support our tamariki, and also to enjoy performances by our neighbouring schools, the great food stalls and extra activities.

Our groups are performing on the Outside Stage at the following times:



### 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.

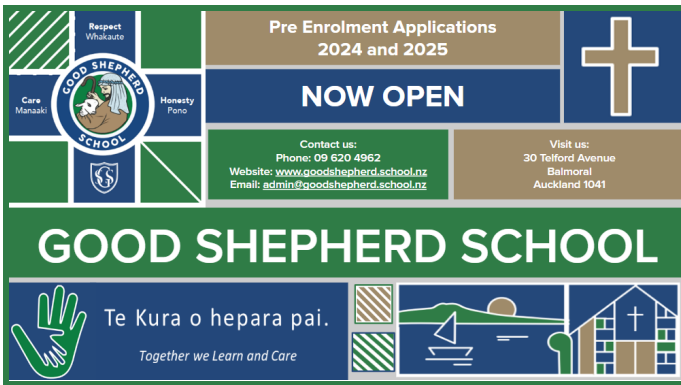
### Class WhatsApp Groups

**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](#)

## Enrolments at Good Shepherd School



Respect  
Whākaute

Care  
Manaaki

Honesty  
Pono

Pre Enrolment Applications  
2024 and 2025

**NOW OPEN**

Contact us:  
Phone: 09 620 4962  
Website: [www.goodshepherd.school.nz](http://www.goodshepherd.school.nz)  
Email: [admin@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto: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](mailto: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

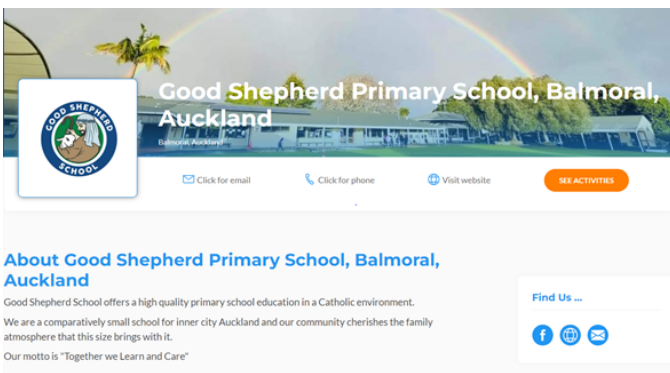
We value our community culture at Good Shepherd School. When dealing with any concerns and complaints that may arise, we keep at the forefront our core values of care, respect and honesty. If you have an issue, please follow this [link](#) which can guide you in how to proceed in order to resolve it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

**ENROLMY**



Good Shepherd Primary School, Balmoral, Auckland

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About Good Shepherd Primary School, Balmoral, Auckland

Good Shepherd School offers a high quality primary school education in a Catholic environment. We are a comparatively small school for inner city Auckland and our community cherishes the family atmosphere that this size brings with it. Our motto is "Together we Learn and Care"

Find Us ...

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](mailto: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!***

We have been given great responses from the tamariki that the new sushi supplier is delicious. Have a look at the new menu options on Kindo.

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.



Next Pizza day will be on Tuesday 12th December this term.

If you have any questions, please contact Emma Chan [chanemmanz@gmail.com](mailto: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.



The school holidays are nearly upon us – keep the kids entertained by taking them to an action-packed game of basketball. The BNZ Breakers have 8 Auckland games remaining this season and every single game promises plenty of fun, giveaways, and entertainment for the whole family. Choose the dates that suit you and get behind the BNZ Breakers. Tickets are on sale at [www.ticketmaster.co.nz](http://www.ticketmaster.co.nz)

**PUBLIC SIGNING SESSION**  
SUN 19 NOV  
SPARK ARENA

**MASCOT PARTY**  
SAT 20 JAN  
SPARK ARENA

**DC MULTIVERSE ROUND**  
SAT 9 DEC  
SPARK ARENA

**BACK TO THE FUTURE**  
FRI 26 JAN  
EVENTFINDA STADIUM

**CHRISTMAS GAME**  
FRI 22 DEC  
SPARK ARENA

**CHINESE NEW YEAR**  
FRI 9 FEB  
SPARK ARENA

**CARNIVAL DAY**  
SUN 7 JAN  
SPARK ARENA

**FAN APPRECIATION DAY**  
FRI 16 FEB  
SPARK ARENA

**bnz breakers**

**8 REMAINING AUCKLAND GAMES**

Tickets at [ticketmaster.co.nz](http://ticketmaster.co.nz)