



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakautē
Honesty Pono*

Newsletter 19

23 November/ Whiringa-ā-rangi 2023

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

It is hard to describe the wairua hapori / community spirit that was felt everywhere on Saturday as we reclaimed the locally famous Good Shepherd School fair. Even the slightly imperfect weather could not dampen the spirits, or in fact the final successful outcome, of the day. Everything came together to produce a truly wonderful experience that will bring significant benefits to our children and also to our community as a whole.

Congratulations and thank you to the amazing Aimee Greenhough and her team, to the wonderful Good Shepherd parent community and their extended families and friends, to Sharyn for all the extra work she has taken on over the last few weeks, to all the staff who have entered into the spirit of the fair so willingly at this very busy time of the school year, and to our wonderful tamariki who thoroughly enjoyed the day. What a community!

Te Atua ki a koe, God bless
Jane Hahn

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

Upcoming Dates

24 November	Performance Assembly 9:15am
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 2pm
14 December	Christmas Concert
15 December	End of Term 4

Please look carefully, as some of these dates have changed

Performance Assembly - Tomorrow

Friday 24 November 9:15am

You are invited to a special performance assembly tomorrow, 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.

Please note the slightly later start as some students will be putting costumes on prior to the performance.

Albert/Eden Schools Cultural Festival 2023

Saturday 25 November 11am-5pm Rocket Park, Mt Albert.

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

**Please note new time change:
4.10pm - Junior and Senior Kapa Haka**

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.

Special Character

Good Shepherd Awards



Angelique Custodio-Wilson- Showing leadership responsibility and initiative, especially on athletics day.

Luca Nansen- For being conscientious, a good example and helpful in the classroom.

Good Shepherd End-of-Year and Graduation Mass, Wednesday 6 December at 5.30pm

This is a very special event as we come together as a whole school community to celebrate the year, and to pray for God's blessings on the students and families moving on from Good Shepherd School. All students are to meet their teachers outside Room 9, on the turf in full school uniform, at 5.00pm. We look forward to the whole school community being present on this occasion.

Please note there will be a plate collection at Mass for the Parish.

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.

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.

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

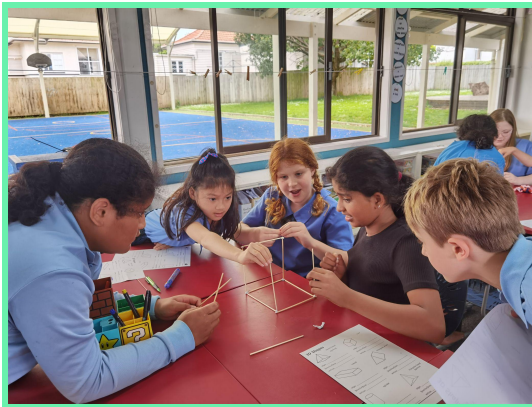
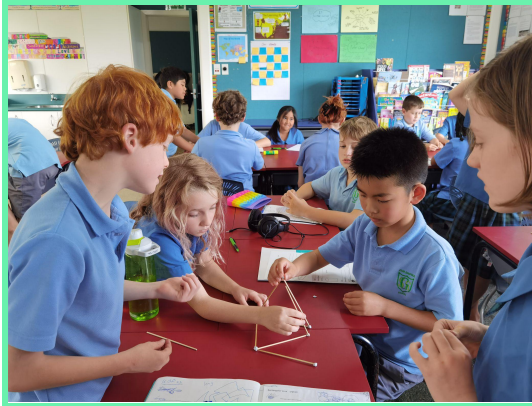
In & Around School

Room 9

We have enjoyed learning about 3D shapes in Maths in Room 9. Making 3D shapes using sticks made it so much easier for us to identify the properties of 3D shapes, such as edges, faces and vertices.



Over the last couple of terms we have planted a variety of flowers in the vegetable garden beds to attract bees. This week at Garden Club we used some of the flowers to make bookmarks as a memory of Garden Club in 2023!



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.

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.



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 27 November 2023. 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. Please find the hire form link [Here](#) or at the school office.

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

Attendance Dues Paid by 04 December

Updated statements showing any Attendance Dues that are outstanding will be sent out today.

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 weeks of the year so payment before 04 December 2023 is appreciated. Outstanding dues have to be reported to the Catholic Diocese in the next week. Thank you to all families who have paid to date.

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.

Good Shepherd Uniform

Summer Uniform in Term 4

Term 4 and term 1 2024 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

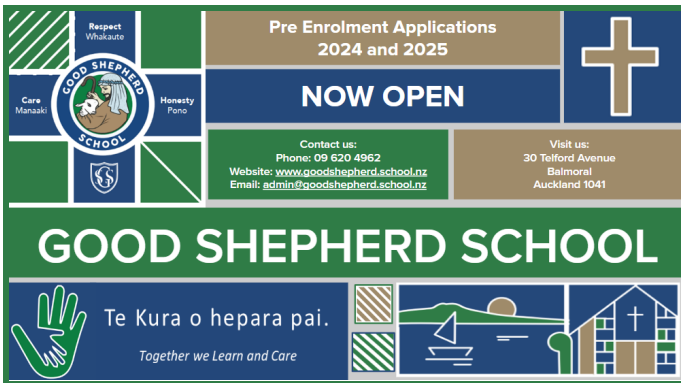


during morning tea and lunchtime breaks.

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.

Enrolments at Good Shepherd School



The banner features the school's logo on the left with the words 'Respect Whakautu', 'Care Mānaki', and 'Honesty Pono'. The main text reads 'Pre Enrolment Applications 2024 and 2025' and 'NOW OPEN'. It includes contact information: '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' with an illustration of a hand and a school building.

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.



The screenshot shows the Enrolmy interface. At the top, it says 'ENROLMY'. Below that is a banner for 'Good Shepherd Primary School, Balmoral, Auckland' with a rainbow in the background. There are buttons for 'Click for email', 'Click for phone', 'Visit website', and 'SEE ACTIVITIES'. Below the banner, there is a section titled 'About Good Shepherd Primary School, Balmoral, Auckland' with a brief description and the school's motto: 'Our motto is "Together we Learn and Care"'. There is also a 'Find Us ...' section with social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and Email.

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, Pizza 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.



The last pizza day for the year will be on Tuesday 12th December. Orders are taken online only via Kindo. Orders will close at 6pm on Thursday 7th December.

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.



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

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](https://www.ticketmaster.co.nz)