

Update...



Te Kura o Hepara Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakaute
Honesty Pono*

30 November/ Whiringa-ā-rangi 2023

Upcoming Dates

6 December	End of Year Mass
11 December	Reports Home
13 December	Farewell Assembly (note changed date)
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

Special Character Good Shepherd Awards



Uiti Lemana - Outstanding leadership in Kapa Haka.

Jacob Peiris - Always being polite, working hard, and showing initiative.

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 are 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

Our apologies but there will not be a principal's open office this week.

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.

Library

Please return all library books to the library by the end of week 9. The library will be closed in week 10. Have a good look around home for any overdue library books hidden away.

Sport

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

We had a fantastic day at the Eden/Albert Athletics Zones on Tuesday at Margaret Griffen Park. We had a team of 20 students representing Good Shepherd School and competing in a variety of events. The whole team did extremely well and we had some amazing results.



In & Around School

Mitey

Community Involvement

Parents and the whole school community are an integral part of Mitey's approach and, as with all our learning, your engagement and support are a key aspect of educating our students. So we welcome any feedback or questions you may have regarding the Mitey programme. Please feel free to email Heather McLeod on hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz with your questions or comments.

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.



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.

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

AVAILABLE NOW! GET IN QUICK!

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. 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

Information for Whānau

A Special Farewell Assembly

We would like to invite our Good Shepherd whānau to join us for an assembly at **1:15pm on Wednesday 13 December**, to celebrate our principal Jane Hahn; and to wish her well for her future adventures. **Please note the change of date from the previous day.**

After the assembly we will serve a light afternoon tea, including a drink and biscuit for the tamariki. For this we need an indication of numbers, so please RSVP to Chelsea: admin@goodshepherd.school.nz. Please let Chelsea know if you would like to bring a plate of food for the afternoon tea. Ngā mihi.

Good Shepherd Christmas Concert Thursday 14 December

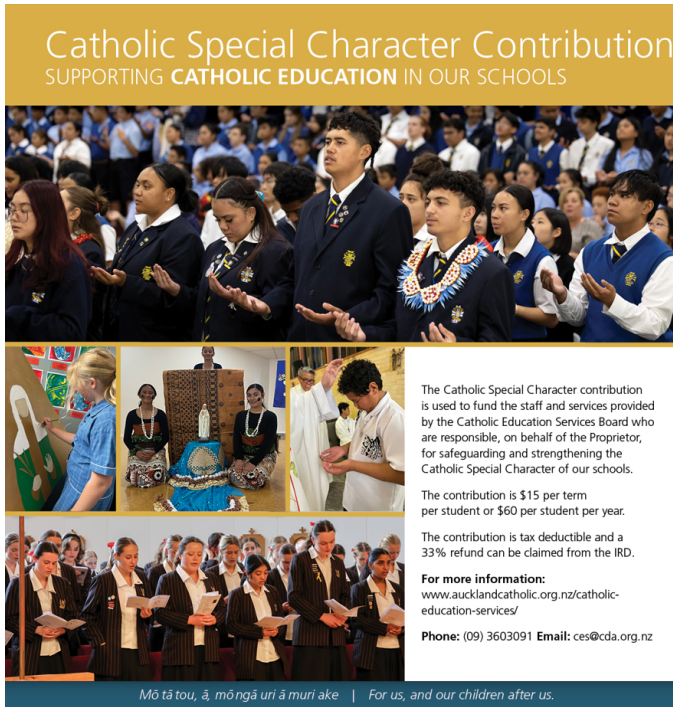


5.30pm children report to teacher - concert to begin at 6.00pm

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 2024



Catholic Special Character Contribution
SUPPORTING CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN OUR SCHOOLS

The Catholic Special Character contribution is used to fund the staff and services provided by the Catholic Education Services Board who are responsible, on behalf of the Proprietor, for safeguarding and strengthening the Catholic Special Character of our schools.

The contribution is \$15 per term per student or \$60 per student per year.

The contribution is tax deductible and a 33% refund can be claimed from the IRD.

For more information:
www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-education-services/
Phone: (09) 3603091 **Email:** ces@cda.org.nz

Mō tātou, ā, mō ngā uri ā muri ake | For us, and our children after us.

Attendance Dues Primary School Y0 - Y8 will be increasing in 2024 to \$129 per term (\$516 per year) including GST.

The Catholic Special Character contribution will be increasing and is a voluntary donation of \$15.00 per term (\$60.00 per annum) per student.

Attendance Dues 2023 Due 04 December 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.

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

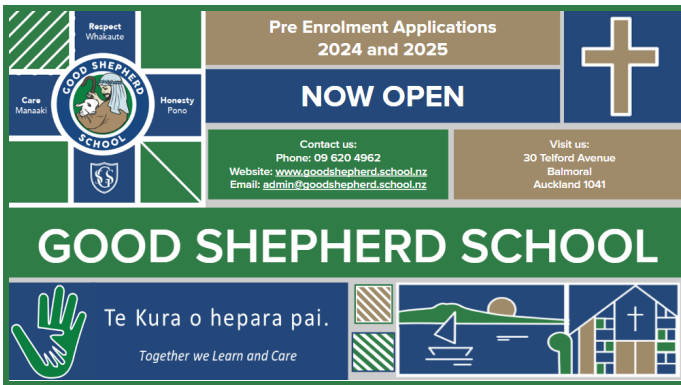
If a child does not bring their hat to school they must stay in the shade during morning tea and lunchtime breaks.



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



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Pre Enrolment Applications
2024 and 2025

NOW OPEN

Contact us:
Phone: 09 620 4962
Website: www.goodshepherd.school.nz
Email: gadmin@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.

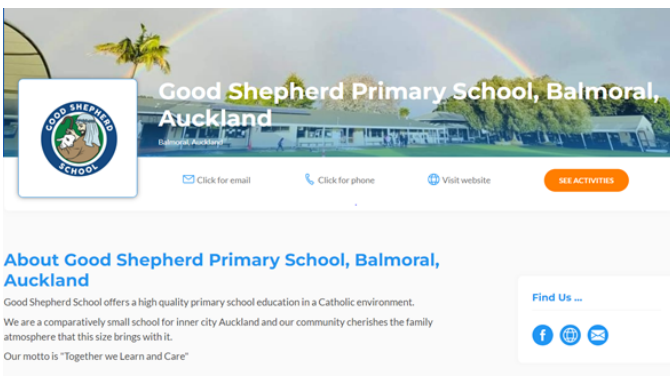
Procedure for dealing with concerns and complaints at Good Shepherd School

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.

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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"

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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.