

Update...



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakaute
Honesty Pono*

07 December/ Hakihea 2023



Upcoming Dates

11 December	Reports Home
13 December	Farewell Assembly (<i>note changed date</i>)
14 December	Christmas Concert
15 December	End of Term 4 (<i>2pm finish</i>)

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



Leann Valde - For trying very hard with her learning and always showing the Good Shepherd Way.

Heilala Taukolo - For always being polite, trying hard with her learning and for always having a big smile on her face.

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

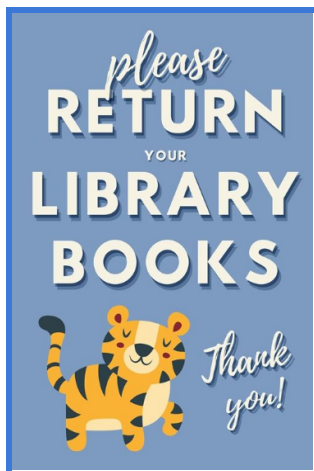
Our apologies but there will not be a principal's open office this week.

Swimming Pool LAST DAYS TO GET A KEY

Tuesday 12 December is the last day to get a school pool key. Please find the hire form link [Here](#) or at the school office. **WE STILL NEED** a couple more helpers to look after the pool during the summer season. Sharyn has advised that if we have no volunteers the school pool will have to close during that time frame. The volunteers are all on a roster taking turns, the jobs will take approximately 30 mins. Sharyn will show you what needs to be done **PLUS** you get free access to the pool.

Library

Please return all library books to the library by the end of week 9. There will be no more issuing this week, the library is only open for returns and browsing. The library will be closed in week 10. Have a good look around home for any overdue library books hidden away. Also, please return all school readers by the end of this week.



In & Around School Mitey

Community Involvement

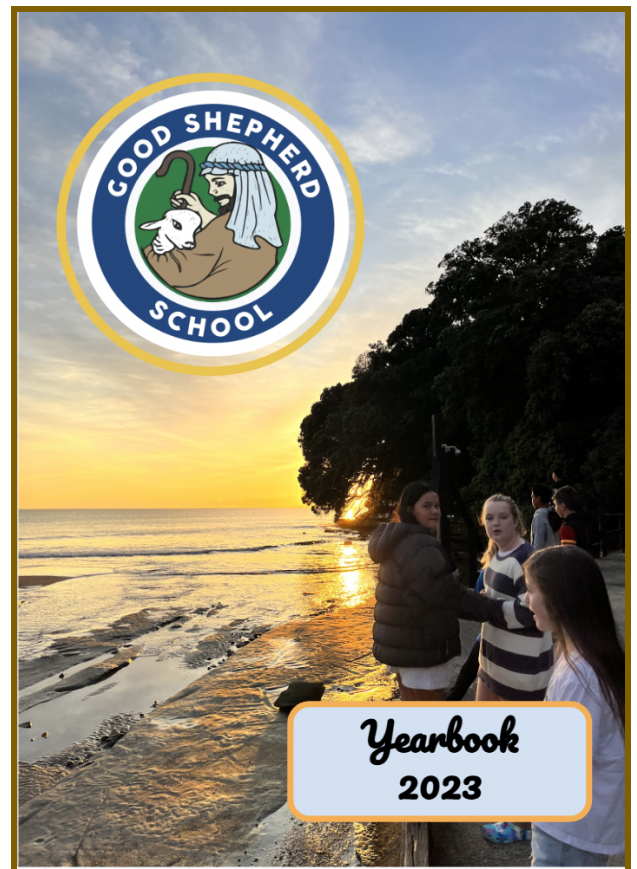
Parents and the whole school community are an integral part of Mitey's approach and, as with all our learning, your engagement and support are a key aspect of educating our students. So we welcome any feedback or questions you may have regarding the Mitey programme. Please feel free to email Heather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

YEARBOOKS SELLING FAST AND NEARLY HERE!!!

Our 2023 Yearbook provides you with a permanent and colourful record of our students and their activities at school. Every single child is celebrated in this glossy, professionally bound book, with pages dedicated to each class, and special recognition for our leavers. Drop into the school office early next week - and see the yearbook for yourself.

Yearbooks cost \$25 and can be purchased on [Kindo](#). To open a Kindo account please follow this [link](#) and select join up. You can also purchase your book with cash.

Please note that pre-ordered yearbooks will be given out to children at school, and they will probably want to autograph them. Please notify Chelsea or Ilana if you prefer to pick up your unblemished yearbook directly from the office.



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. We also farewell Michelle Taylor at this time.

Please note the change of date.

After the assembly we will serve a light afternoon tea, including a drink and biscuit for the tamariki. If you would like to provide a plate for this occasion, please drop it to the meeting room on Wednesday morning. Thank you.

Good Shepherd Christmas Concert Thursday 14 December



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

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.



Year Six Leaving Party

Earlier this week all **year six** students were sent home with an invitation to the 2023 leavers pool party. Please contact Fleur Roberts if you would like further information.


A colorful invitation for a pool party. It features illustrations of pool toys like a lifebuoy, a beach ball, and a pool float. The text is centered and reads: 'Please Join Us For A POOL Party GSS Year Six Leaving Party. The time has come, our children are leaving GSS ☺ Let's have a party so the children can all have one last celebration. FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER POINT ERIN POOLS 94 SHELLY BEACH ROAD, HERNE BAY 3.30PM TILL 5.30PM \$15 PER CHILD. Roberts_fleur@hotmail.com Mobile-021388646 message me for the whats app group chat Bank acc number: 12 -3629-0145729-02'.

Little Shepherds Morning Gathering

A colorful invitation for a morning gathering. It features a rainbow and clouds in the background. The text is centered and reads: 'GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL Little GSS Shepherds Come Along! We would like to invite any parents with little ones to a coffee and gathering. We will have coffee and treats provided while your little ones can play in a safe space. Come along after the school drop off on Friday & meet other parents & caregivers within our wonderful Good Shepherd community. FRIDAY 08 DECEMBER 2023 Good Shepherd Staffroom. Inside the school office and upstairs 9.00AM - 10.00AM'.

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

OVERDUE NOW

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 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!**

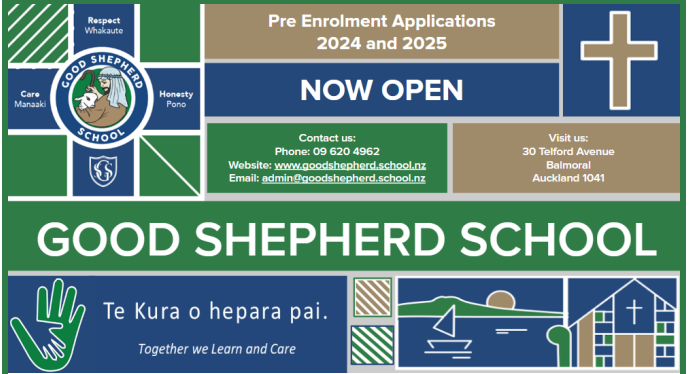
If a child does not bring their hat to school they must stay in the shade during morning tea and lunchtime breaks.



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: 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.

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.



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.

Little GSS Shepherds Morning Gathering



GSS PTA NEWS

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



Orders are taken online via [Kindo](#). Reminder to parents that when you order successfully from Kindo you will receive a confirmation email.

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.



ORDERS CLOSE TONIGHT 6PM!!!!

The last pizza day for the year will be on Tuesday 12th December. Orders are taken online only via Kindo.

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

LAST DAY FOR MOOSIES 2023 IS THIS FRIDAY!!



Moosies cost 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.



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- » Jumping
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Summer Clubnights
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Margaret Griffen Park

www.roskillathletics.com

The banner features three circular images: a runner in a red uniform, a young girl in a blue shirt, and a runner in a red and white uniform.