



### Te Kura o Heparā Pai

Care Manaakitanga  
Respect Whakautē  
Honesty Pono

## Newsletter 01

01 February/ Hui-tanguru 2024

### From the Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Once again I extend a warm welcome to our whānau for the 2024 school year. The term started with a very special pōwhiri where I was welcomed to the Good Shepherd Community. Having representatives from the Good Shepherd school community, Maungawhau school community and our Church community, made this a very moving and memorable event. Thank you to Heather McLeod who coordinated this event from our school end and you can read more about this and the details of the event later in the newsletter.

Thank you for sending your children to school each day with their hats and I would like to praise the children for making good decisions in choosing to take breaks from the sunshine and spend time in shaded areas during morning tea and lunch.

There has been a great hum in the classrooms and buzz in the playground as the children have settled into the new school year nicely. I have enjoyed the children greeting me with big smiles and telling me all about themselves, their interests and what they love about school! The school value of respect has been very visible in the playground through how the children have treated each other when engaging in play, interacting with their peers and staff.

Our year 6 children left for their five day camp at the Marine Education and Recreation Centre at Long

Bay on Monday 29 January. They have worked well together to step out of their comfort zones and to take on new challenges. This camp provides a great platform for our year 6 tamariki to step up and become our school leaders for 2024. To see photos and updates of what they have been up to, head to our school facebook page.

Ngā mihi,

Ben Fahey

### Upcoming Dates

29 Jan - 02 Feb	Year 6 Camp
02 February	Sacramental Enrolments Closes
06 February	Waitangi Day (School Closed)
07 February	Sacramental Whanau Meeting 6.30pm
08 February	St Peters Music Lessons Presentation 3pm
10 February	Whole School Mass/ Picnic 6pm
14 February	Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass 9.30am
20 February	GSS Swimming Carnival Year 3 - 6
20 February	St Peter's Open Day
21 February	PTA Meeting
27 February	Eden/Albert Swimming Zones
05 March	Eden/Albert Touch Zones
06 March	Reconciliation 6pm
07 March	St Paul's Open Day
17 March	Feast of St. Patrick
19 March	Feast of St. Joseph 9.30am Mass
19 March	GSS Tabloid Sports 11.30am
20 March	Eden/Albert Cricket Zones
26 March	Three-Way Conferences
27 March	Three-Way Conferences
29 March	Good Friday (School Closed)
31 March	Easter Sunday
01 April	Easter Monday (School Closed)
02 April	Easter Tuesday (School Closed)
12 April	Term 1 Ends
29 April	Term 2 Starts

Please look carefully, as some of these dates have changed

### 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

#### 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 the school office [admin@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz)

### **Sacramental Programme 2024**

The deadline for accepting applications for the 2024 Sacramental programme is Friday February 2 2024. 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 the school office [admin@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz)



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

*Benjamin Boucher  
Jack Buckthought  
Isaac D'Souza  
Levi Foskin  
Silongou'a Fotofili  
Leonardo Hodgson  
Racheline Jisha Rojin  
Mathews Jomon  
Edmund Kennerley  
Abigail Liz  
Liam Menezes  
Ezra Montague  
Ramona Pearce  
Jacob Peiris  
Madeleine Rewcastle  
Louie Rooke  
Samuel Tanginoa  
Saxon Wilkinson  
Veronica Yu*



We extend a very warm welcome to the following students and their families who started with us Recently:

*Saxon Wilkinson  
Willow Poland  
Edgar Dipin  
Emlen Wetzell  
Isaac D'Souza  
Ari Lovelace  
Kieran Budd  
Andrew Liu  
Ryan & Samuel Lin*

### **In & Around School**

#### **Pōwhiri to Welcome Mr Ben Fahey**

A huge thank you to our Good Shepherd whānau, who came together on Tuesday morning to welcome our new principal, Mr Ben Fahey. The pōwhiri was a special occasion for everyone involved and we also wanted to acknowledge the contributions from Kaumatua Bobby Newson, Monsignor Bernard Kiely, Matua Tainui and Ms Parry for helping to make it so successful. Thank you also to Sr Sian Owen, the director of Pastoral Services for the Diocese who also attended. She is a Josephite Sister whose Order was founded by St Mary Mackillop. Her sisters founded Good Shepherd school in 1912. The Maungawhau school staff were also in attendance and represented the manuhiri. It was great to see so many members of our school and faith community be able to join us. Here are a few photos from the pōwhiri:





**And the Golden Weather Continues at Camp Awesome!!**



**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](mailto:hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz) with your questions or comments.

**Information for Whānau**

**Class Placements 2024**

With the exception of some of our year 5, and all of our year 6 children who will find out their placements on Monday; all of our tamariki are settled into their new classrooms and their learning.

As you are aware, class placements for 2024 are final. We appreciate the trust you show in our professional judgement by not requesting changes. We are of course, very open to discussing student wellbeing within their class, but we do request that you allow your child plenty of time to settle in first, as we have found that many issues resolve themselves without intervention.

Room	Teacher	Year Groups
2	Lana Nimmo	Years 0/1
3	Sarah Carlsen	Years 1/2
4	Bronwyn Williams	Years 1/2
5	Tainui Singh-Clark	Years 2/3
6	Carla Butcher	Years 5/6
7	Cathrine Kaur	Years 5/6
8	Rhiannon Williams	Years 3/4
9	Fengmei Li	Years 4/5

### WhatsApp and Facebook

WhatsApp and Facebook are excellent ways for whānau to keep in touch together. Classroom WhatsApp addresses **will not change** this year - you will need to leave your child's 2023 class group, and join their 2024 one. Please find the information sheet with instructions here.



[GSS WhatsApp and Facebook Information.pdf](#)

### Attendance Dues 2024

Attendance dues for 2024 will be sent out in the next week by email to each family. Please contact the office if you would like to set up a payment plan [accounts@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:accounts@goodshepherd.school.nz).

**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/](http://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.

### Good Shepherd Uniform

ALL children are expected to be in their full **Summer Uniform** in Terms 1 and 4.

This includes black sandals and a navy 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.

Children with long hair **MUST** have their hair tied back, during school hours. A watch and plain silver or gold ear studs are the only jewellery permitted with the school uniform.

Uniforms are purchased through Elizabeth Michael Uniforms. Online orders can be made through Elizabeth Michael's website with the code GS132. We do keep a supply of second hand uniforms for purchase at the school office for \$5 per item

## Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

Respect Whakautu	Pre Enrolment Applications 2024 and 2025	
Care Manaaki	<b>NOW OPEN</b>	
Honesty Pono	Contact us: Phone: 09 620 4962 Website: <a href="http://www.goodshepherd.school.nz">www.goodshepherd.school.nz</a> Email: <a href="mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz">admin@goodshepherd.school.nz</a>	Visit us: 30 Telford Avenue Balmoral Auckland 1041
<b>GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL</b>		
 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.

## GSS PTA NEWS



### GSS PTA AGM and Meeting

**Wednesday 21 February 7.30pm in Staff Room**

"We invite you to become part of this strong, vibrant group within our school community. The PTA is very important in helping us to provide the best possible resources for all our tamariki; it is also a great way to find out more about your school and get to know other whanau and form lifelong friendships.

The AGM and first meeting of the year will be on 21 February 2024. All parents and whanau are invited to come along. Reminder – as a parent, you are automatically a member of the PTA. If you want to contribute to the proceedings – just come along!

The AGM is where our PTA Committee is appointed for the year ahead and the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary are available. If you are interested in a role on the Committee, please contact the School Office for more information."

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

Sushi is available to order for lunch most Fridays. The sushi is



provided by Nagoya Sushi on Morningside Drive. We also have Pizza Day twice a term. The pizzas are supplied by Dominoes in Sandringham. Orders are taken online via Kindo. If you do not have a Kindo account, it is quick and easy to set one up by going to [Kindo](#) and going to Join Up. We rely on parent volunteers to help with the collection of the pizzas/sushi.

This term, sushi will be available on the following dates:

Friday 2nd February  
Friday 9th February  
\*\*Friday 16th February  
\*\*Friday 23rd February  
\*\*Friday 1st March  
\*\*Friday 8th March  
\*\*Friday 15th March  
\*\*Friday 22nd March  
\*\*Thursday 28th March  
\*\*Friday 5th April  
Friday 12th April

Orders are open now for the sushi days for this term. They close at 8.30am on the day of delivery. You can order in advance for as many weeks as you like. You are able to cancel orders up until 8.30am on the day of the delivery.

If you are able to help with collecting and distributing the sushi on any of the asterisked dates, please contact Emma Chan [chanemmanz@gmail.com](mailto:chanemmanz@gmail.com)

This term, pizza will be available on the following dates:

Tuesday 27th February  
Tuesday 9th April - pizza

Orders are open on Kindo for the first Pizza Day and will close at 6pm on Thursday 22nd February.

Please comment below or email me at [chanemmanz@gmail.com](mailto:chanemmanz@gmail.com) if you are able to help on any of these dates.

Moosies are available most Fridays starting from next week. They cost \$2.



# St Peter's College

Mountain Road, Epsom  
Tel: 09 524 8108

Catholic School for Boys Years 7 – 13

## OPEN DAY

For year 7 Enrolments in 2025

Limited enrolments at other levels

**TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2024**  
9:30 am or 1.00 pm

in the College Hall (main school entrance – Mountain Road)  
followed by a conducted tour of the College by senior boys.  
You do not need to register.

St Peter's College provides an education in the CATHOLIC tradition by building a strong foundation in the ACADEMIC, SPORT & MUSIC areas.

The College has a dual pathway of assessment with both Cambridge International Examinations and NCEA offered at senior year levels.

*The College is well served by public transport  
from all parts of Auckland*

(Weather permitting, parking available on the top field, main entrance Mountain Road)

[www.st-peters.school.nz](http://www.st-peters.school.nz)  
"St Peter's builds outstanding men"



## ST PAUL'S COLLEGE

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YEARS 7-13 CATHOLIC CHAMPAGNAT MARIST SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## OPEN DAY

Enrolments for Years 7, 8, and 9 in 2025  
Limited enrolments at other levels

**Thursday 7th March 2024 | 9:30am or 1:45pm**

Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by a tour of the school

STPAULSCOLLEGE.CO.NZ | 183 RICHMOND ROAD, PONSONBY  
(Parking available on-site)