

# Update...



*Te Kura o Heparā Pai*

*Care Manaakitanga  
Respect Whakaute  
Honesty Pono*

**08 February/ Hui-tanguru 2024**

## Upcoming Dates

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 Sports Year 4 - 6
20 February	St Peter's Open Day
21 February	PTA Meeting
27 February	Eden/Albert Swimming Zones
27 - 29 February	Baradene Open Day ( <a href="#">Register</a> )
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 ( <b>School Closed</b> )
31 March	Easter Sunday
01 April	Easter Monday ( <b>School Closed</b> )
02 April	Easter Tuesday ( <b>School Closed</b> )
12 April	Term 1 Ends
29 April	Term 2 Starts

*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

**Whole School Prayers Tomorrow in the Church at 2:40pm**

**Parish/School Inaugural Mass Saturday 10 February, 6pm**

We are looking forward to gathering as a Good Shepherd community to ask God's blessing on our school year. All of our tamariki are expected to attend the Mass as part of our special character. There will be a picnic on the school grounds at 5pm. Bring along a picnic blanket and some kai to enjoy before the Mass.

Remember that all tamariki will need to be in their GSS school uniform, and can be seated with their whānau during Mass.

**Special Character**

**Whole School Prayer Time**

This year we are changing how we celebrate prayers as a whole school. This will now take place on a Friday afternoon, once a fortnight. **The first prayer time will be this Friday. It will begin at 2.40pm in the church.** Whānau are more than welcome to attend. There will still be a class leading the prayer time and the Good Shepherd Award will be handed out at this time as well.



**Whole School Prayers in Term One:**

Weeks 2 & 4 - Room 7  
Week 6 - Room 9  
Week 8 - Room 3  
Week 10 - Room 6

Children will bring their bags to the church and teachers will dismiss them from there. This occasion will replace our prayer time on a Monday morning.

Our whole school prayer time will alternate with class assemblies on a Friday afternoon. Assemblies will still take place on the turf, weather permitting.

### Assemblies in Term One:

Week 3 - Room 9

Week 5 - Room 3

Week 7 - Room 5

## SYNOD ZOOM-IN

Come to an online Zoom talk with the three New Zealanders who were at the 2023 Assembly of the Synod on Synodality in Rome



Synod 2021-2024  
For a synodal Church  
communio e participatio in ecclesia

Archbishop of Wellington Paul Martin, SM, St. Joseph's Levin parish Priest Fr Dennis Nacorda, and Auckland Vicar for Māori Manuel Beazley attended the Holy Father's Synod on Synodality in Rome in October as part of the Oceania group. Hear what they have to say about it as we all prepare for the Second Assembly of the Synod in Rome this coming October.



Register now to attend one of their special Zoom sessions

## 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.

## Principal's Open Office 8:30am - 9:30am

Principal's open office will open **NEXT WEEK** Friday 16 February. If you would like to see Mr Fahey please email the school office [admin@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz) to secure a time between 8:30am - 9.30am.

## In & Around School Caring Committee

If you would like to be a part of our wonderful Good Shepherd Community Caring Committee please email Chelsea at: [admin@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz) or Heather at: [hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz) The caring committee provides support to families in our community who are going through some tough times and need some extra support, e.g. meals, lunches, baking, school transport.

## Stationery

Stationery has been delivered to every student that ordered via school. We thank everyone for their cooperation and prompt payment.

## 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

### Music Lessons - NZ Modern School of Music

Music lessons with Sophia Connors have started this term. If you are interested in your child learning Piano or Guitar during school hours please fill out the form on this [link](#) or collect it from the school office. Limited spaces are available.

## 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).

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



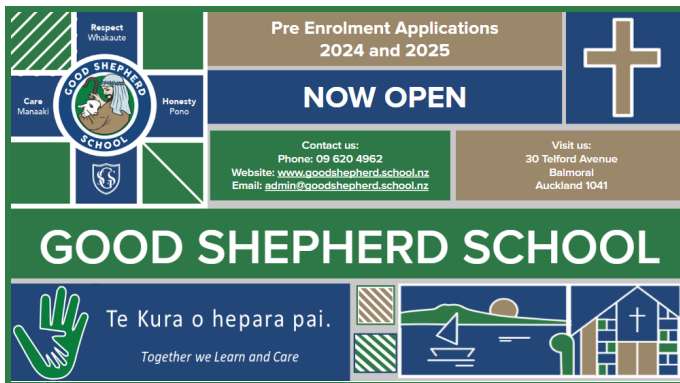
includes black sandals and a navy wide-brim hat.  
**NO BASEBALL CAPS.**

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



The banner features the school's logo on the left with the motto 'Te Kura o hepara pai. Together we Learn and Care'. The central text reads 'Pre Enrolment Applications 2024 and 2025 NOW OPEN'. Contact information includes phone number 09 620 4962, website www.goodshepherd.school.nz, and email admin@goodshepherd.school.nz. The address is 30 Telford Avenue, Balmoral, Auckland 1041.

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 whānau 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. Thanks to those who have volunteered so far. I am still on the hunt for volunteers for the following sushi dates and I also need a volunteer for one of the pizza days:



- Friday 16th February - Sushi
- Friday 23rd February - Sushi
- Tuesday 27th February - Pizza
- Friday 1st March - Sushi
- Friday 8th March - Sushi
- Friday 15th March - Sushi
- Friday 22nd March - Sushi
- Thursday 28th March - Sushi
- Friday 5th April - Sushi

Volunteers for sushi need to collect the sushi from Nagoya Sushi in Morningside after 12 noon, bring it to school, write the children's names on the packets and sort it into class baskets in time for lunch time. Pizza is the same process except the collection is from Dominoes in Sandringham.

Please email me at [chanemmanz@gmail.com](mailto:chanemmanz@gmail.com) if you are able to help. **Unfortunately we will not be able to offer sushi on the weeks that we cannot find volunteers for.**

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. Don't forget to include a fork in your child's lunchbox if you have ordered teriyaki katsu chicken on rice.

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.**

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



**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)



## Baradene College

# OPEN DAYS 2024

Tuesday 27, Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 February 2024

Tour bookings will open in February 2024  
Please refer to our website [www.baradene.school.nz](http://www.baradene.school.nz)

Baradene College of the Sacred Heart is a Catholic Girls School providing an outstanding, holistic education for Year 7-13 students, enabling them to reach their potential, and make a positive contribution to society. Baradene is part of a global network of over 140 colleges of the Sacred Heart.

Applications for Year 7 2025 are being accepted now and will close 3pm Friday, 15 March 2024.

Academic and Special Character Scholarships available.  
For enrolment information visit [www.baradene.school.nz/enrol](http://www.baradene.school.nz/enrol)

For an enrolment pack please contact Felicity Lister.  
E: [flister@baradene.school.nz](mailto:flister@baradene.school.nz)  
T: 524 6019 ext 713



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## 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"