



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

Care Manaakitanga

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Newsletter 01

15 February/ Hui-tanguru 2024

From the Principal

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Last Saturday it was lovely to have whānau join us for a picnic on the school grounds followed by our inaugural school Mass in the Good Shepherd Parish Church. The weather forecast was not great for Auckland however, the sun shone down on Balmoral that day! Thank you to Monsignor Bernard Kiely who made Mass unique to our kura and gave us much to consider as we enter the new school year. I would like to acknowledge Miss Kaur our Acting Director of Religious studies for her organisation of both our first prayer assembly of the year last Friday and her contribution towards the inaugural school Mass.

On Tuesday night the Good Shepherd team were in attendance for the annual Dedication Mass for staff in Catholic schools celebrated by Bishop Steve. This was a large event hosting up to 800 members of staff.

During our Ash Wednesday Mass Monsignor Bernard Kiely reminded children there is a yellow prayer box in front of the statue of St Joseph where children can write down prayers and place these for support from the congregation. He also encouraged children and families to take the opportunity in the morning before school starts, to say prayer in the church.

Finally, our year 6 children returned to school after a very successful five day camp at MERC, Long Bay.

Following this camp all year 6 children have been designated areas of leadership and responsibility within our kura. As a community we shall encourage and support these student leaders to motivate, inspire and be role models for the younger tamariki in our school.

Ngā mihi,
Ben Fahey

Upcoming Dates

20 February	GSS Swimming Sports Year 4 - 6
20 February	St Peter's Open Day
21 February	Y1-3 Rippa Rugby Sessions
21 February	PTA Meeting
27 February	Eden/Albert Swimming Zones
27 - 29 February	Baradene Open Day (Register)
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
22 March	Kahui Ako Conference (school closes 12pm)
26 March	Three-Way Conferences (school closes 2pm)
27 March	Three-Way Conferences
29 March	Good Friday (School Closed)
01 April	Easter Sunday
02 April	Easter Monday (School Closed)
12 April	Easter Tuesday (School Closed)
29 April	Term 1 Ends Term 2 Starts
	Whole School Prayers in Term One: Friday 2.40pm in church Weeks 2 & 4 - Room 7 Week 6 - Room 9 Week 8 - Room 3 (Thursday afternoon) Week 10 - Room 6
	Assemblies in Term One: Friday 2.15pm on turf Week 3 - Room 9 Week 5 - Room 3 Week 7 - Room 5

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

Cake Raffle!!!!

Bring along your spare coins and buy your raffle tickets before and after school. The lucky winner will be drawn at Friday's assembly.

\$2 for 1

\$5 for 3



***No more tickets sold on Kindo**

Special Character

Good Shepherd Awards



Atreo Fernando -For demonstrating love, care and honesty in all your interactions with others.

May you continue to be the shining example that you are.

Hazel Clark - You have made an effort to make everyone feel welcome in Room 3 and are doing your best to create a safe and happy place for all.

Dedication Mass for staff and Ash Wednesday at Good Shepherd



Preference of Enrolment Certificate Forms to be Signed

Parents who have preference enrolment forms to complete can visit Monsignor Bernard Kiely in the Parish office (corner of parish hall) Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 February 8:15 - 9am. If your child is baptised please bring along their baptism certificate.

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. 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

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.

LORD JESUS,

We thank you at the beginning of each day for the gift of life. Help us to use our gifts this day to help others and to make life enjoyable for all of us.

Bless each of us in our school community and help us to be the best people we can.

AMEN



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

- Jacob Cardoz
- Darin Dong
- Oliver Gullery
- Ashville Masih
- Finn O'Sullivan Blanch
- Isaiah Raumati-Greenhalgh
- Manaiki Rogerson
- Honour Tuitama

Sports

GSS Y4-6 Swimming Sports

On Tuesday 20 February we will be holding our school swimming sports for year 4 - 6 children. A notice was emailed to parents and caregivers on Monday with all the information. We are only taking children to the event who are strong and confident swimmers. Parents will be emailed to let them know if their child is competing in this event. Children have been encouraged to discuss their entries with their whanau and teachers. Races will begin at 9.45am approximately and will be finished by 1pm. The sports are being held at Jellicoe Pools in Onehunga. If you are coming to spectate there will be a small charge of \$1.60 to spectate. Children will be travelling to and from the venue by bus. If your child is attending the St Peters Open Day in the afternoon they can be picked up from the pools. Please let Mrs McLeod know if you intend to do this. hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz

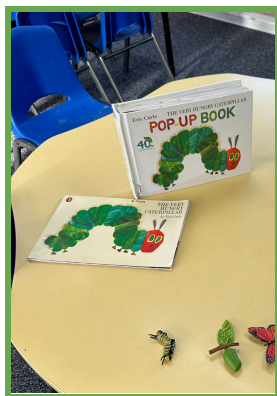
Swimming Pool - Class Roster

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9AM -11AM	ROOM 6	ROOM 6	ROOM 9	ROOM 9	ROOM 5
MORNING TEA	MORNING TEA	MORNING TEA	MORNING TEA	MORNING TEA	MORNING TEA
11.30 - 12.10	ROOM 8	ROOM 8	ROOM 7	ROOM 5	ROOM 7
12.10 - 1PM	ROOM 3			ROOM 4	ROOM 2
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1.50 - 3PM	ROOM 5	ROOM 3	ROOM 4	ROOM 2	

*If your child has had vomiting or diarrhoea please let your teacher know, as it is recommended and appreciated that your child not swim for 14 days.

In & Around School

What do Caterpillars Do All Day? - Science and Maths in Room Two..



Rippa Rugby Sessions - Year 1-3

On Wednesday 21 February all children in year 1-3 will receive a coaching session in rippa rugby by coaches from a local rugby club.

Information for Whānau

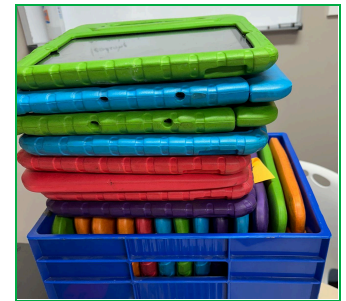
Principal's Open Office 8:30am - 9:30am

Open tomorrow Friday 16 February. If you would like to see Mr Fahey please email the school office

admin@goodshepherd.school.nz to secure a time between 8:30am - 9.30am.

iPads Available

We have a stack of old iPads that are no longer needed. In fact they are about ten years old! They still work, although they will not support any recent apps. They come with bullet proof cases but without chargers. They fit i-phone chargers.



These are free, although you are welcome to make a small donation to the school... Please see Chelsea or Megan if you would like any.

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 or Heather at: 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.

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.

Music Lessons - NZ Modern School of Music

Music lessons with Sophia Connors have started this term. Sophia's timetable is now at capacity for term 1. If you have filled out a form and Sophia hasn't been in contact, your child will be on a waitlist until a space is available.

WhatsApp and Facebook

WhatsApp and Facebook are excellent ways for whānau to keep in touch together. Classroom WhatsApp addresses **have not changed** 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](#)

Absences - MAKE SURE YOU NOTIFY US



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Please notify the school office of any student absences and the reason **before** 9:15 am on the day of absence. Notify by phone on 09 620 4962, email admin@goodshepherd.school.nz or log on to your 'School App' and notify absence. Remember to inform the school of the reason so we can code your child's absence accordingly.

Signing in Late/Signing out Students

If your child will be arriving late for school you must stop by the School Office to sign them in before you take them to class. Similarly if you are picking your child up from school for an offsite appointment you must also sign them out at the school office.

- *If you do not come through the office when your child is late, your child will not be marked on the morning roll which may result in a phone call from the office. To avoid confusion, if your child arrives **after 8.50am** ALWAYS come through the office before going to class.*

Before & After School OSCA Programme

If your child attends the OSCA programme and is enrolled during the afternoon session, Alex would appreciate it if parents contact him if your child is doing extra curricular activities during these hours such as St Peters Music Programme, sport training or pre arranged care with friends. avergis@goodshepherd.school.co.nz

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.

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

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.

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.



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.

Pizza will be available on the following dates this term:



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. They cost \$2 and can be ordered on Kindo or bring the coin to school.



If you have ordered a Moosie from Kindo, please remind your child they MUST line up outside Room 2 at lunchtime, after they are released from sitting/eating time. Moosie monitors are not able to find children and remind them.

Catholic Schools - Open Day Season



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)

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ST MARY'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Enrolments open on Monday 12 February 2024 for Year 7 and 9 students and a small number of places at other year levels.



THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2024

11 NEW STREET, PONSONBY, AUCKLAND

Commencing 2.30pm & 6.30pm
Both sessions deliver the same information
Paul Keane Gymnasium

St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions

CLOSING DATE FOR 2025 APPLICATIONS FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2024

VISIT
www.stmaryak.school.nz
FOR MORE INFORMATION



ST PAUL'S COLLEGE CONFORTARE ESTO VIR

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)



Sacred Heart College AUCKLAND

Open Day



Wednesday 28 February, 2024

Join us at our Open Day. Sessions are at 10am and 1pm, beginning with our Headmaster's welcome followed by tours of the College.

A Sacred Heart education provides a foundation of faith and an aspiration to succeed at the highest level in personal and professional life.

Places are available in Years 7 and 9 in 2025.
Boarding is available in Years 9 to 13.

Applications close **Friday 5 April, 2024.**

For further information visit our website
www.sacredheart.school.nz

Enrolments: Ph (09) 529 3660 extn 714
Email: enrolments@sacredheart.school.nz
250 West Tamaki Rd, Glendowie, Auckland



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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

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

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

Baradene College of the SACRED HEART



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic Girls School, Years 7 to 13

2025 Enrolments

Marist College is a centrally located non-zoned girls Catholic Secondary School, Years 7 to 13.

Limited Spaces are available in Year 7.
Please complete an online application.

Open Day Tours

Tuesday 5 March 2024

Tour 1 - 9am, Tour 2 - 11:30am

Wednesday 6 March 2024

Tour 1 - 9am

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