

Update...



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakaute
Honesty Pono*

22 February/ Hui-tanguru 2024

Upcoming Dates

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)
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
	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

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

Rest In Peace - Frances Macedo



On February 21 2024 our Parish and School community lost someone who holds a dear place in our hearts. Our condolences to the family and friends of Frances Macedo. Many of us have had interactions with Frances who worked with Monsignor Bernard for the last 25 years. Frances will always be remembered for being gifted in her work behind the scenes of the parish, her kindness and compassion, an amazing sense of humour and we can't forget her love of cats. We will miss seeing your smile in the office. Our prayers and thoughts are also with Monsignor Bernard. Thank you for your faithful service to Good Shepherd Parish and School Frances.



“May the Lord bless her and keep her
May the Lord make his face shine on her
and be gracious to her;
May the Lord turn his face toward her and
give her peace.”

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.

Sports

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

Year 4 Swimming Intensive

All year 4 children will be participating in a 2 week intensive swimming programme during week 5 and 6 of term 1. This will begin on Monday 26 February and end on Friday 8 March. The programme will be run in our school pool everyday. Every child is expected to participate, as this is a very important part of our school sports and physical education curriculum. A notice was sent home to all year 4 parents this week.

GSS Year 4-6 Swimming Sports

A huge congratulations to the children who competed in our swimming sports on Tuesday morning. There was a lot of talent on display and everyone competed really hard to complete their swimming races.



Eden/Albert Swimming Zones

This event will take place on Tuesday 27 February at Dio pools, beginning at 9.30am.

Information for Whānau

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

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.

Head Lice

Head Lice or Nits are unwanted visitors in the household and classroom. Swimming season is in full force so please remember to regularly check your child's hair and treat it if necessary as this prevents the spread of Head Lice. Information about how to treat can be found in the following links:

[Ministry of Education - Head Lice](#)

Swimming Caps Available to Purchase

Swimming caps can be purchased from the School office for \$6. Payment is done online. All children must wear swimming caps if they participate in any school pool activity.



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.

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.

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 shortly to each family by email. (Apologies for the delay in getting this out to you.) 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

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.

GSS PTA NEWS



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

PIZZA ORDERS CLOSE TONIGHT 6PM!!!!

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](https://www.kindo.co.nz) 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

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 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

CLOSING DATE FOR 2025 APPLICATIONS
FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2024

VISIT
www.stmaryak.school.nz
FOR MORE INFORMATION

St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions

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)

 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.**

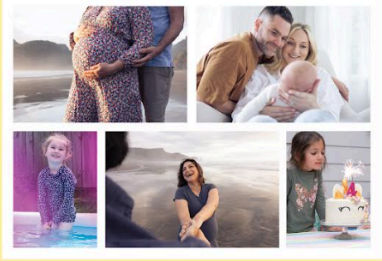


For further information visit our website
www.sacredheart.school.nz

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



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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

www.maristcollege.school.nz



NETBALL IS BACK

Come give it a go!



We are thrilled to be hosting our 2024 futureFERNs 'Give it a Go' days at two venues this year - St John's and Windmill Park. No registration is required for your child - simply bring them along to our free session to learn new skills, play netball, and have fun! No netball experience is needed, and all boys and girls are welcome (Years 1-8), so it's a perfect chance for the whole family to come along together.

St John's Session

Saturday 9th March
1pm - 3.30pm
Years 1 - 8
7 Allison Ferguson Drive, St John's

Mount Eden Session

Saturday 16th March
1pm - 3.30pm
Years 1 - 8
48 Windmill Road, Mount Eden

You can expect:

- Games, skills, and matchplay
- Our cafe open
- Ice creams
- Spot prizes
- Q&A opportunities for parents

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- ✓ Girls Rugby
- ✓ Ripa Rugby
- ✓ Under 6 to Under 17s

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