

# Update...



*Te Kura o Heparā Pai*

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**07 March/ Poutū-te-rangi 2024**

## Upcoming Dates

13 March	Year 5-6 Non-Competitive Swimming Activity
15 March	Little Shepherds (Toddlers & Parents 9am-10am)
15 March	St Patrick's Day - <b>Wear GREEN</b>
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 ( <b>school closes 12pm</b> )
26 March	Three-Way Conferences ( <b>school closes 2pm</b> )
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
<b>Whole School Prayers in Term One:</b>	
<b>Friday 2.40pm in church</b>	
Week 6 - Room 9 ( <b>note 2.30pm start for leadership badge presentation</b> ).	
Week 8 - Room 3 ( <b>Thursday afternoon</b> )	
Week 10 - Room 6	
<b>Assemblies in Term One:</b>	
<b>Friday 2.15pm on turf</b>	

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

**Whole School Prayer Time and Leadership Badge Presentation**



Reminder that our whole school prayers now take place on a Friday afternoon, once a fortnight. Whānau are more than welcome to attend. Classes take turns leading the prayer and the Good Shepherd Awards are handed out at this time as well.

Older children are dismissed from the church, while younger children are collected from their classrooms as usual.

The Friday prayer alternates with class assemblies on a Friday afternoon. Assemblies will still take place on the turf, weather permitting.

Please note that our Year 6 leaders will be receiving their leadership badges during our prayer tomorrow. We will therefore start at the earlier time of 2.30pm.

### 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.

### 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) Friday 08 March 8:15am-9:15am. Please bring along your child's

baptism certificate if they were not baptised at Good Shepherd.

## Sports

### Year 5 & 6 Fun Swimming Morning

**Wednesday 13 March from 9-11am**

This fun event is for the year 5 and 6 children who **didn't attend** the swimming sports at Jellicoe Pools in February. Those children have been given a notice about this.

### St Joseph's Day Tabloids

**Week 8 - Tuesday 19 March** - On this day we celebrate St Joseph's Day with some fun tabloid sports in our house groups. Children can bring some sports clothes to change into that day. They need to wear their school uniform to school, as we will be attending mass in the morning. They can get changed at morning tea time. If the juniors have clothes in their house colours they can bring those to wear.

### Eden/Albert Cricket Zones

**Week 8 - Wednesday 20 March** at Cornwall Park Cricket Club

### Good Shepherd Netball is Back Starting in Term 2!

Netball is a great team sport for boys and girls. The winter season starts in Term 2, Year 1 to Year 6 are all welcome to register their interest in the link below. [REGISTER HERE](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Aimee Greenhough on 021-763-002 or [aimee@ingoodcompany.co.nz](mailto:aimee@ingoodcompany.co.nz).

Not sure if Netball is for you, there is a Give it a Go Day next Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at Windmill Road. See details in the flyer below.



**NETBALL IS BACK**  
COME GIVE IT A GO!

FREE SESSIONS

We are thrilled to be hosting our 2024 futureFERNs 'Give it a Go' days. No registration required - simply come along to our free session to learn new skills, play netball, and have fun!

St Johns Session	Windmill Park Session
Date: Saturday 9th March	Date: Saturday 16th March
Time: 1pm - 3:30pm	Time: 1pm - 3:30pm
Ages: Year 1-8 (boys & girls) no experience required	Ages: Year 1-8 (boys & girls) no experience required
Location: 7 Allison Ferguson Drive	Location: 48 Windmill Road



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Caitlin, Development Program Officer

T: 09 280 4129

E: [development@ Aucklandnetball.co.nz](mailto:development@ Aucklandnetball.co.nz)



## In & Around School

### St Patrick's Day

On **Friday 15 March (week 7)** children can wear anything green to school to celebrate St Patrick's Day. They can either wear all green clothes or their school uniform with green accessories. It's not a colourful clothes day, only green!!!! If they don't have anything green to wear or any green accessories, they just wear their school uniform to school.

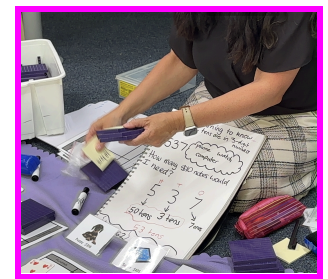
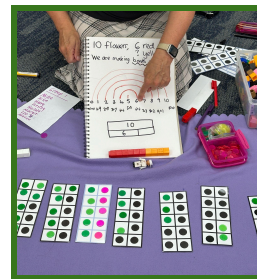


### Garden Club



This week at the garden club we were able to reap the benefits of what we'd sown! As a reward for all

the hard work we had done in caring for the gardens, we had chips made from the potatoes we harvested last week. A special thanks to Andrea Hannay for all the extra work she did in preparing and cooking the chips. The children peeled and cut the potatoes and Andrea cooked them for us. The best part was eating the chips - yummy! Everyone agreed that they were truly delicious 😊



### 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](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz) to secure a time between 8:30am - 9.30am.

### Caring Committee



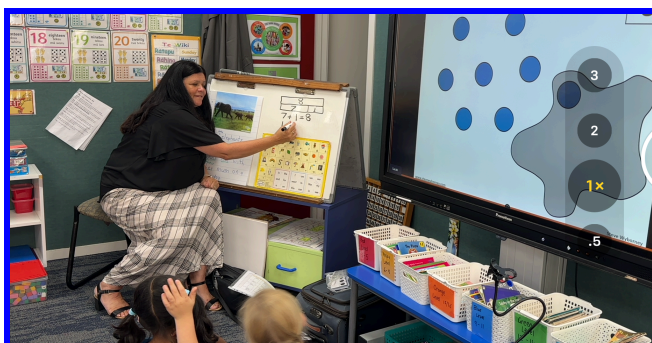
If you would like to be a part of our wonderful Good Shepherd Community Caring Committee please email Chelsea at: [admin@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz) or Heather at: [hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz)  
The caring committee provides 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.

### 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

### Everyone is Learning!

Great to have Marie Hirst back again this year. Marie is working alongside our kaiako to make maths even more enjoyable and educational for our tamariki!



[hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto: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](mailto: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.nz](mailto:avergis@goodshepherd.school.nz).

### Attendance Dues 2024

Attendance dues for 2024 have been sent out by email to each family. Please click on this [link](#) for more information. If you would like to set up a payment plan, please contact Ilana in the office by email [accounts@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:accounts@goodshepherd.school.nz) or stop by to make arrangements.

### 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

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Pre Enrolment Applications  
2024 and 2025

**NOW OPEN**

Contact us:  
Phone: 09 620 4962  
Website: [www.goodshepherd.school.nz](http://www.goodshepherd.school.nz)  
Email: [admin@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz)

Visit us:  
30 Telford Avenue  
Balmoral  
Auckland 1041

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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



"We make the difference"

The Good Shepherd PTA had its first meeting of the year, and AGM, on 21 February. We congratulate the following parents on their election as office holders and thank them for their service to the school:

**Sarah Diver**- Chairperson

**Aimee Greenhough** - Vice-Chairperson

**Daniella Holschier & Madeleine Langley** - Share the role of Secretary

**Andrew Whale** - Treasurer

## Little Shepherds - Come Along!!



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.

**The NEXT Pizza Day** will be on the following date this term: Tuesday 09 April.

**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.

## Advertisements

### Sea Week 01 March - 10 March 2024

Free events happening all around Auckland, including an event at MERC (where we went to camp). Sea MERC Day - Sunday 10 March 11.30am - 3.00pm Link can be found here: [SEAWEEK](#)

Celebrate Connecting with our Seas		Auckland Events March 1-10		Full event details: <a href="http://seaweek.org.nz">seaweek.org.nz</a>
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> Seashore Explore	Sir Peter Blake MERC, Long Bay 5:30 - 8p	Explore intertidal rock pools team MERC and learn about the marine life!	
Saturday	Coastival	Western Reserve, Orewa 11am-4p	Collaborative event where MERC is offering free stand up paddleboarding	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lynfield Cove Cleanup	Lynfield Cove Beach, Auckland 9:30-12p	Friends of Wairaki Stream Seaweed clean-up followed by free pizza	
	Undersea Landscapes	Te Manawa, Westgate 2-4p	Create an under the sea diorama with upcycled materials with Re-Creators	
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Goat Island Snorkel Day	Cape Rodney-Okakari Pt Marine Reserve, Leigh 10:30 - 3:30p	Guided snorkel tours hosted by Experiencing Marine Reserves	
	Wonderful World of Marine Food Webs	Whangateau Harbour 12-3:30p	Free guided snorkel tours hosted by Experiencing Marine Reserves	
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup> Seaweed Sunset Groove Session	Point Chevalier Beach 6:30-8:30p	Silent disco on the beach & activities with Papaya Stories for Seaweed	
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> Fish & Ocean Puppets for Seaweed	Mt Roskill Library 3:30-5:30p	Craft cute puppets and chat about sea creatures with the Re-Creators.	
	Wonderful World of Marine Food Webs	East Coast Bays Library, Browns Bay, 5:30-6:30p	Marine food web themed interactive learning & crafts with MERC educators	
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> Tree Rescue	Wairau Estuary, Milford 9:30-12:30p	Help out Conservation Volunteers NZ with weeding a coastal restoration area	
	Marine Food Webs & Upcycled Sea Creatures	Mahurangi East Library, Snells Beach, 10a - 3p drop-in crafts	Interactive learning & craft session with Tinker Designs, upcycling items into art!	
	Wonderful World of Marine Food Webs	Orewa Library 1-2p	Marine food web themed interactive learning & crafts with MERC educators	
	Paper Mache Sea Creatures	Otahuhu Library 10-12p	Make sea creatures from paper mache with the Re-Creators!	
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> Discover Takapuna Reef	Takapuna Beach 10-3p	EMR Collaborative event includes: guided snorkel, paddling, reef exploration & more	
	Sea MERC Day	Sir Peter Blake MERC, Long Bay 12-4p	Free water activities, marine education activities & more	



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