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Update...

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29 August/ Here-turi-kōkā 2024

Upcoming Dates

30 August	GSS Speech Finals
3-6 Sept	Maritime Museum Trips
11 Sept	Catholic Schools Cross Country
13 Sept	Grandparents Day / School/Parish Mass
16-20 Sept	EPro8 for Year 6
23-27 Sept	Life Education Caravan at GSS
	Whole School Prayers in Term Three: Friday 2.45pm in church Week 7 - Rm 6 Week 9 - Rm 3
	Class Assemblies in Term Three: Friday 2.15pm on the turf Week 6 - Rm 2 Week 8 - Grandparents Day

Please look carefully, as some of these dates have changed

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Term Dates 2025

Term	Start	Finish
1	Tuesday 28 January	Friday 11 April
2	Monday 28 April	Friday 27 June
3	Monday 14 July	Friday 19 September
4	Monday 06 October	Friday 12 December

Te Kupu o te Wiki

Our kupu hou ki te wiki (new word for the week) is...

Kura

Kura means school. You could use it in a sentence like this:

"He pai tōku kura" which means "My school is good". We are looking forward to Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori in Week 9 of this term.



Cake Raffle Week



Room 2 cake raffle - Bring your spare coins.
Available before & after school.
\$2 for 1 ticket or \$5 for 3.

Special Character First Holy Communion

Last Sunday a number of our rangatahi received a very important sacrament of initiation and made their First Holy Communion. It was a wonderful day and so nice to see so many of our Good Shepherd community there to celebrate. Let's keep the candidates in our prayers as they continue with their faith journey.



Catholic Character Review Whānau Survey

As a part of our triannual and upcoming Catholic Character Review in week 8 the diocese would like to gather some community voice. Please take the opportunity to complete [this form](#) to help with Good Shepherd's participation in this.

Māori Mass

MIHA MĀORI
-Māori Mass-

Taite 19 Hevetema
19th September
6.00 pm
Christ the King Church
Owairaka

Nau mai haere mai ki te Kāhui ako Miha Māori.

Join us in celebrating our Māori community within our Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako with a Māori Mass. Students from across our 15 schools will be participating in the mass. Light refreshments will be provided.
-All are welcome to attend-

Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako

Good Shepherd Parish Mass times

We encourage all families to attend Mass together, particularly those children who have completed the Sacramental programme. Sunday Mass is at **9.30am.**

Good Shepherd Parish Balmoral, Auckland Parish Secretary – Part-time

Looking for a rewarding, part-time secretarial role?
Good Shepherd Parish, Balmoral is looking for a friendly, confident, computer- and accounts-savvy person for 15 hours a week to keep the parish's admin and finances ticking over.

Please forward your CV and covering letter (along with two professional referees) to:
Jane Hahn
Email: janehahnnz@gmail.com

By Monday 2 September.

Sport Chess Champions

On Monday 12 August our tamariki that participate in chess, competed in the school Chess Championship held at lunchtime in the school hall. This was overseen by their chess teacher Mr McLaren. Congratulations to our school champions.

1ST PLACE - HUGO MADARASZ
2ND PLACE - AARON LIU

3RD PLACE - KIERAN BUDD

Chess Lessons - Semester Three

The final block of 10 lessons with Chess Master Mr. McLaren begins Monday 2nd of September for children who have played chess before and are in Years 3 - 6. The tamariki that participate in these lessons will sit official NZCF tests with those passing having another opportunity to earn badges and certificates.

Chess fees are \$50 for this semester and will be added to your child's 2024 school dues statement. Please enrol by clicking this [link](#)

In and Around School

Reminder to check out our [Highlights site](#) for even more photos and events from GSS....



We extend a very warm welcome to the following student and whānau who started with us recently:

Hilde Greenhough

School Trip to Maritime Museum

Immigration and Identity PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Why do people migrate? What are the driving forces that influence people to leave?

Experience the journeys of immigrants from the past and get your sea legs in the 1841 rocking cabin. Beginning with the story of our first people, this Educator-led workshop will lead you on a journey through time to today's migrants. Together we will discover how people migrate and most importantly why. Students will reflect on their own whanau origins, their reasons for migrating, and their impact on the changing face of Aotearoa New Zealand. The workshop is complemented by a self-guided immigration trail that explores the Museum's taonga including Te Waka, an animated short film showing the Pacific migration of the early Polynesians. Students will work in small groups, led by their adult supervisors, to follow their own interests and learn

at their own pace. **Students will also get to go sailing on a sailing ship with the instructors.**

Programme timetable.

From	Group 1	Group 2
10:00 am	Arrival, orientation & morning tea	
10:30 am	Educator workshop (Immigration and Identity)	Sailing (Maximum 42 passengers)
11:30 am	Sailing (Maximum 42 passengers)	Educator workshop (Immigration and Identity)
12:30 pm	Lunch	
1:00 pm	Gallery Explorer (Self-guided trail)	
2:00pm	Depart	

Trip Dates - Week 7 Term 3

Tuesday 3 September - Rooms 6 & 7

Wednesday 4 September - Rooms 8 & 9

Thursday 5 September - Rooms 4 & 5

Friday 6 September - Rooms 2 & 3

Cans for Christmas

In week 7 of our term - Friday 30 August until Friday 06 September, Good Shepherd School will be collecting food cans for our St Vincent De Paul Christmas drive. Last year we raised over 400 cans. Let's see if we can beat that number this year! Each classroom will have a box collecting food cans - your donations are much appreciated by this fantastic organisation.



Sustainability Learning at GSS

Following on from our interactive learning experience with the Tread Lightly Caravan in June, over Term 3 and 4, each class will be a part of four sustainability focussed sessions with Ms Chan. The key messages from the Tread Lightly Caravan were:

- Our actions and choices have an impact on our environment.
- The current rate and way in which we use resources (water, materials, energy) is not sustainable
- Small changes in the way we live will prevent pollution and protect our plants, animals and their habitats

Each class has had one sustainability session with Ms Chan so far. These have been based on some follow up activities from the Tread Lightly Educators, focusing on students learning about reducing their waste and having good recycling practices. We have taken this learning and thought about how we can do a better job of reducing waste and having good recycling practices at Good Shepherd School.

Key Ideas included:

- Looking after our classroom resources so that they do not become damaged and need to go into landfill
- Using only what we need (eg limit use of paper towels and tissues to essential use)
- Bringing a waste free lunch to school
- Ensuring nothing goes into the landfill bin which could actually be recycled
- Ensuring nothing goes into the landfill bin which could go into the worm farm compost bins
- Ensuring any bottles/cans/containers/boxes have been cleaned before being put into the recycling bin
- Ensuring recycling is not contaminated with non recyclable items



Home-School Connection

If you are keen to reinforce this learning in the home, you could try playing this game at home with your child. They have done this in class already so you can test them on their knowledge or they can test you! [Recycle Right Game](#). In addition to this, if you do not already collect [soft plastics](#) at home and take them to the soft plastics recycling bin at the

supermarket, this is something you may like to start doing with your child. This was something that was discussed at Tread Lightly to reduce landfill waste. We do not collect soft plastics at Good Shepherd because we ask that students' lunches are waste free.

Waste Free Lunches

We encourage you to continue with sending a waste free lunch to school with your child. This can be achieved by using a compartment lunchbox or reusable containers inside a lunchbox/lunch bag and removing any packaging from food items before placing it in the lunchbox. We ask children who do have any waste in their lunchbox (packaging or uneaten food) to bring it home to put into their home food waste / soft plastic recycling where possible unless we can accommodate it in our school worm farms or recycling bins



Information for Whānau

Riddle of the Week



By Harry Browne

'What can you put in a bucket that makes it lighter?'

Read to the bottom of the newsletter to find the answer

Gastro Alert

Please be aware that there have been a number of gastro outbreaks in the school. The virus is characterised by vomiting and diarrhoea lasting 03 – 08 days. Fever and abdominal pain occur frequently. Students are suggested to return back to school after 48 hours from the last time they had symptoms. Please do not send your child to school if they have gastro symptoms.



PTA Caring Committee

The GSS PTA Caring Committee gives support to our GSS families that are in need for a variety of reasons. Some examples have been:

- Families that are grieving a family member
- Immediate family members are in hospital, or going through medical treatments
- Congratulating a birth in the family
- Needing extra support due to hard times

This service is usually given as meals or baking for the family. It's an amazing gift we can give to let our school community know they aren't alone and they are thought of. By signing up, there are no conditions or pressure even if your name is on the list. Any help when you can is greatly appreciated.



If you are interested in being on the email list, please email sashamadas@hotmail.com.

If you do know anyone that is in need of help contact the school office admin@goodshepherd.school.nz or come in for a quick chat.

Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

We appreciate your efforts in letting us know about siblings who are coming up for enrolment at Good

Shepherd and ask that you encourage any family and friends who are thinking about enrolling their children at our school to let our office know as soon as possible.

Absences from School for Overseas Trips

At this time of year we receive a number of requests for permission to take children out of school for family holidays and trips overseas. Although there are undoubtedly benefits and learning opportunities for children in these situations, there is also a very real impact on in-school teaching and learning. Please see guidelines below to clarify for parents and caregivers the impact of extended absences from school.

[Letter to parents - Travelling overseas during term time](#)

Good Shepherd School Uniform Expectations

Please pay special attention to your child's uniform and ensure they are wearing the correct uniform to school, particularly to school shoes, hair, and accessories.

Term 3 - Winter Uniform

Students wear winter uniforms. This includes black socks and black shoes.

A watch and gold or silver ear studs are the only jewellery permitted with the school uniform. Religious & cultural taonga are allowed.

Sports Uniform: Compulsory for Years 4, 5 and 6.

Nail polish is not permitted on either fingers or toes. Makeup may not be worn. Long hair must be tied back. Hair accessories must be simple and either navy blue or black. If your child is wearing non-uniform items, please email the class teacher.

Attendance Dues and Financial Assistance

Financial assistance applications need to be underway by the 16th of September. These are available to assist families who have made an attempt to make payments but may need support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending both primary and secondary Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese. If your family is facing financial difficulties, please contact Ilana asap in the school office, your Parish Priest, or Auckland Common Fund Ltd at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland on 09-360-3069 for further information. Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish

offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website - please click [here](#).

GSS PTA NEWS



Good Shepherd School

"We make the difference"

Good Shepherd School would like to thank the following for supporting our Quiz Night fundraiser:



Quiz Night!! - Get Your Tickets!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

THE COUNTDOWN IS ON!!!
GSS QUIZ NIGHT
 Date: 7th September | Time: 7pm sharp | Venue: GSS School Hall

Amazing prizes to be won, fabulous items to bid on at the silent auction and a live auction by Harcourts!

Prizes include:

- Restaurant vouchers from Morningside Tavern
- Kiss Kiss • Toninos • Lord Kitchener • Sake Bar Nippon
- Gusto Italiano and more!

Silent auction and live auction include:

- A romantic staycation at Britomart Hotel and breakfast at Kingi restaurant
- Family holiday getaway to Maungawhau bach
 - Family photography package
- Farros hampers • Golf vouchers • Sailing cruises and more!!!

Quickfire raffle hampers up for grabs, tickets only \$2 each

Beer and Wine from \$8

Sign up here: [Quiz Volunteer Sign Up](#)

BYO Platter on the night - prize for the best platter!

Thank you to our Quiz Night Sponsors

Calendar Art

Calendar Art 2024

The annual PTA fundraiser is returning in early September.

more info to follow!

Grandparent's Day Mass - WE NEED YOUR HELP

We need your help!
Grandparent's Day
Friday 13th September

We need everyone to bring baking. Baking can come in many forms - sweet, savory, store bought, pre-packed bags of popcorn or chips - get creative. Please deliver to school office on the morning of the Friday 13th September.

We also need volunteers. Last year we didn't quite have enough. We would really appreciate extra support this year. Scan QR Code below to sign up.

Sushi, Pizza's & Moosies

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

Friday 30 August
Friday 06 September
Friday 20 September
Friday 27 September

Orders are taken online only via [Kindo](#).

** Please note, there will be no sushi on Friday 13th September due to Grandparents Day.

Pizza will be available on the following dates:
Tuesday 24th September.

Ordering has been set up on Kindo for all the sushi dates this term. You can order for as many weeks in advance as you like. Sushi orders close at 8.30am on the day of the delivery. You can also cancel a sushi order up until 8.30am on the day of the delivery.

Moosies are also able to be ordered through Kindo and have been set up on Kindo for all of the Moosie dates this term. You can also order Moosies for as many weeks in advance as you like. Moosie orders close at 8.30am on the day of the orders. You can cancel a Moosie order up until 8.30am on the day of delivery.

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 once lunch begins.