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# Update...

Te Kura o Hepara Pai



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Thursday 26 Mahuru/September 2024



## Upcoming Dates

23-27 Sept	Life Education Caravan at GSS
27 Sept	Term 3 ends
29 Sept	Daylight Savings Begins
14 Oct	Term 4 Begins
22 Oct	BoT Meeting
23 Oct	PTA Meeting
28 Oct	Labour Day (School Closed)

01 Nov	All Saints Day - 9:30am Mass
11 Nov	Teachers Only Day (School Closed)
12 Nov	GSS Athletics Day - Whole School
14 Nov	Photolife School Photos
27 Nov	PTA Meeting
04 Dec	End of Year Mass
12 Dec	GSS Christmas Concert
13 Dec	Term 4 Ends - Last Day of School
<b>No assembly in week 10</b>	

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...

### Pene rākau

Pene rakau means pencil. You could use it in a sentence like this:

“He pene rakau tēnā.. which means "That's a pencil.”

## Special Character

### 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**.

## Thoughts & Prayers

### 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. We pray over our kaiako, Matua Tainui and his whānau this week as they farewell their beloved kuia. Mrs McLeod and her family we are thinking of you and already miss you. We look forward to your return back to Good Shepherd.



*The Arrasco-Ward and Ryan whānau representing room 5 at Matua Tainui's beautiful marae.*

We wish you all a blessed, safe and happy holiday. Here is a prayer you can pray as a family to begin your holidays together. We look forward to seeing you all back in Term 4.

*“God of Joy and re-creation, This holiday we pray that You will be with us, as we take this much needed time of rest. We pray that there will be no problems in our holiday time. Keep us, and all our friends safe and healthy during this break. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to recharge ourselves mentally, spiritually and physically, so we*

*can return refreshed and ready to continue our learning next term.  
Amen”*

## Sports

### GSS Swim Team Takes 2nd Place!

Over Terms 2 and 3, the GSS Swim Team competed in a fierce competition against eight primary schools and two club teams, spread over eight rounds. The competition saw several lead changes throughout, with our swimmers demonstrating remarkable determination and skill.

Final Results: 1st - Mt Albert Primary School

### **2nd - Good Shepherd School**

3rd - Gladstone Primary School

4th - Marist

5th - Three Kings

6th - TBSS Club Team

7th - Bayfield Primary School

8th - Westmere Primary

9th - Ponsonby Primary School

10th - TBSS Club Team

A huge congratulations to our GSS swimmers:

- Talei
- Willem
- Jamie
- Gretta
- Luciana
- Ryan

Certificates will be handed out at the next assembly(term 4) to recognize their hard work and achievement.

## End of Term 3

Kia ora e te whānau,

This term has flown by! It has been action packed with a wide variety of learning which challenges our tamariki in new and different ways. We have had some very successful events and I would like to thank the community for your willingness to contribute and support our kura.

As we head into the school holidays let this be a time for children to recharge their batteries, connect as a family so as to come back refreshed and ready for our final school term for 2024.

Wishing you safe and enjoyable holidays,

Te Atua ki a koe / God bless,  
Ben Fahey  
Principal

## Term 4 Summer Uniform

Reminder that all children are expected to be in **FULL** summer uniform from the start of term 4 Monday 14 October. Please pay particular attention to school hats and sandals. A navy wide-brim hat has to be worn every school day. A cap is not acceptable.

## In and Around School

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

**Term 4 Overview can be viewed in the 'Quick Links' above**

### Room 9

This week Room 9 has enjoyed working on our technology projects - Designing And Making A Birdfeeder. We designed our birdfeeders and made a plan about what materials to use and the steps for making them. We turned recycled materials, such as cardboard boxes, milk cartons, milk bottles and drink bottles into bird feeders that would attract birds, giving them a sense of being at home.



## Life Education Caravan

We have been delighted for the two days learning in the Life Education Caravan about empathy, resilience and making good decisions. Each of us enjoyed the opportunities to share our ideas on how to apply the skills we learnt in real life. We especially loved the time chatting with Harold!



## Information for Whānau

### Life Education Caravan

Life Education's Harold the giraffe and Grace the Educator will be bringing their mobile classroom to Good Shepherd School from Monday 23rd September to Friday 27th September.

Life Education Trust is a charity that works to educate and inspire children to embrace positive choices for a healthy mind and body. You can find out more here: <http://www.lifeeducation.org.nz/>.

- Rooms 2, 3 and 4 have chosen to learn about managing emotions and resilience.
- Rooms 5 and 8 have chosen to learn about empathy and resilience.
- Rooms 6, 7 and 9 have chosen to learn about empathy, resilience and making good decisions.

Your children might like to continue their learning at home by visiting our website for kids: [www.healthyharold.org.nz](http://www.healthyharold.org.nz).



## Keeping Ourselves Safe - Year 0-3



On Tuesday a email was sent to all students in year 0-3's parents explaining that during the first two weeks of term 4, all year 0-3 children will be participating in the Keeping Ourselves Safe health programme. Most of the lessons will be taught by your child's classroom teacher. Constable Tino (our community constable) will be visiting classrooms and teaching some lessons. Please read the letter in this link for more information.

[Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Letter](#)

## Attendance Dues and Financial Assistance

Updated end of term accounts were emailed this week. Please contact Ilana in the office [accounts@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:accounts@goodshepherd.school.nz) if you did not receive yours or if you have any queries. Thank you to all our families who have made payments this year, especially of Trips and Activities which has supported our children to enjoy:

*NZ Opera in Schools  
Maritime Museum and Ted Ashby Sailing trip  
Tread Lightly Environmental Classroom  
Life Education week - Educate and Empower  
Author Visit, Sally Sutton - Book Week  
Buses to events (including our upcoming Athletics Day in Term 4)*

We very much appreciate your support. Thank you!

## GSS PTA NEWS



Good Shepherd School

"We make the difference"

## Sushi, Pizza's & Moosies.

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

Friday 27 September

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

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.

A special thank-you to our volunteers that helped with sushi and pizza, without your involvement this is not possible. Many thanks and appreciation.

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.*

A poster for 'HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES at Auckland Netball'. The title is in large white letters on an orange background. Below the title, it says 'at Auckland Netball' and 'MULTIACTIVITY ■ NETBALL SKILLS ■ COMBINATION'. There are four circular photos showing children playing netball and other activities. At the bottom, there is text about the program, a QR code, and contact information.

Looking to keep the kids entertained during the October school holidays? Choose from our fun and active holiday programmes with options to suit your needs and the interests of your child.

Week One - Commences Monday 30 September  
Week Two - Commences Monday 7 October

Programmes will be running at both our venues:  
Auckland Netball Centre, St Johns (OSCAR Accredited)  
& Windmill Park, Mount Eden.

To book or for more information please contact:  
Caitlin Smardon, Development Programme Officer  
T 09 280 4129 or M 021 577 105  
E [development@aucklandnetball.co.nz](mailto:development@aucklandnetball.co.nz)  
[www.aucklandnetball.co.nz](http://www.aucklandnetball.co.nz)





# Holiday Programme at Auckland Netball

**FUN, VARIED & ACTIVE PROGRAMMES  
BOYS & GIRLS | AGE 5 - 13 YEARS**

Auckland Netball Centre, St Johns  
& Windmill Park, Mt Eden

- MULTIActivity Full-Day Programme
- Netball Skills 3 Half-Day Programme
- Combination Full-Day Programme
- Kokkino Kids Cooking Day (\*new for Oct)
- 7v7 Umpire Course

[www.aucklandnetball.co.nz](http://www.aucklandnetball.co.nz)





**Fun for ages 4-13 mixed | non-members welcome**

## HOLIDAY PROGRAMME SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

**WEEK ONE**  
Monday 30th September - Friday 4th October 2024

**WEEK TWO**  
Monday 7th October - Friday 11th October 2024

**TIME**  
9:00am - 1:00pm

**VENUE**  
Auckland United F.C (Keith Hay Park)

**\$55 PER DAY**  
Book 4 or more days and get a 25% discount!

Register now on our website: [aucklandunitedfc.org.nz](http://aucklandunitedfc.org.nz)













## MARCELLIN COLLEGE

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# ENROLMENTS STILL OPEN FOR 2025



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scan the QR code

## AUFC DAILY SCHEDULE



**9:00AM**  
COACHES WELCOMES PLAYERS

**9:10AM**  
BALL MASTERY/WARMUPS

**9:35AM**  
AGILITY GAME

**9:55AM**  
1V1 GAME

**10:10AM**  
MORNING TEA BREAK

**10:30AM**  
THEME OF THE DAY

**11:00AM**  
TEAM RELAYS/CIRCUIT

**11:20AM**  
SHOOTING/TARGET CHALLENGE

**11:40AM**  
LUNCH BREAK

**12:00PM**  
AUFC MINI - GAMES TOURNAMENT

**12:50PM**  
STAR PLAYERS OF THE DAY

**1:00PM**  
DAY ENDS







