



### *Te Kura o Heparā Pai*

*Care Manaakitanga  
Respect Whakaute  
Honesty Pono*

## Newsletter 18

**17 October/ Whiringa-Ā-Nuku 2024**



### From the Principal

Fakaalofa lahi atu ki a mutolu oti,

It is wonderful to have all of our tamariki back with us for our final term of the school year. I hope you all managed some quality time as a family and that your children are returning recharged and refreshed ready to learn!

You will have noticed upon your return that our beautiful Olive Trees now shade a lovely perimeter of capped block seating for our community to enjoy as we welcome the summer sun. Thank you to the Board of Trustees for approving the funding of this project for us all to enjoy.

A reminder that now we are back in term 4 we want to keep our children safe from the sun by bringing a sun

hat to school each day and applying sunscreen before leaving home.

Term 4 will be an important time for our children to consolidate and extend their learning this year. Every day at school matters and as a way to encourage high attendance at school we will be giving out certificates to acknowledge those with outstanding attendance.

With Mrs McLeod on sick leave from week 2 this term we send prayers and good will her way. Ms. Evans opens up our newest class, Room 1 and we also welcome back our Deputy Principal Ms. Dyer from her well earned sabbatical.

Tau Fakamonuinaaga. Mitaki e Atua!  
Ben Fahey

### Upcoming Dates

13 - 19 Oct	Niue Language Week
22 Oct	BoT Meeting
23 Oct	PTA Meeting
27 Oct - 2 Nov	Tokelauan Language Week
31 Oct - 2 Nov	Diwali
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>School finishes at 2pm</b>
<b>Whole School Prayers in Term Four:</b>	
<b>Friday 2.45pm in church</b>	
Week 1 - Rm 7	
Week 3 - Rm 1	
Week 5 - Rm 5	
Week 7 - Rm 4	
<b>Class Assemblies in Term Four:</b>	
<b>Friday 2.15pm on the turf</b>	
Week 2 - Rm 6	
Week 4 - Rm 8	
Week 6 - Rm 1	

**Please look carefully, as some of these dates have changed**

## 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

### Quick Links

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Birthday blessings to the GSS tamariki that celebrate their birthday in October:

*Kiyara Budd  
Freya Gajdhar  
Ris Maven Jinesh  
Anna Jomon  
Willow Poland  
Arlo Ryan  
Berl'n Walker  
Abigail Wright*

### Special Character

#### Good Shepherd Parish Mass times

We encourage all families to attend Mass together. Sunday Mass **9.30am**.

#### 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.

### In and Around School

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

#### Library Books

Please have a hunt around your house for any stray library books and return them to school this week. Children are able to issue library books if they don't have any overdue books at home.

### Information for Whānau

#### 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 baseball cap is not acceptable.



*A warm welcome to the following students and their whānau that recently joined the GSS school community:*

*Manraj Singh  
Edmund Kennerley  
Marcus Kennerley  
Berl'n Walker  
Freya Gajdhar*

## Class WhatsApp Groups

Stay in touch with what's happening in your child's classroom.

We use WhatsApp and Facebook to facilitate communication among whānau. There is no obligation to join these informal groups, but whānau find them very useful for asking and reminding each other about school happenings - not to mention tracking down lost property! This document contains links to our groups, including classroom and PTA WhatsApp groups, and school and PTA Facebook groups.

## GSS WhatsApp and Facebook Information

### Keeping Ourselves Safe - Year 0-3



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

We have been advised that the compulsory Attendance Dues that are set by the Auckland Catholic Diocese will be increasing to \$532 annually (\$133 per term) in 2025.

As we are now in term 4, please could all final balances be attended to before the 6th of December to enable us to make payment to the Diocese before the end of the school year. If you require any information, please contact Ilana [ihowley-buddell@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:ihowley-buddell@goodshepherd.school.nz).

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*

We very much appreciate your support. Thank you!

### Swimming Pool - We Need Volunteers

Sharyn is looking for three helpers to look after the pool during the summer season. Without volunteers the school pool will have to close during that time frame. The volunteers are all on a roster taking turns, the jobs will take approximately 30 mins. Sharyn will show you what needs to be done PLUS you get free access to the pool. Contact the office for more information and hopefully with a "I can do it" 😊

## GSS PTA NEWS



### Sushi, Pizza's & Moosies.

Sushi prices will increase this term, due to an increase in prices from our supplier. From this week, sushi will be sold at the following prices:

Teriyaki Chicken on Rice \$ 8.50  
Salmon 4 pc \$6.50  
Salmon 6 pc \$8.00  
Salmon 8 pc \$9.50

Vegetarian / Tuna / Chicken 4 pc \$6.00  
Vegetarian / Tuna / Chicken 4 pc \$7.50  
Vegetarian / Tuna / Chicken 4 pc \$9.00

Sushi/pizza will be available on the following dates this term:

Friday 18th October - Sushi  
Friday 25th October - Sushi  
Friday 1st November - Sushi  
Wednesday 6th November - Pizza (Orders will close on Friday 1st November)  
Friday 8th November - Sushi  
Friday 15th November - Sushi  
Friday 22nd November - Sushi  
Friday 29th November - Sushi  
Friday 6th December - Sushi

Wednesday 11th December - Pizza (Orders will close on Friday 6th December.

Friday 13th December - Sushi

Orders are taken online via [Kindo](#). Sushi orders close at 8.30am on Friday mornings. Pizza orders close at 6pm, 5 days prior to the pizza day. Once orders are closed, it is not possible to add an order. Sushi orders can be cancelled up to 8.30am on the day of the delivery but pizza orders can only be cancelled up until the orders close.

Thank you very much to the volunteers that are helping out with sushi and pizzas this term.

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.*