



### *Te Kura o Heparā Pai*

*Care Manaakitanga  
Respect Whakaute  
Honesty Pono*

## **Newsletter 19 31 October/ Whiringa-Ā-Nuku 2024**

### **From the Principal**

Kia ora e te whānau,

This week on November 1st we celebrate All Saints Day with Mass in our Parish Church at 9.30am. This is a time for us to remember those significant figures in the Catholic Church who have given their lives to positively influence our faith journey.

Saturday November 2nd is All Souls' Day. An opportunity for us to remember the faithfully departed. Two prayers you may want to use on this day of remembrance are the Our Father and the Creed.

You may have read in our latest Church newsletter...In these two days we contemplate the reign of God in its fullness, and the church 'still on the journey'. The church 'already' - those saints with God in heavenly life, and those on the journey - The holy souls who we continue to accompany with our love and prayer. They remind us of our mortality and we remember that it is a good and holy thing to pray for the dead.

Children attending Mass this Friday 9.30am and Sunday are being encouraged to dress as their favourite Saint.

As term 4 commenced so has our preparations for our annual school Athletics Day. This year it will be held on Tuesday 12 November at Margaret Griffen Park. Whānau are very welcome to come along and support our tamariki. Children have been training hard as part of our weekly athletics rotation and learning new techniques and skills as they prepare for this event.

At our whole school assembly last Friday I asked the children to set a goal for the day. For some it may be better participation than previously, for others it could be setting a 'Personal Best' or achieving a placing. Whatever it is, I encourage them to challenge themselves. What will your child's goal be?

Finally, a reminder there will be a Teacher Only Day on the 11th of November. School will be closed for children as teachers continue their commitment to ongoing Professional Development. In this instance we will be working with expert facilitator Alana Madgwick on the topic of Oracy. This year we have seen a positive connection between developing oral language skills and our children's ability to achieve deeper levels of comprehension across the curriculum. This day will see a continuation of this valuable work.

Wishing you all a blessed weekend ahead.

Te Atua ki a koe / God bless,  
Ben Fahey

### **Upcoming Dates**

31 Oct - 2 Nov	Diwali
01 Nov	All Saints Day - 9:30am Mass
11 Nov	Teachers Only Day ( <b>School Closed</b> )
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: Friday 2.45pm in church</b>
	<del>Week 3 - Rm 1</del>
	Week 5 - Rm 5
	Week 7 - Rm 4
	<b>Class Assemblies in Term Four: Friday 2.15pm on the turf</b>
	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

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### 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.

#### All Saints Day

This Friday, 01 November we celebrate All Saints Day and the whole school will be attending the 9:30am Mass & we welcome our whānau community to join mass with us. On this day we celebrate all the Saints who were living examples of their faith and lived their lives giving service to God.

### Sports

#### Athletics

The whole school has begun training for our school athletics day. Our training days are Tuesday for room 1 - 5 and Wednesday and Thursday for room 6 - 9. It would be great if children could bring a change of clothes to wear for these sessions.

**GSS Athletics Day - Tuesday 12 November at Margaret Griffen Park.** An email was sent out earlier this week regarding all information. See below:

[Athletics Day Notice](#)

### In and Around School

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

#### Room 6

We started celebrating Diwali early by creating Rangoli with rice, using patterns and symmetry.



We have been studying different cultures for literacy, and after researching a country, we created a character from that culture, and presented them in costume.



Bread, bread, bread - our Inquiry topic is Bread this term, so we started our research into leavening agents. We are looking forward to making bread later this term!



## Information for Whānau

### 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. Special Character contributions collected on behalf of the Catholic Diocese will remain the same at \$60 per year.

### Updated student accounts will be emailed this week to any families with outstanding balances.

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

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Thank you to all our families who have made payments this year.

## GSS PTA NEWS



### Moosie Magic!

We are trying to reduce waste at GSS, especially plastic waste! Very soon we will be trialling ice blocks which come in boxes without plastic wrappers. There are three flavours - **chocolate**, **tropical** and **feijoa**. The cost of the new ice blocks will be the same at **\$2**. Please help support us in our journey to become more sustainable.

Ice blocks are able to be ordered through Kindo and are set up for the term. You can also order ice blocks for as many weeks in advance as you like. Ice blocks orders close at 8.30am on the day of the orders. You can cancel an ice block order up until 8.30am on the day of delivery.

### Sushi, Pizzas

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 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.*



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**TWILIGHT FAIR**

**FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER**  
5:30pm to 9pm

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Food trucks •
- Games •
- Bouncy castles •
- Cake stall •
- Face paint •
- Raffles •
- and much more!

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