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Update...

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07 November/ Whiringa-Ā-Rangi 2024

Upcoming Dates

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 School finishes at 2pm
	Whole School Prayers in Term Four: Friday 2.45pm in church Week 5 - Rm 5 Week 7 - Rm 4
	Class Assemblies in Term Four: Friday 2.15pm on the turf 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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SCHOOL CLOSED MONDAY 11 NOV



Reminder that there is no school on Monday due to Teachers Only Day.

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.

ROOM 8 CAKE RAFFLE



Room 8 cake raffle - Bring your spare coins.
Available before & after school or come into the office.
\$2 for 1 ticket or \$5 for 3.



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

Millar Bolton
Kim Chanel Celso
Rasheli Dias
Samuel Erickson
Isaac Kurian
Aaron Liu
Hugo Madarasz
Magdalena Nimo
Siaki Sundin
Griffin Tangitau
Tyler Tuala Soon

Sport

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. All children will be transported at 9 am by buses to the park and must be at school before 8:45 am please. An email was sent out earlier this term with further information. See below:

[Athletics Day Notice](#)

Athletics Day Programme of Events:

Morning - 9.45am - 11.45am approximately:

Year 4-6 - Track Events

Year 0-3 - Field Events

Afternoon - 12.00pm - 2.00pm approximately:

Year 4-6 - Field Events

Year 0-3 - Track Events

In and Around School

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

Garden Club

This week at Garden Club we harvested our first strawberries. The children got to sample a little piece each and thought they were delicious! We also harvested a couple of potatoes and some flowers



Dental Van at School

As many of you will see the Auckland Regional Dental Service (ARDS) Van is at GSS. ARDS would have contacted parents directly to arrange dental check ups while they are here. All appointments are arranged by the dental service. After their visit they will be given a treatment notice, so check your child's school bag. For further information please contact your local Community Dental Clinic or phone the number in the photo below.



Attendance Dues

Attendance Dues 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.

ATTENDANCE DUES

Providing for **Catholic Schools** in the Auckland Diocese

Attendance Dues are used to pay for building related costs at Catholic Schools in the Auckland Diocese. Paying Attendance Dues is a condition of enrolment for all students attending New Zealand Catholic Schools. Attendance Dues are compulsory – there is a legal requirement for parents and caregivers to pay Attendance Dues under the Education and Training Act 2020.

ATTENDANCE DUES ARE:

	PRIMARY STUDENTS	SECONDARY STUDENTS
per year (incl. GST)	\$532	\$1,080
per term (incl. GST)	\$133	\$270

For more information:
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>
 Phone: (09) 360 3040 Email: acf@cda.org.nz

Mō tātou, ā, mō ngā uri ā muri ake | For us, and our children after us.

Catholic Special Character Contribution
 SUPPORTING CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN OUR SCHOOLS

The Catholic Special Character contribution is used to fund the staff and services provided by the Catholic Education Services Board who are responsible, on behalf of the Proprietor, for safeguarding and strengthening the Catholic Special Character of our schools.

The contribution is \$15 per term per student or \$60 per student per year.

The contribution is tax deductible and a 33% refund can be claimed from the IRD.

For more information:
www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-education-services/
 Phone: (09) 3603091 Email: ces@cda.org.nz

Information for Whānau

Class, Individual and Sibling Photos Thursday 14th November

PhotoLife

Please ensure the correct summer school uniform is worn. No socks or leggings please, plain black sandals, no visible vests or undershirts and long hair tied back. Sibling photo request forms will be sent home with the eldest children this week. Please return them before the 14th or ensure they are in the office before 9am on the day please.

Kapa Haka Performance

The first of our two kapa haka performances for term 4 is scheduled for this weekend. We are excited to showcase what we have been learning and look forward to sharing this with you. Below are the updated details.

Auckland Irish Club Community Open Day

Who: Good Shepherd Kapa Haka Group

When: Saturday 09 November

Venue: Auckland Irish Club, Rocky Nook Avenue, Mt Albert

Meeting Point: On the rugby field across the road from the Irish Club

Time: Arrive at 3.30pm, performance 4.30pm

What to wear: School Summer Uniform

Bring: Sun Hats & Drink bottle (don't forget sunscreen)

There will be food trucks available or you could bring a packed lunch

Supervision: A reminder parents and caregivers are responsible for the supervision of their child(ren) on the day.

If you have any questions in the meantime please contact me via email principal@goodshepherd.school.nz

Eden/Albert Music Festival 13 November, Holy Trinity Cathedral Parnell

A notice is coming home today for all the Choir children representing Good Shepherd at this wonderful event. (Please check school bags today for this notice or contact fli@goodshepherd.school.nz if you do not receive this.)

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 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.



Christ the King Catholic School

Te Kura Katorika o te Karaiti te Kingi
Respect - Compassion - Service - Peace & Joy

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!



COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

Auckland IRISH CLUB
CEAD MILE FAILTÉ

SAT 9TH NOVEMBER
1.00PM - 7.00PM

All Welcome!

BOUNCY CASTLE

BAR & FOOD TRUCKS

FACE PAINTING

SPORTS DRILLS

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY
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KIDS' ENTERTAINMENT

LIVE MUSIC

CULTURAL PERFORMANCES

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