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Update...

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21 November/ Whiringa-Ā-Rangi 2024

Upcoming Dates

27 Nov	PTA Meeting
29 Nov	Parent Helpers Morning Tea 10:45am - 11:30am
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 7 - Rm 4
	Class Assemblies in Term Four: Friday 2.15pm on the turf 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.

ROOM 1 CAKE RAFFLE



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



Welcome to the following student and their whānau that have recently started at school:

Logan Fasala
Ava Wall

In and Around School

Reminder to check out our [Highlights](#) site for even more photos and events from GSS....
St Vincent de Paul Giving Baskets



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 2024 VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL!

As we enter the Christmas season, let us take a moment to think of those families in NZ who are in need of support. If your family is able, we encourage you to contribute by providing a gift or donating non-perishable food items.

- **Odd-numbered classrooms** are asked to bring a wrapped gift, clearly labelled with

"Boy" or "Girl," approx age, to ensure the right gift reaches the right child.

- **Even-numbered classrooms** are requested to bring non-perishable food items to help stock food pantries and provide for those in need.

Your generosity can make a big difference in the lives of families this holiday season. Thank you for your kindness and support!

Baradene Orchestra Performance

On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome The Duchesne Orchestra from Baradene which is for players from Years 7 - 10 to perform for us. It was especially lovely to see past students Phoebe Carlsen and Elizabeth Harkison-Merrick showcasing their musical flair to inspire our future musicians.



Year Six End of Year Pool Party

A special celebration to mark the end of an unforgettable journey at Good Shepherd School!

Join us as we celebrate the Year Six students and their incredible years together at Good Shepherd. Whether some are moving on to new schools or continuing their journey with old friends, the memories they've made here will last forever.

This event is a time to reflect, share laughter, and create even more lasting memories. Let's send our Year Six students off with a memorable celebration!

admin@goodshepherd.school.nz or call 09 620 4962. Please read the letter carefully, the letter is in the link below.

Stationery 2025 Letter - Qizzle

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
2025	\$532	\$1,080
per year (inc. GST)	\$133	\$270
per term (inc. GST)		

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

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

GSS GRADS POOL PARTY

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER | *Last day of school*
2.30-5.00pm @ Pt Erin Pools, Herne Bay

Scan QR to join group & RSVP for your child

PIZZA, DRINKS, SNACKS & LOTS OF FUN
\$13 per child

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED FOR TRANSPORT & SUPERVISION
 Qs? CONTACT ANNA SHAW / 02102970532 annalshaw@gmail.com

Parent Helpers Morning Tea - 29 November 2024

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA

Kia ora koutou,

We invite all our wonderful whānau who have supported Good Shepherd children throughout the year to a special thank-you morning tea. This is our opportunity to show our appreciation for your invaluable contributions, whether it was helping with the swimming pool in summer, assisting with our cross-country or athletics days, supporting Year 6 camp, coaching or managing our sports teams, working with our cultural groups, or volunteering with the PTA.

Date: Friday 29 November 2024
 Time: 10:45am - 11:30am
 Location: Good Shepherd School (Staff room)

Please RSVP by 25 November if you will be joining us, either by emailing admin@goodshepherd.school.nz or by calling the school office at 09 620 4962. We look forward to celebrating together!

Ngā mihi nui,
 The Good Shepherd School Kaiako and Kaimahi Team

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@cta.org.nz

GSS PTA NEWS



Information for Whānau Stationery 2025

This week an email was sent out advising parents about stationery for next year. In particular, we have updated the way you will order and receive your child's stationery, as well as an explanation of the price increase for this coming year. Any questions please contact the school office

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 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!

Logos: STARDOME, NEW ZEALAND CRICKET, AUCKLAND ZOO, BUTTERFLY creek



CHRISTMAS MARKET
SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER
10AM - 3PM BANFF AVE, EPSOM

FOOD - KIDS FUN - CRAFTS - SANTA PHOTOS - GIFTS - PLANTS

THE OLSH CHRISTMAS MARKET IS BACK!

Sunday 1 December
10am - 3pm
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School, Banff Ave, Epsom

- * White Elephant
- * Delicious range of food stalls
- * Quick fire raffles & silent auction with amazing prizes!
- * Our famous cake stall
- * Coffee
- * Christmas crafts & decorations
- * Kids games & entertainment (including inflatable zone)
- * Preserves & potted plants
- * Face painting, hair braiding and lots lots more

Come along for some Christmas cheer and support our little school

