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07 February/ Huitānguru 2025

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

Upcoming Dates

13 Feb	St Peters Music try out and presentation 3PM
14 Feb	Whole School Prayers Room 7, 2:45PM
15 Feb	Parish School Mass 6PM & Picnic 5PM
20 Feb	Yr4-6 Swim Sports, Onehunga Jellicoe Pools
21 Feb	Whole School Assembly, Room 8, 2:15PM
26 Feb	Sacramental Program Parents, Yr4 plus Meeting 6:30PM
5 Mar	Ash Wednesday

Please look carefully, as some of these dates have changed

Special Character

Whole School Community Mass



Join Us for Our Term One Community Mass!

We warmly invite all families to our first Community Mass of the year at Good Shepherd Parish on the 15th of February at 6:00 PM.

Before the Mass, join us for a picnic on the school grounds from 5:00 PM. There will be a sausage sizzle, a bouncy castle, and ice blocks provided. Please bring a picnic and a picnic blanket. This will be a great opportunity to connect as a school community!

At 5:45 PM, a bell will ring to signal families to start making their way to the church. Children are to sit with their families and come dressed in mufti.

We look forward to celebrating together and hope to see you there! 😊 🏰 🎉

Baptism Programme - Expression of Interest

If you're interested in your child getting baptised please send an email to the parish office office@balmoralcatholic.org.nz.

Sacramental Programme 2025

Enrolments for the Good Shepherd Parish Sacramental Programme for 2025. We are accepting enrolments from families who are parishioners at Good Shepherd Parish and/or attending Good Shepherd School. If your child is in Year 4 or above and you would like them to be involved in the Sacramental programme please look at the attached [timeline](#) and [application form](#). If you have any questions. Please contact the school office admin@goodshepherd.school.nz

Receptionist/Administrator – Catholic Social Services, Auckland.

Catholic Social Services is looking for a part-time (20 hours - 3 days – hours can be negotiable) Receptionist/Administrator based in Ponsonby. As a faith-based professional service Catholic Social Services provides social work, counselling, out-reach and support to individual people and families.

The successful applicant would be required to provide efficient, effective, and professional reception and administrative services to the team at Catholic Social Services.

For further details please go to our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz, Diocesan Services and staff vacancies.

Pōwhiri

Thank you to all our whānau members that came this morning to our school Pōwhiri. It is always uplifting to see us come together. The pōwhiri was a special occasion for everyone involved and we also wanted to acknowledge the contributions from Kaumātua Bobby Newson & Matua Tainui for helping to make it so successful. An extra special mention to Sharyn for always putting in the time with feeding our community afterwards, thank you!



We extend a very warm welcome to the following student who started with us recently:

*Ryan Crucitti
Zake Holmes
Charlotte Hopkins
Naomi Kurian
Gabriella Lealofi
Annabella Lovett
Micah Mulipola
Willa Oliver
Flossie Rooke
Lila Ryan
Ivan Sijo
Finn Tague
Lachie Wedekind
Harrison Wedekind
George Merz
Freddie Powers
Ivanka Thomas
Bruno Were
Mirabelle Were
Mattias Bojorquez-Pouniu*



Birthday blessings to the following children that celebrate their birthday in January and February:

*Ashville Masih
Benjamin Boucher
Darin Dong
Edmund Kennerley
Elria Gomes
Ezra Montague
Finn O'Sullivan Blanch
Honour Tuitama
Isaac D'Souza
Isaiah Raumati-Greenhalgh*

*Jack Buckthought
Jacob Peiris
Jacob Cardoz
Leonardo Hodgson
Liam Menezes
Louie Rooke
Madeleine Rewcastle
Manaiki Rogerson
Mathews Jomon
Mirabelle Were
Oliver Gullery
Ramona Pearce
Saxon Wilkinson
Silongou'a Fotofili
Veronica Yu
Ryan Crucitti
Zake Holmes
Charlotte Hopkins
Naomi Kurian
Gabriella Lealofi
Micah Mulipola
Willa Oliver
Lila Ryan
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Information to Whānau

WhatsApp and Facebook - Keep in Touch

WhatsApp and Facebook are excellent ways for whānau to keep in touch together. Please find the information sheet with instructions here.

[GSS WhatsApp and FaceBook Information.pdf](#)

Music Lessons - NZ Modern School of Music

Music lessons with NZ Modern School of Music have started this term. If you are interested in your child learning Piano or Guitar during school hours please fill out the form on this [link](#) or collect it from the school office. Limited spaces are available.

St Peter's After School Music Programme

Now accepting new enrollments for 2025. Please join us for a presentation / try out afternoon on **Thursday 13th February at 3pm (school hall)**. Please enrol via google form <https://forms.gle/zWTfgW1UZPt24AVb6> alternatively, please email stpetersprimarymusic@gmail.com for more information.

Back to School Uniform

It's great to see our GSS children looking smart in their summer school uniform. Let's maintain this standard all year! A reminder that, as we continue to experience warm weather, please ensure your child brings their school hat every day. The hat must be a wide-brimmed, navy blue hat only. If your child does not have a hat that meets the school's uniform whether it be an alternative style or color, they will be encouraged to play in the shade during break times. **All children must leave school at 3pm wearing the correct school uniform, including sandals.**

GSS Sports

GSS Y4-6 Swimming Sports

Next week all year 4-6 children will bring home a notice about our upcoming swimming sports on Thursday 20 February. It will be held at Jellicoe Pools in Onehunga for the morning. We are only taking competitive swimmers to this event. More information will be in the notice.

TOUCH RUGBY

ATTENTION all year 4 and 5 students - girls & boys!!! Anyone interested in playing Touch Rugby this term? The module goes from Feb 19th-April 2nd? We already have an existing Warriors team just looking for a few more players to join. Light training on Wednesdays at 4pm and game to follow at 4:30pm, both at Fearon Park. Our coaches are Hayden & Callum from Auckland Grammar.

Touch is a great way to gain confidence with hand-eye coordination and passing while keeping fit. It's also a wonderful opportunity to build a rapport with your peers and work as a team, all while having fun!

If you're interested in playing please contact Meghan Buckthought at meghan.baldisera@gmail.com or message me at 0226104880

Here's more info: <https://touchrugby.co.nz/>

Waste Free Lunches at GSS

A reminder about the Waste Free Lunchbox initiative at Good Shepherd School. Please review the attached flyer for our guidelines on this. It was great to see the enthusiasm and pride that the tamariki approached this initiative with last year, and it would

be wonderful to see this continuing/increasing in 2025.

[How to pack a waste free lunch box](#)

Attendance Dues and Special Character Contributions

[Attendance Dues](#) are set by the Auckland Catholic Diocese and will be \$532 annually (\$133 per term). Special Character contributions collected on behalf of the Catholic Diocese are \$60 per year. Accounts will shortly be emailed to Parents and Caregivers. Please don't hesitate to contact Ilana in the school office to arrange payment plans as regular payments (or per term) are required by the Catholic Diocese.



GSS PTA News



Good Shepherd School

"We make the difference"

Wednesday 19 February 7.30pm in Staff Room

We invite you to become part of this strong, vibrant group within our school community. The PTA is very important in helping us to provide the best possible resources for all our tamariki; it is also a great way to find out more about your school and get to know other whanau and form lifelong friendships.

The AGM and first meeting of the year will be on 19 February 2025. All parents and whānau are invited to come along. Reminder – as a parent, you are automatically a member of the PTA. If you want to contribute to the proceedings – just come along! If you are interested in a role on the Committee, please contact the School Office for more information.

Sushi, Moosies & Nice Blocks

Moosies/Nice Blocks Available from Week 3

Sushi is available to order for your child most Fridays for lunch. Ordering is taken online only, via [Kindo](#). Orders need to be placed before 8.30am on the Friday that you are ordering for but you can also choose to order in advance for as many weeks in the term as you like. Orders may be cancelled up until 8.30am on the Friday that you have ordered for. Sushi is supplied by Nagoya Sushi in Morningside, with the following options:

- Teriyaki Katsu Chicken on Rice \$8.50
- 4 Pack Tuna Sushi \$6.00
- * 4 Pack Chicken Sushi \$6.00
- 4 Pack Vegetarian Sushi \$6.00
- * 4 Pack Salmon Sushi \$6.50
- 6 Pack Tuna Sushi \$7.50
- * 6 Pack Chicken Sushi \$7.50
- 6 Pack Vegetarian Sushi \$7.50
- * 6 Pack Salmon Sushi \$8.00
- 8 Pack Tuna Sushi \$9.00
- * 8 Pack Chicken Sushi \$9.00
- 8 Pack Vegetarian Sushi \$9.00
- * 8 Pack Salmon Sushi \$9.50

Please note that the sushi lunch service is run by parent volunteers. Please look out for requests to help with collecting and distributing the sushi on a Friday if you are available. The PTA is also looking for a volunteer to take over the administration of sushi and pizza day service. Please email Emma Chan chanemmanz@gmail.com if you are interested in this role.

Nice Block Ice-Blocks

Ice-blocks are available for the children on most Friday lunch time. They can be ordered online via Kindo or your child can come to school with a \$2.00 coin. This service is run by our Year 6 House Captains. If you have ordered online, the House Captains will come around before lunch to give your child a stamp on the hand and then they need to collect their ice-block after the bell has gone at the end of lunch eating time. It is the child's responsibility to go and collect their ice-block and House Captains are not able to search the playground for children who have forgotten to collect their ice-block. The ice blocks come in a range of flavours from [Nice Blocks](#).

Pizza Day

This Term, we will be having Pizza Day on Tuesday 25th February and Tuesday 8th April. Pizzas are supplied by Dominoes Sandringham. Orders for pizzas will always close **at 6pm, 5 days before Pizza Day** and it is not possible to accommodate any orders once they are closed. **Orders for our upcoming Pizza Day will close at 6pm on Thursday 3rd April.**

Please note that Pizza Day is run by parent volunteers. Please look out for requests to help with collecting and distributing the Pizzas on a Tuesday if you are available. The PTA is also looking for a volunteer to take over the administration of sushi and pizza day service. Please email Emma Chan chanemmanz@gmail.com if you are interested in this role.



ST MARY'S COLLEGE 2025 OPEN DAY Thursday 6 March 2025

Two sessions available, commencing 2.30pm & 6.00pm
Both sessions deliver the same information



Join our Mercy Family

Enrolments for 2026 open Monday 10 February for Year 7 and Year 9 students and a limited number of places at other year levels

St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions
Enrolment and application information are available on our website

www.stmaryak.school.nz

11 New Street, Ponsonby, Auckland

A CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR GIRLS - YEAR 7 TO YEAR 13

Marist College Open Days

Morning tours on 6th & 7th March 2025

(9AM)

Baradene College OPEN DAYS 2025

Tuesday 25, Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 February 2025

Tour bookings will open in February 2025
Please refer to our website www.baradene.school.nz

Baradene College of the Sacred Heart is a Catholic Girls' School providing an outstanding basic education for Years 7-13. It aims to enable them to reach their potential and make a positive contribution to society. Baradene is part of a global network of over 140 Colleges of the Sacred Heart.

Applications for Year 7 2026 will be accepted from the beginning of February 2025 and will close 3pm Friday 14 March 2025.

Academic and Special Character Scholarships available.
For enrolment information visit www.baradene.school.nz/enrol

For an enrolment pack, please contact Felicity Little.
Baradene@baradene.school.nz

ST PAUL'S COLLEGE

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YEARS 7-13 CATHOLIC CHAMPAGNAT MARIST SCHOOL FOR BOYS

OPEN DAY

Enrolments for Years 7, 8, and 9 in 2026
Limited enrolments at other levels

Thursday 6th March 2025 | 9:30am or 1:45pm

Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by a tour of the school

STPAULSCOLLEGE.CO.NZ | 183 RICHMOND ROAD, PONSONBY
(Parking available on-site)



St Peter's College

Mountain Road, Epsom
Tel: 09 524 8108

Catholic School for Boys Years 7 - 13

OPEN DAY

For year 7 Enrolments in 2026
Limited enrolments at other levels

TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2025
9.30 am or 1.00 pm

in the College Hall (main school entrance - Mountain Road)
followed by a conducted tour of the College by senior boys.
You do not need to register.

St Peter's College provides an education in the CATHOLIC tradition by building a strong foundation in the ACADEMIC, SPORT & MUSIC areas.

The College has a dual pathway of assessment with both Cambridge International Examinations and NCEA offered at senior year levels.

The College is well served by public transport
from all parts of Auckland

(Weather permitting, parking available on the top field, main entrance Mountain Road)

www.st-peters.school.nz
"St Peter's builds outstanding men"