

Care Manaakitanga **Respect** Whakaute **Honesty** Pono

Update...

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20 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

21 Feb 26 Feb	Whole School Assembly, Room 8, 2:15PM Sacramental Program Parents, Year 4+ Meeting 6:30PM in the Parish Church
27 Feb 04 March 05 March 18 March	Eden/Albert Swimming Zones Eden/Albert Touch Zones Ash Wednesday Eden/Albert Cricket Zones

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

PIZZA DAY- Order by 6PM Tonight!

Pizza day is Tuesday 25 February. Details below under PTA information.

HOLEY FATHERS- Meeting
TONIGHT 8PM Lord Kitchener,
Sandringham For further details please see
below

Room 8 Assembly

Whole school assembly tomorrow Friday 21 February at 2:15pm on the school turf.

Leadership Badges (including student council)

All year 6 leadership and student council badges will be handed out during Room 8's assembly on Friday afternoon.



Special Character

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. Due date for all forms should be no later than Monday 24 February 2025. If your child is enrolling in the programme, a parent, caregiver or godparent should attend the Parent Meeting Wednesday 26th February at 6:30PM in the Parish Church.

Cake Raffle Week



Room 8 cake raffle - Bring your spare coins.

Available before & after school.

EFTPOS NOW AVAILABLE

Information for Whānau

School Gate (beside office)

This gate will be locked between the hours of 9.00am and 2.30pm everyday from now on. Parents and caregivers coming into school will need to enter the school through the office during these times. This is to ensure the safety of our students at all times.

Bikes and Scooters

All children (including pre-schoolers) and parents must walk their bikes and scooters until they are fully outside the school

grounds - that includes the up top playground and paths. There has been a serious injury to a student due



to a collision with a child on a bike near the up top playground. Please ensure your child isn't riding a bike or a scooter before and after school. We have a high number of whānau who walk out that way after school.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform to school each day. This includes the following:

- No bangles or bracelets
- No necklaces
- Only 1 pair of small round plain studs in ears
- Dark coloured and plain hair ties, headbands etc.
- Hair lower than shoulder length should be tied up
- No nail polish on toes or fingers
- Navy blue wide brimmed hat. No caps.

Head lice

Head lice season seems to have come around again! Please check your children's heads and treat immediately if you find any evidence of headlice. Working together helps us protect all our children. Please see the following website for some useful information on the prevention and treatment of head lice.

Health and NZ Head Lice

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 <u>link</u> or collect it from the school office. Limited spaces are available.

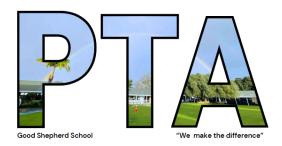
The St Peter's After School Music Programme

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 Enrolment Form alternatively, please email stpetersprimarymusic@gmail.com for more information.

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



GSS NEWS

PTA Meeting & AGM

We had an awesome turn out last night! Thank you to everyone that took the time to attend. Everyone is welcome and would love your amazing input.

All parents and caregivers are automatically part of the PTA, so everyone is welcome. These meetings are a fantastic way to connect with other parents and stay informed about what's happening at the school. Plus, with this being a Fair Year, there are lots of exciting plans ahead!

We also have an **opening for a Treasurer** on our committee. The role includes:

- Managing day-to-day finances
- Keeping records of PTA financial activity
- Reporting on finances at meetings
- Arranging floats for events

You don't need to be an accountant—this role is straightforward and well-supported.

Being part of the PTA committee is a fun and rewarding way to give back to our awesome GSS community!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to nzgoodshepherdpta@gmail.com . We look forward to seeing you next week!

Caring Committee

Join the Caring Committee - No Pressure, Just Kindness

The Caring Committee is all about supporting our school community in simple, meaningful ways. Last year, we helped over 20 families with things like providing dinners, school lunches, baking, and even transportation for students.

It's super flexible—you volunteer when you can, no pressure at all! If you'd like to join or just learn more, add your email and sign up, an email will be sent out when a family is in need we'll keep you in the loop.

Holey Fathers - MEET UP TONIGHT!!

The Holey Fathers are a group of Good Shepherd Dad's who periodically get together to socialize, support each other and help out with working bees and other jobs



at the school. If you'd like to catch up with other Good Shepherd Dads over a drink, hear what we have planned for this year and see where you can lend a hand, please join us for the first catch up of the year at the Lord Kitchener in Sandringham on Thursday, 20th February at 8pm. We'd especially like to welcome any new Dads to the school. If you'd like more information, please email holeyfathers@gmail.com.

Sushi/Pizzas/Ice-Blocks

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. 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 Fridays at 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 20th February (and later date, Thursday 3rd April).

Please note that Pizza Day is run by parent volunteers. 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.





Join us at our Open Day on Wednesday 26 February, 2025.A Sacred Heart education provides a Catholic foundation of faith and an aspiration to succeed at the highest level in personal and professional life.

Places are available in Year 7 and Year 9, 2026, and we welcome your interest. Boarding is available in Years 9 to 13. Scholarships are available. Applications are prioritised in accordance with our Enrolment Scheme. Applications close Friday 4 April, 2025.



A presentation will be held in our Auditorium at 10am and 1pm, followed by tours of the College. Parking will be available at Gate 4, West Tamaki Road, Glendowie

For further information visit our website www.sacredheart.school.nz

Contact the Enrolments Team: Phone (09) 529 3660 extn 714, or email enrolments@sacredheart.school.nz

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AFTERSCHOO

St Johns
Tuesday afternoor
Years 1-8

Windmill Park Monday afternoon: Years 1-8

VEEKEND CLINICS

Sunday afternoo Years 1-8 23 Feb - 30 Mar

Windmill Park Saturday morning Years 1-8 22 Feb - 29 Mar







