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# Update...

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*Thursday 06 March/ Poutūterangi 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

7 March	Football Coaching Sessions
7 March	Swimming Sports Certificates Assembly
9 March	Reconciliation Session 1 Mass
13 March	Y4-6 Fun Swim Morning
14 March	Whole School Prayers Room 5, 2.45pm
18 March	Eden/Albert Cricket Zones
19 March	St Joseph's Day
21 March	Whole School Assembly, Room 9, 2.15pm
25 March	Three way conferences 2PM (early finish)
26 March	Three way conferences 3PM
28 March	Whole School Prayers Room 3, 2.45pm
4 April	Whole School Assembly, Room 4, 2.15pm

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

## Swimming Certificates Assembly

On Friday 07 March (week 6) we will have a special sports assembly to acknowledge the place getters at this event and hand out certificates. This will begin at 2.15pm on the turf.

## Swimming - Week 7

Next week on Wednesday and Friday we have an instructor coming in from Drowning Prevention to give some poolside lessons for the children and teachers. Your class swimming days will differ slightly next week, your class teacher will let you know the swimming days.

On Thursday 13 March, all year 4-6 children who didn't attend the swimming sports at Jellicoe Pools will get a fun swimming activity in the school pool for an hour. They were given a notice to bring home on Wednesday. They will need to bring their swimming gear on Thursday.

## Special Character

### Good Shepherd School Award

Congratulations **Luke Butcher** and **Pippa Blakemore** on receiving the GSS Awards in week 6. You are both shining examples of how we can uphold the school's values of Respect, Care and Honesty. Well done and well deserved.



### Good Shepherd Parish Mass times

We encourage all families to attend Mass together, particularly those children who are participating in the Sacramental programme. Sunday Mass is at **9.30am**.



**Birthday blessings to our GSS children that celebrate their birthday in March:**

**Gabriella Custodio Wilson**  
**Harriet Davies**  
**Tyler Fasala**  
**Devin Fonseka**  
**Matthias Kautoke**  
**Marcus Kennerley**  
**Laurika Lealofi**  
**Kyrie-Eleison Leger**  
**Orla McArdle**  
**Cecelia Niuula**  
**Alice Pearce**

**Benicio San Marin**  
**Felix Taito**  
**Ivanka Thomas**  
**Promise Thomsen**  
**Leann Valde**  
**Cassius Wall**  
**Felix Wilson**  
**Roman Wilson**

## Sports

### Eden/Albert Touch Zones Year 5/6



On Tuesday we had some Year 5/6 GSS children represent our school at the E/A Touch Zones. Awesome sportsmanship and talent was showcased. Thank you to our kaiako and parents that supported this sporting event.

**Check out our new Good Shepherd School Gazebos that our PTA purchased for us!**

## Netball Season Approaching

**Register Now for Year 5 & 6 Netball!**

Registrations are now open for the Auckland Netball Winter Season 2025! If your child is keen to play, please complete the registration form by Friday, March 28 to secure their spot.

Season Details:

- Location: Windmill Park
- Game Day: Wednesdays
- Game Times: 4:00 PM | 4:45 PM | 5:30 PM | 6:15 PM
- Season Dates: May 14 – September 3 (with breaks for school holidays)
- Estimated Fee: \$80 per player
- Ideal Team Size: 8-9 players
- Open to Boys & Girls!

Netball is a fantastic way to build strength, agility, and teamwork—plus, it's loads of fun!

We're also looking for coaches and managers to support the team. Let us know if you can help!

 Click here to register:


<https://forms.office.com/r/eHBhxYtttu>

Registrations close Friday, March 28, so don't miss out!


 **Register Now for Year 3 & 4 Netball!** 


Registrations are now open for the Auckland Netball Winter Season 2025! If your child is keen to play, please complete the registration form by Friday, March 28 to secure their spot.


#### Season Details:

 Location: Windmill Park

 Game Day: Thursdays

 Game Times: 4:00 PM | 4:55 PM | 5:50 PM

 Season Dates: May 15 – September 11 (with breaks for school holidays)

 Estimated Fee: \$70 per player

 Ideal Team Size: 7 players

 Open to Boys & Girls!

Netball is a fantastic way to build strength, agility, and teamwork—plus, it's loads of fun!

We're also looking for coaches and managers to support the team. Let us know if you can help!

 Click here to register:

<https://forms.office.com/r/eHBhxYtttu>

Registrations close Friday, March 28, so don't miss out!


If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

Ngā mihi,  
Aimee Greenhough  
021763002


 **Year 0-2 Netball – Fun & Fundamentals!** 


We're excited to offer Year 0-2 Netball as a fun introduction to the game! This is a relaxed, school-based session where kids will learn the basics of netball in a supportive and playful environment.


#### Session Details:


 Location: Netball courts at school


 Day: Thursdays

 Season Starts: Thursday, May 8 (Term 2) and runs for the term

 Afternoon tea first, then play!

 Time: Afternoon tea at 3:00 PM, session runs 3:15 – 4:00 PM

 Cost: \$20 for the term

 Open to Boys & Girls!

This is a great way for our youngest players to develop coordination, teamwork, and confidence—while having heaps of fun!

No experience needed, just enthusiasm! Parents are welcome to stay and watch.

We'd also love a netball mum or dad to help run these sessions! If you're keen to get involved, let us know—it's a great way to support the kids and have some fun too!

 Click here to register:

<https://forms.office.com/r/eHBhxYtttu>

If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch. We'd love to see your little ones on the court!

**Check this out if you're interested in upgrading your skills!**



**NETBALL IS BACK**  
Come along to our Junior Netball 'Give it a Go' days. Everyone welcome!

**FREE SESSIONS**

Learn new skills, play netball, and have fun! Free sessions - no registration required. Guest appearances from Northern Mystics & Stars players!

ST JOHNS VENUE	WINDMILL PARK VENUE
7 Allison Ferguson Drive, St Johns	48 Windmill Road, Mt Eden
Date: 8 March 2025	Date: 15 March 2025
Time: 1pm - 3:30pm	Time: 1pm - 3:30pm
Years: 1-8 (Boys & Girls)	Years: 1-8 (Boys & Girls)

Scan the QR code to quickly and securely obtain the Auckland Netball Club's online registration form. Auckland Netball will never request sensitive information or payments via QR code.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
Caitlin Swardon, Development Program Officer  
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E: development@aucklandnetball.co.nz





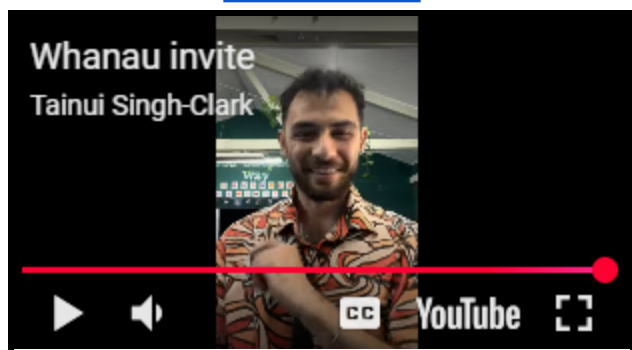
## In & Around School

### Te Reo Lessons with Matua Tainui

What an awesome opportunity for our Good Shepherd School Community to take part in. Matua Tainui is generously offering the chance to learn Te Reo Māori. The basics of reo to carry with you beyond our school gates. Welcome to ALL levels, this is to encourage everyone. Kia Kaha te Reo Māori!!

Everyone that has signed up for the classes, please meet at ruma rima (Room 5).

[SIGN UP HERE](#)



## 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](#)

## Information for Whānau

### Attendance – Every Day Counts, Every Minute Matters!

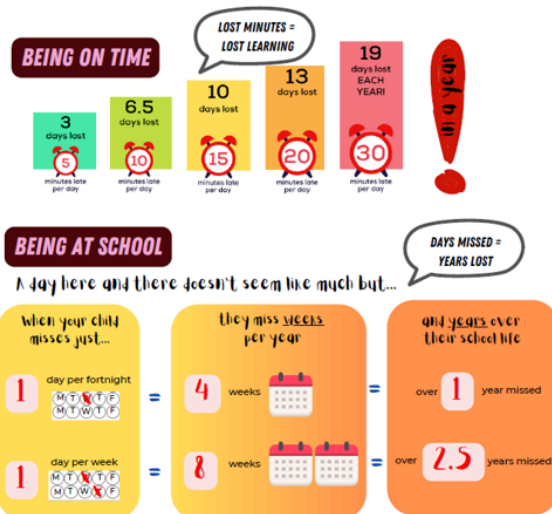
At GSS, regular attendance is key to your child's learning, friendships, and future success. We aim for every student to be at school **at least 90% of the time**.

So far, we've reached **94% attendance** in Term 1, let's keep it up! Missing even a few days can affect learning, test results, resilience, and social skills.

We understand some absences are unavoidable, like for medical reasons or a funeral/tangi. But family holidays and non-school activities aren't valid reasons to miss school.

If your child will be absent, please call, email, or use the app. It would be appreciated to let us know the reason to code your child's absence accurately. If you're having trouble getting them to school, talk to us we're here to help!

## Attendance Matters!



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! 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](mailto:nzgoodshepherdpta@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you next week!

## 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

### Nice Block Ice-Blocks

Ice blocks are available on Fridays at lunchtime. Order online via Kindo or bring a \$2 coin. Year 6 House Captains run this service. If ordered online, your child will get a hand stamp before lunch and must collect their ice block after the “Finished eating” lunch bell. House Captains won’t track down students who forget. If your child misses their ice block one week, unfortunately, we can’t carry it over to the next, thanks for understanding! The ice blocks come in a range of flavours from [Nice Blocks](#).

### Pizza Day

This Term, we will be having Pizza Day on **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](mailto:chanemmanz@gmail.com) if you are interested in this role.*



**MARIST COLLEGE**  
Catholic Girls School, Years 7 to 13

# Open Day Tours

## Thursday 6th March and Friday 7th March 2025

### Tours at 9am

A centrally located non-zoned  
Catholic girls secondary school, Years 7 to 13

[www.maristcollege.school.nz](http://www.maristcollege.school.nz)

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# NETBALL SKILLS CLINICS

**AFTERSCHOOL**

- St Johns  
Tuesday afternoons  
Years 1-8  
18 Feb - 25 Mar
- Windmill Park  
Monday afternoons  
Years 1-8  
17 Feb - 24 Mar

**WEEKEND CLINICS**

- St Johns  
Sunday afternoons  
Years 1-8  
23 Feb - 30 Mar
- Windmill Park  
Saturday mornings  
Years 1-8  
22 Feb - 29 Mar

AUCKLAND NETBALL



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**AUCKLAND UNITED F.C.**  
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# 2025 JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS

**REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FROM 5TH GRADE TO SENIOR SOCIAL!**

- Boys & Girls
- Girls-only team options in all grades
- Play with your friends from local schools

**FOR MORE INFORMATION HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE!**

Location: Auckland United F.C. (Keith Hay Park, Mt Roskill)  
Register online at [www.aucklandunitedfc.org.nz](http://www.aucklandunitedfc.org.nz)

**PLAY FOOTBALL WITH AUCKLAND UNITED!**



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