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# Update...

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**Thursday 03 April/Paenga-whawha 2025**

## Term Dates 2025

Term	Start	Finish
1	Tuesday 28 January	Friday 11 April
2	Monday 28 April	Friday 27 June

## Upcoming Dates

31 March	Cultural Week Begins
3 April	Cultural Dress Day
4 April	Whole School Assembly, Room 4, 2.15pm
8 & 10 April	Year 6 Puberty Talks
9 April	Stations of the Cross - 10.15am start in church
10 April	Colourful Clothes Day for the fair - PTA fundraiser Bring a Chocolate Block
11 April	Last day of term - school closes at 3pm
28 April	First day of Term 2 - school begins at 8.50am
3 May	Parish/School Mass 6pm

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

## PIZZA DAY ORDERS CLOSE TONIGHT!

Orders close 6 pm, Thursday 03 April. Pizza day is on Tuesday 08 April.

## Reminder for GSS Pool Key Holders

If you hired a pool key for the summer, please make sure to return it by Monday, April 7 to get your bond back.

## Attendance Dues and School Contributions - TERM 1 Attendance Dues now needed

Thank you for all your payments received so far.

As a condition of enrolment, the Catholic Diocese has asked that families make a per term payment of Attendance dues. Please contact Ilana in the school office to organise a payment has not yet been made for Term 1.

Tax receipts will be sent out once all March payments have been allocated in early April.

## Special Character

### 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** - Second Sunday of Lent.

### Sacramental Programme

On Tuesday we had the very special celebration of First Reconciliation for a number of our children. First Reconciliation is such an important step in a child's faith journey, and it's wonderful that the Good Shepherd community came together to support and reflect during this time. As the children now prepare for Confirmation, may they continue to grow in faith, wisdom, and love.

### Lent Season



**HOLY WEEK 2025**

**PALM SUNDAY**  
6pm Saturday Vigil Mass | **SUN - 9:30AM**  
Mass with Palm Sunday procession.  
**Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30am Mass.**

**HOLY THURSDAY ~ 7PM**  
The Mass of the Lord's Supper

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
Way of the Cross ~ **10AM**  
Passion of the Lord ~ **3PM**

**HOLY SATURDAY ~ 7PM**  
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

**EASTER SUNDAY ~ 9:30AM**  
The Resurrection of the Lord

 **GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
27 Telford Avenue, Mount Eden, Balmoral 1041

### Good Shepherd Awards

Congratulations to Jessica St Clair and Matthias Kautoke on receiving the GSS Awards in week 10. You are both shining examples of how we can uphold the school's values of Respect, Care and Honesty. Well done and well deserved.



## Sports

### Triumphant Touch Season

The office was in full celebration from children that played touch this week. It sounds like it was an incredible season for the Good Shepherd kids! Huge congratulations to the **GSS Raiders, GSS Warriors, Eden Wahs, and Mt Albert Lions** for their successful seasons. They must have put in a lot of hard work & teamwork to achieve such great results. Definitely a moment of pride for the players, coaches, and supporters. Same effort in the classroom like on the field please.



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## In & Around School

### NZ Curriculum refresh and school reports

You may be aware that we have begun implementing the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum. This updated curriculum is designed to equip our tamariki with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for their future success.

While these changes are being introduced in classrooms, our reporting documents will not be updated to reflect the new curriculum outcomes until next year. For the remainder of this year, student progress will continue to be reported using our current anniversary reports for year 0-2 students, and mid and end of year reports for students in year 3-6.

We will be holding a community consultation in the near future. This will provide an opportunity for parents, caregivers, and whānau to learn more about the curriculum changes and ask any questions you may have. Further details regarding the date and time will be shared shortly.

### School Library

We are looking forward to the install of our new library management system. This is happening at the moment. To ensure a smooth transition the library will be closed from Wednesday 26 March until the end of term. There won't be any returns or issues at this time. The library will also be closed at lunchtimes until term 2.

### Stations of the Cross

On Wednesday 09 April we will be participating in a reenactment of the Stations of the Cross. Some children from each class are involved in this reenactment. You are invited to join us in the church for this special occasion. It will begin at **10.15am** on Wednesday morning.



### Change of Clothes - Field

In term 2 children will need to be wearing a change of clothes to play on the field at break times. This will begin on the first day of term 2.

### Cross Country Training

In week 2 of term 2 the whole school will begin training for the cross country. Children will need to be wearing appropriate footwear for running. They can bring in their running shoes each day for training and a change of clothes (change of clothes is optional). If your child can't tie their shoelaces yet, please provide a pair of running shoes that have velcro on them. We will be training Monday to Thursday every week until the school cross country in week 7.

### Year 6 Puberty Talks

Year 6 puberty talks will take place in Week 11 of Term 1. A notice with all the information was handed out to the children on Monday. The boys and girls will be split into different groups and each group will

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have two sessions with an outside facilitator who is experienced with our school.

## Second-Hand Uniform Cupboard Now Closed Until Term 2

## 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



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

### Friday Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are available every Friday via [Kindo](#). Place your order by 8:30 am on Friday, or plan ahead for multiple weeks. Cancellations are accepted until 8:30 am on the Friday you ordered for.

## Sushi from Nagoya Sushi (Morningside)



- Teriyaki Katsu Chicken on Rice – \$8.50
- Sushi Packs:
  - 4 Pack: Tuna/Chicken/Vegetarian – \$6.00 | Salmon – \$6.50
  - 6 Pack: Tuna/Chicken/Vegetarian – \$7.50 | Salmon – \$8.00
  - 8 Pack: Tuna/Chicken/Vegetarian – \$9.00 | Salmon – \$9.50

## Nice Block Ice-Blocks

Available Fridays at lunch. Order via Kindo or bring a \$2 coin. If ordered online, children receive a hand stamp and must collect their ice block after the lunch bell. No carry-overs for missed pickups, thank you for understanding!

## GSS SCHOOL FAIR!!!!



**2025**

**Good Shepherd School FAIR**

**THIS YEAR IS A FAIR YEAR!**

GET READY FOR ONE OF THE BIGGEST AND MOST EXCITING EVENTS ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR—OUR SCHOOL FAIR! IT'S ALWAYS A DAY PACKED WITH FUN, FOOD, AND FANTASTIC FESTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY, AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO BRING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER FOR IT.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY REACHED OUT AND OFFERED TO HELP—WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU!**

**WE NOW HAVE OUR FAIR COMMITTEE IN PLACE AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE WIDER COMMUNITY TO DELIVER AN AMAZING EVENT TOGETHER.**

**APRIL 10**  
COLOURFUL CLOTHES DAY (BRING A CHOCOLATE BAR)

**MAY 07**  
WINE & CHEESE EVENING 7.30PM IN THE STAFF ROOM

**MAY 09**  
COLOURFUL CLOTHES DAY (BRING A JOLLY JAR)

**NOT ON THE COMMITTEE? NO PROBLEM!**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**CAN YOU HELP WITH SPONSORSHIP OR PRIZES?**

**WE'RE ALSO ON THE LOOKOUT FOR SPONSORS AND PRIZE DONATIONS. DO YOU WORK FOR A BUSINESS THAT COULD SUPPORT US—BIG OR SMALL?**

**WHEN YOU PROVIDE A PRIZE OR SPONSORSHIP, WE'LL MAKE SURE YOU GET THE EXPOSURE YOU DESERVE. OUR FAIR REACHES BEYOND JUST THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY, WITH LOCAL PROMOTION, COMMUNITY BOARDS, AND A STRONG VISITOR TURNOUT.**

**SAVE THE DATE! NOVEMBER 22 SATURDAY**



**Thank you to everyone who has already reached out and offered to help—we really appreciate you!**

We now have our **Fair Committee** in place and are looking forward to working with the wider community to deliver an amazing event together.

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## Upcoming Events:

### 🟡 Thursday, 10th April – Colourful Clothes Day (Bring a Chocolate Bar)

This will help stock the **Chocolate Trailer** game at the fair. We'll let families know what their donations are going toward in advance.

### 🧀 Wednesday, 7th May – Stall Holders & Volunteers Wine & Cheese Evening 7.30PM in the staff room

Come along for a relaxed drink and get a deeper understanding of how we run the fair—and how you can be part of it!

### 🟢 Friday, 9th May – Colourful Clothes Day (Bring a Jolly Jar)

Jolly Jars are filled with trinkets, stickers, lollies, little treats—anything fun! We're giving you a heads-up now so you can prepare something over the school holidays.



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## We Need Your Help! 🙌

### 🙏 Can You Help with Sponsorship or Prizes?

We're also on the lookout for **sponsors and prize donations**. Do you work for a business that could support us—big or small?

When you provide a prize or sponsorship, we'll make sure you get the **exposure you deserve**. Our fair reaches beyond just the school community, with **local promotion, community boards, and a strong visitor turnout**.

### 🔧 Other Ways to Help:

If joining the committee isn't for you, that's totally fine! There are **plenty of other ways to get involved**, from running a stall to helping with setup, pack-down, or behind the scenes. Every role makes a difference.

🗣️ **If you're keen to get involved, now's the time!** Let us know how you'd like to help and be part of making this a fantastic fair.

📅 **Mark your calendars – Saturday, November 22!** 🏰 ✨

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# HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Monday 14 April - Thursday 24 April 2025\*  
held at both venues



Looking for an exciting way to keep the kids entertained these April school holidays?

Our action-packed school holiday programmes are filled with fun activities to match your child's interests, choose the perfect option for them and let the adventure begin!



**Week One**  
Commences Monday 14 April  
\*No sessions on 18 April due to public holiday

**Week Two**  
Commences Tuesday 22 April  
\*No sessions 21 and 25 April due to public holidays

Auckland Netball Centre  
7 Allison Ferguson Drive  
St Johns (OSCAR Accredited)

Windmill Park Venue  
48 Windmill Road



To book or for more information please contact:  
Caitlin Smardon, Development Programme Officer  
T 09 280 4129 or M 021 577 105  
E development@aucklandnetball.co.nz  
www.aucklandnetball.co.nz





## 2025 JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS

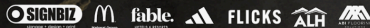
**REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FROM 6TH GRADE TO SENIOR SOCIAL!**

- 👦 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!**



## EPSOM GIRLS NETBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!

### YEAR 5&6 AM SESSIONS

Tuesday 15th April 25  
930-1200pm

Wednesday 16th April 25  
930-1200pm

### YEAR 7&8 PM SESSIONS

Tuesday 15th April 25  
1pm-330pm

Wednesday 16th April 25  
1pm-330pm

• \$50 a day or \$90 for both days

• Don't miss out—sign up today!

**Register Here**

Payment details will be sent to you after registration.

Further details:

Contact Jamie Clifford  
[JClifford@eggs.school.nz](mailto:JClifford@eggs.school.nz)

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