

**GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – PTA – 19 MARCH 2025**

Once again, it is a pleasure to present my report to the PTA on the latest school events and activities.

Catholic Special Character

Feast of St Joseph – 19 March 2025

Today, we celebrated our special feast day, the Feast of St Joseph, with the entire school joining the parish community for a 9:30 AM Mass. Our House Captains and senior leaders took charge of organising and running a series of tabloid sports activities. We extend our gratitude to Father Martin and the PTA for generously providing ice blocks. The newly designed House Flags look stunning, and we look forward to using them more frequently at future school events.

School Council and Student Opportunities

The School Council is now in full swing, meeting with me weekly to explore ways to make a meaningful impact on our school community. Soon they will be surveying their peers to help decide on initiatives for 2025. One popular idea so far is the running of games / sports for children to opt into during break times.

Property Developments in 2024

As a parish school, Good Shepherd School is an integral part of the Good Shepherd community, with its property managed as part of the wider parish site.

- The school's property is classified as 'integrated,' meaning its maintenance and development are primarily funded by the Ministry of Education through the Catholic Diocese of Auckland.
- Any property development projects require close coordination with the Diocese's property team.

Key Property Achievements in 2024

Last year, we successfully completed several significant upgrades, including:

- Installation of a shade sail over the sandpit
- Removal of the green storage container
- Replacement of the library roof
- Addition of capped block seating around the olive trees
- A stunning upgrade to our swimming pool area, featuring a new mural

Presentation of Reading Data

Friendship Bench

The new Friendship Bench has been installed outside the library, and it looks fantastic! Once Father Martin returns from overseas, we will hold a special blessing ceremony to introduce this to the children. This beautiful bench was built, painted, and generously donated by parent Grant Browne, and we are incredibly grateful for his contribution.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Ben Fahey
PRINCIPAL**