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Te Kura o Hepara Pai

Care Manaakitanga Respect Whakaute Honesty Pono

09 Hui-tanguru / February 2023

Upcoming Dates

| 13 February | Applications for Sacramental Programme close | |
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| 16 February | SPC Music Programme begins | |
| 16 February | Sacramental Programme Whānau mtg | |
| 17 February | Colourful Clothes Day | |
| 18 February | Parish/School Mass | |
| 21 February | Shrove Tuesday | |
| 21 February | Senior Swimming Carnival (TBC) | |
| 21 February | PTA AGM and meeting | |
| 22 February | Ash Wednesday | |
| 26 February | Reconciliation preparation | |
| 28 February | Eden/Albert Swimming Zones | |
| 28 February | BOT Meeting | |
| 3 March | Opera in Schools | |
| 5 March | Reconciliation preparation | |
| 8 March | Year 6 Camp | |
| 9 March | Year 6 Camp | |
| 10 March | Year 6 Camp | |
| 12 March | Reconciliation preparation | |
| 14 March | Eden/Albert Touch Zones | |
| 16 March | Eden/Albert Touch (Save Day) | |
| 16 March | Junior Swimming Display | |
| 17 March | Feast of St Patrick | |
| 19 March | Feast of St Joseph | |
| 23 March | Sacrament of Reconciliation | |
| 28 March | Eden/Albert Cricket Zones | |
| 29 March | Three Way Conferences | |
| 30 March | Three Way Conferences | |
| 30 March | Eden/Albert Cricket Zones (Save Day) | |
| 2 April | Palm Sunday | |

| 2 April 4 April 6 April 6 April 7 April 9 April 24 April 25 April 26 April | Daylight Saving begins BOT Meeting End of Term 1 Holy Thursday Good Friday Easter Sunday Teacher Only Day Anzac Day Term 2 begins |
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| 9 April | Easter Sunday |
| 24 April | Teacher Only Day |
| 25 April | Anzac Day |
| 26 April | Term 2 begins |
| 30 April | Feast of the Good Shepherd |
| 30 June | End of Term 2 |
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Please look carefully, as some of these dates have changed.

Special Character

Parish/School Inaugural Mass Saturday 18 February at 6pm

We are looking forward to gathering as a Good Shepherd community to ask God's blessing on our school year. Please bring along a can to donate to St Vincent de Paul. We will also have the regular parish collection.

Colourful Clothes Day

Children are invited to wear their own colourful clothes on the 17th February and bring a gold coin for St Vinnies. All donations go towards food support, social assistance and practical help for Aucklanders affected by the recent weather events.

Sacramental Programme 2023

Good Shepherd School and Parish have enrolment forms available for the Sacramental Programme in 2023. All children who have been baptized and are 8 years old and above are eligible. A copy of their baptism certificate is required. <u>Enrolment forms</u> are available at the Parish Office or Good Shepherd School office.

Enrolments close – Monday 13 February 2023

Further enquiries to: Parish office – <u>office@balmoralcatholic.org</u> Jane Hahn – <u>principal@goodshepherd.school.nz</u> Peyton Evans – <u>pevans@goodshepherd.school.nz</u>

Information for Whānau

St Peter's After School Music Programme

We are very lucky to be able to offer out of school music tuition to our students on a Thursday afternoon through the St Peter's After School Music Programme.

The St Peter's After School Music Programme is now accepting new enrollments for 2023. Please fill in the form https://forms.gle/jTnPjoCmZvambik58 or to find out more you can email stpetersprimarymusic@gmail.com.

See attached flyer for more information.

Safety in the Car Park

You will all be aware of the work we have done around keeping children safe during drop off and pick up times. This is an important reminder that the cones in the Volcanic Street car park are there for a reason. **Please do not drive through them.** They provide a safe area for our children to make their way to and from school.

Let's Keep in Touch

We use WhatsApp and Facebook to facilitate communication among whānau. There is no obligation to join these informal groups, but whānau find them very useful for asking and reminding each other about school happenings - not to mention tracking down lost property! This document contains





links to our groups, including classroom and PTA WhatsApp groups; and school and PTA Facebook groups.

GSS WhatsApp and Facebook Information 2023

Procedure for dealing with concerns and complaints at Good Shepherd School

We value our community culture at Good Shepherd School. When dealing with any concerns and complaints that may arise, we keep at the forefront our core values of care, respect and honesty. If you have an issue, please follow this <u>link</u> which can guide you in how to proceed in order to resolve it with us.

Attendance Dues 2023

The attendance dues will be increasing for the 2023 year to \$122 per term per child.



requirement for parents and caregivers to pay Attendance Dues under the Education and Training Act 2020.

| ATTENDANCE | DUES | ARE: | |
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| 2023 | PRIMARY STUDENTS | SECONDARY STUDENTS |
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| per year (incl. GST) | \$488 | \$956 |
| per term (ind. GST) | \$122 | \$239 |

Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

If you, or anyone you know, are considering enrolling your child at Good Shepherd, please contact the school office as soon as possible on <u>admin@goodshepherd.school.nz</u>.

As always we appreciate your recommendations of our school to friends and whānau.

Good Shepherd OSCA

Our before and after school care programme is an important service to our school community and every care is taken to guard children's safety and wellbeing while they are at OSCA. It is very important that we are notified if there is a change in the nominated person picking up your child. This means that children will not be released to anyone other than the person or people nominated on our records unless contact has been made by that person to advise a change. A couple of extra reminders:

- Please fill in all forms for OSCA accurately and keep us up to date with changing medical conditions for your child
- Remember to let us know if your plans change

School Pool Closed- Sunday 12 February

The school pool will be closed from 9am - 12pm. Families are welcome to use the pool from 12pm until 7pm.

Sushi

Sushi is ordered through Kindo. If you do not have a Kindo account it is quick and easy to set one up <u>here</u>. This is a PTA fundraiser run by parent volunteers. We will begin this weekly service once

we have found someone to help out with the sushi admin. We need someone who can download the orders from the ordering site on a Friday morning and export the information into an excel template to send to Cafe Sushi and also to the PTA treasurer. It is straightforward and doesn't take long but needs to be done around 9am every Friday. If you are available to do this job, please contact Emma Chan chanemmanz@gmail.com

Elizabeth Michael Uniform- MOVING



Good Shepherd School Uniform

Term 1 all students are to be in summer uniform.

Summer Uniform: Students wear summer uniforms in Terms 4 & 1. This includes black sandals and a wide-brim school hat. Sports Uniform: Compulsory for Years 4- 6. Jewellery, nail polish, makeup, hair

A watch and ear studs are the only jewellery permitted with the school uniform. Nail polish is not permitted on either fingers or toes. Makeup may not be worn. Long hair must be tied back. Hair accessories must be either navy blue or black.

Remember, we have a good selection of second hand uniforms available at minimal cost from our school office.

Flippa Ball 2023

Is your child/ren interested in playing Flippa Ball in 2023? Not played before? That's okay as long as they are confident in the water they can sign up.

Flippa Ball is the junior version of Water Polo and played in water where they will be able to touch the bottom.

If your child is in Year 3 or over in 2023 please register interest by completing the below google form for each child. All those that complete the registration form will be contacted early this year with further information and confirmed team details. Google Form in this link: Registration

If you have further questions please contact me. Debbie Wright (Abby's mum Year 5) Debbiesandrawright@gmail.com

Baradene College - Open Day Tours

Wednesday 1 March and Thursday 2 March 2023 BOOKINGS online REQUIRED (opening 9.00am Monday 20 February)

Tour times: 9.00am, 10.00am, 11.30am

Book at www.baradene.school.nz/enrol

Book your time by 3.00pm Monday 27 February Enrolments for Year 7, 2024 and for limited places in other Year levels are being accepted now and will close at 3pm on Friday 17 March, 2023.

Marist College - Open Day Tours



secondary school, Years 7 to 13

www.maristcollege.school.nz

St Peter's College - Open Day

For Year 7 Enrolments in 2024

Limited enrolments at other levels Tuesday 21 February:

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. Weather permitting, limited parking

available on the top field, main entrance, Mountain Road <u>www.st-peters.school.nz</u>