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# Update...

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## 24 October/ Whiringa-Ā-Nuku 2024

### Upcoming Dates

27 Oct - 2 Nov	Tokelauan Language Week
31 Oct - 2 Nov	Diwali
28 Oct	Labour Day (School Closed)
01 Nov	All Saints Day - 9:30am Mass
11 Nov	Teachers Only Day (School Closed)
12 Nov	GSS Athletics Day - Whole School
14 Nov	Photolife School Photos
27 Nov	PTA Meeting
04 Dec	End of Year Mass
12 Dec	GSS Christmas Concert
13 Dec	Term 4 Ends - Last Day of School <b>School finishes at 2pm</b>
<b>Whole School Prayers in Term Four:</b>	
<b>Friday 2.45pm in church</b>	
Week 3 - Rm 1	
Week 5 - Rm 5	
Week 7 - Rm 4	
<b>Class Assemblies in Term Four:</b>	
<b>Friday 2.15pm on the turf</b>	
Week 2 - Rm 6	
Week 4 - Rm 8	

	Week 6 - Rm 1
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*Please look carefully, as some of these dates have changed*

### 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

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### Special Character

#### Good Shepherd Parish Mass times

We encourage all families to attend Mass together.  
Sunday Mass **9.30am**.

#### Please Keep in Your Prayers....

We ask for God's blessing on all those members of our community who are suffering illness or loss in their families at this time. Please keep them in your prayers.

## ROOM 6 CAKE RAFFLE



**Room 6 cake raffle - Bring your spare coins.**  
**Available before & after school or come into the office.**

**\$2 for 1 ticket or \$5 for 3.**

## Sport

### Athletics

The whole school has begun training for our school athletics day. Our training days are Tuesday for room 1 - 5 and Wednesday and Thursday for room 6 - 9. It would be great if children could bring a change of clothes to wear for these sessions.

**GSS Athletics Day - Tuesday 12 November at Margaret Griffen Park.** An email was sent out earlier this week regarding all information. See below:

[Athletics Day Notice](#)

## In and Around School

**Reminder to check out our [Highlights](#) site for even more photos and events from GSS....**

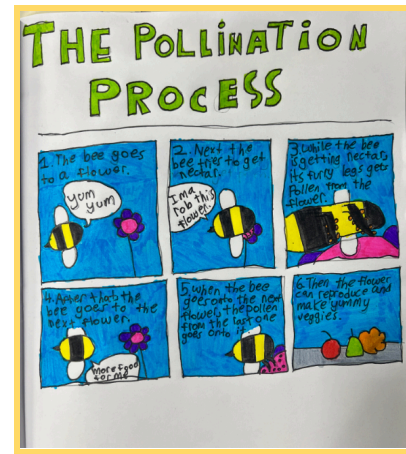
### Sustainability Learning at GSS

In the second part of Term 3, classes have had another sustainability session with Ms Chan. The focus for these sessions has been on the role of bees in the sustainability of our environment.

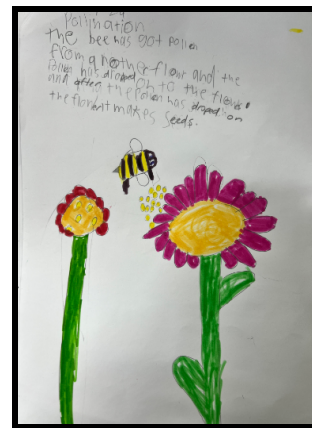
We have inquired into:

- The role of bees in pollination
- Why bees are so important to us
- How we can help bees to thrive

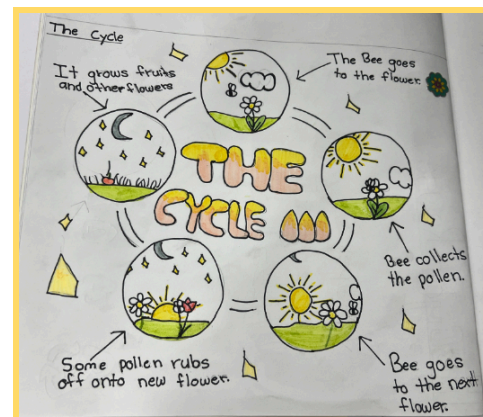
Here are some examples of the work our tamariki have completed around this topic.

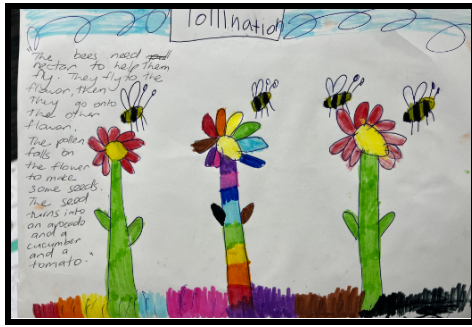


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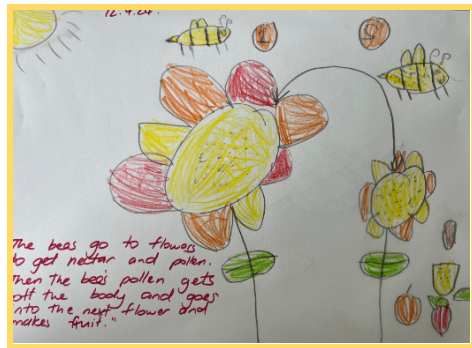


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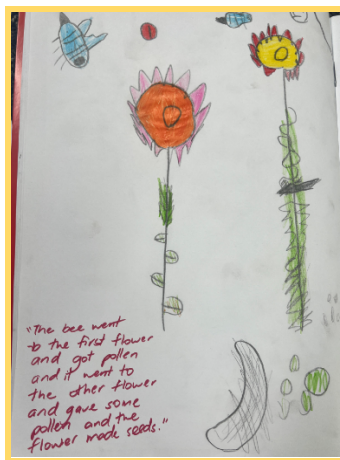
**Freddie Hall Year 0**



**Rasheli Dias Year 4**



**Saxon Wilkinson Year 1**



## Sickness at School

We are noticing that we are sending a lot of children home with a tummy bug. Advice from the Ministry of Health on vomiting and diarrhoea bugs is: Don't go to school, early childhood centre or work until well and for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

To help contain the spread please don't send your child to school for 48 hours after the **last** episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

For more information on vomiting and diarrhoea bugs go to: [Gastroenteritis](#)

## Information for Whānau

### Term 4 Summer Uniform

Reminder that all children are expected to be in **FULL** summer uniform now. Please pay particular attention to school hats and sandals. A navy wide-brim hat has to be worn every school day. A baseball cap is not acceptable.

### Attendance Dues

We have been advised that the compulsory Attendance Dues that are set by the Auckland Catholic Diocese will be increasing to \$532 annually (\$133 per term) in 2025.

As we are now in term 4, please could all final balances be attended to before the 6th of December to enable us to make payment to the Diocese before the end of the school year. If you require any information, please contact Ilana [ihowley-buddell@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:ihowley-buddell@goodshepherd.school.nz).

Thank you to all our families who have made payments this year, especially of Trips and Activities which has supported our children to enjoy:

- NZ Opera in Schools
- Maritime Museum and Ted Ashby Sailing trip
- Tread Lightly Environmental Classroom
- Life Education week - Educate and Empower
- Author Visit, Sally Sutton - Book Week
- Buses to events

We very much appreciate your support. Thank you!

In Term 4, classes will have two more sustainability sessions. We are expecting to do some gardening and cooking during these sessions.

## GSS PTA NEWS



### Sushi, Pizza's & Moosies.

Sushi prices will increase this term, due to an increase in prices from our supplier. From this week, sushi will be sold at the following prices:

Teriyaki Chicken on Rice \$ 8.50

Salmon 4 pc \$6.50

Salmon 6 pc \$8.00

Salmon 8 pc \$9.50

Vegetarian / Tuna / Chicken 4 pc \$6.00

Vegetarian / Tuna / Chicken 4 pc \$7.50

Vegetarian / Tuna / Chicken 4 pc \$9.00

Sushi/pizza will be available on the following dates this term:

Friday 25th October - Sushi

Friday 1st November - Sushi

Wednesday 6th November - Pizza (Orders will close on Friday 1st November)

Friday 8th November - Sushi

Friday 15th November - Sushi

Friday 22nd November - Sushi

Friday 29th November - Sushi

Friday 6th December - Sushi

Wednesday 11th December - Pizza (Orders will close on Friday 6th December.

Friday 13th December - Sushi

Orders are taken online via [Kindo](#). Sushi orders close at 8.30am on Friday mornings. Pizza orders close at 6pm, 5 days prior to the pizza day. Once orders are closed, it is not possible to add an order. Sushi orders can be cancelled up to 8.30am on the day of the delivery but pizza orders can only be cancelled up until the orders close.

Thank you very much to the volunteers that are helping out with sushi and pizzas this term.

Moosies are also able to be ordered through Kindo and have been set up on Kindo for all of the Moosie dates this term. You can also order Moosies for as many weeks in advance as you like. Moosie orders close at 8.30am on the day of the orders. You can cancel a Moosie order up until 8.30am on the day of delivery.

*If you have ordered a Moosie from Kindo, please remind your child they MUST line up outside Room 2 at lunchtime, after they are released from sitting/eating time. Moosie monitors are not able to find children once lunch begins.*