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Update...

Te Kura o Hepara Pai



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05 December 2024

Upcoming Dates

12 Dec 13 Dec	GSS Christmas Concert 6pm Term 4 Ends - Last Day of School School finishes at 2pm
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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

Graduation Mass 2024

What a wonderful evening we shared last night, celebrating the significant contributions our Year 6 students have made to our Good Shepherd community throughout their time at school.

Events like these are only possible thanks to the collective efforts of so many. Today, we would like to express special thanks to Ms. Kaur and Ms. Parry for their tireless organisation. We also acknowledge our close relationship with the parish and extend heartfelt gratitude to Monsignor Bernard, who always brings a personal and meaningful touch to these occasions.

A special thank you goes to Rachel and Joanna for their incredible work with the music, which truly enriched the experience for everyone present. The

congregation has been truly uplifted by their efforts in recent years.

Finally, our deepest thanks to our school whānau for their unwavering support—from the PTA's thoughtful gifts for the tamariki, to the friends and family who attended with the children, helping to make the evening so memorable.

Ngā mihi nui to everyone who contributed to this special celebration.

Please follow the youtube link to see the wonderful item presented by our Year 6 leavers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIF7loHAtGk>



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.

St Vincent De Paul Giving Baskets - KEEP BRINGING THEM IN



As we enter the Christmas season, let us take a moment to think of those families in NZ who are in need of support. If your family is able, we encourage you to contribute by providing a gift or donating non-perishable food items.

- **Odd-numbered classrooms** are asked to bring a wrapped gift, clearly labelled with "Boy" or "Girl," approx age, to ensure the right gift reaches the right child.
- **Even-numbered classrooms** are requested to bring non-perishable food items to help stock food pantries and provide for those in need.

Your generosity can make a big difference in the lives of families this holiday season. Thank you for your kindness and support!

GSS Awards

Congratulations to Luke Boucher and Reuben Davenport on receiving the GSS awards. Continue being the shining examples that you are.



Sports

Athletics Certificates

This Friday there will be no school assembly however our athletics certificates will be presented after boogie beats at around 9am.

In and Around School

Kapa Haka

The 2024 Kapa Haka rōpū has shown significant improvement this year. The students have developed a stronger sense of pride in their kura and have performed as one whānau. They have enjoyed learning various waiata and haka, while also being introduced to Te Ao Māori (The World of Māori). A special thank you to Whaea Alice for her amazing support, and assistance in organising the uniforms, and to Whaea Renée for supporting with the actions and of course to Whaea Liv and Matua Tainui and all our other parent helpers! Follow this link for the video of the Eden/Albert performance.

<https://youtu.be/IMp1Nxjua2c>



Volleyball Battle - Teachers vs Students!

There was a fun and lively lunchtime event with volleyball on the turf!

Information for Whānau

YEARBOOKS ARRIVING TOMORROW!

2024 has been a memorable year. Our yearbook will provide you with a permanent and colourful record of our students and their activities at school. All students are celebrated in this book, with pages dedicated to each class, and special recognition for our leavers.

Yearbooks can soon be purchased on Kindo for a cost of \$25 or just pop into the office. There are a few leftover yearbooks from 2023, so if you are quick you will have the chance to purchase one for the bargain price of \$10!

Year Six End of Year Pool Party

A special celebration to mark the end of an unforgettable journey at Good Shepherd School!

Join us as we celebrate the Year 6 students and their incredible years together at Good Shepherd. Whether some are moving on to new schools or continuing their journey with old friends, the memories they've made here will last forever.

This event is a time to reflect, share laughter, and create even more lasting memories. Let's send our Year 6 students off with a memorable celebration!

GSS GRADS POOL PARTY

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER | Last day of school
2.30-5.00pm @ Pt Erin Pools, Herne Bay

Scan QR to join group
& RSVP for your child



**PIZZA, DRINKS,
SNACKS
& LOTS OF FUN**
\$13 per child

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED FOR TRANSPORT & SUPERVISION

Qs? CONTACT ANNA SHAW / 02102970532 annalshaw@gmail.com

Many children, especially struggling readers, forget some of what they have learned or slip out of practice during the summer holidays. Try these three steps to help your child improve their reading during the summer and beyond.

1. Six books to summer success: Research shows that reading just six books during the summer may keep a struggling reader from going backwards. When choosing the six, be sure that they are just right– not too hard and not too easy. Visit your local library. Ask for help selecting books that match your child’s age, interests, and abilities.

2. Read something every day: Encourage your child to take every opportunity to read. Morning: the newspaper– even if it’s just the comics or today’s weather Daytime: schedules, recipes, TV guides, magazines, online resources, etc. Evening: End the day by having your child read to you from the book he or she is currently reading. Have them rehearse a paragraph, page, or chapter before reading to you. Rereading will help them be more fluent– able to read at an appropriate speed, correctly, and with good expression

3. Keep reading aloud: Reading aloud benefits all children and teens, especially those who struggle. One benefit is that you can read books your child can’t, so they will build listening comprehension skills. This will increase their knowledge and expand their experience with text, so that they will do better when reading on their own. *Adapted from the article Three Ways to Prevent Summer Slide by Francie Alexander*

Attendance Dues

Payments of all Attendance Dues are now urgently required as final 2024 payments will be made to the Catholic Diocese this week. Attendance Dues set by the Auckland Catholic Diocese will be increasing to \$532 annually (\$133 per term) in 2025. Special Character contributions collected on behalf of the Catholic Diocese will remain the same at \$60 per year.



ATTENDANCE DUES

Providing for Catholic Schools in the Auckland Diocese

Attendance Dues are used to pay for building related costs in Catholic Schools in the Auckland Diocese. Paying Attendance Dues is a condition of enrolment for all students attending New Zealand Catholic Schools. Attendance Dues are compulsory. There is a legal requirement for parents and caregivers to pay Attendance Dues under the Education and Training Act 2020.

Attendance Dues are:	Primary	Secondary
per year (incl GST)	\$133	\$133
per term (incl GST)	\$44	\$44

For more information: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/parents/attendance-dues/>
Phone: 090 360 3048 Email: attdues@aucklandcatholic.org.nz



Catholic Special Character Contribution
SUPPORTING CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN OUR SCHOOLS

The Catholic Special Character contribution is used to fund the staff and services provided to the Catholic Education system. Parents who are responsible, on behalf of the Presiding Council, for fundraising and supporting the Catholic Special Character of our schools.

The contribution is \$15 per term per student or \$45 per student per year.

The contribution is tax deductible and a 20% credit can be claimed from the IRD.

For more information: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-education-removal/
Phone: 090 3603031 Email: ceec@ceec.org.nz

GSS PTA NEWS

Raumati Reads - Summer Reading

Joining the library is free for all residents of Tāmaki Makaurau. Join [online](#) then pick up your library card.



Nice Blocks!

Thank you for your support in our journey to become more sustainable. The tamariki are enjoying their new plastic-free ice blocks!



Ice blocks are able to be ordered through Kindo and are set up for the term. The cost of the new ice blocks is still **\$2**. You can order ice blocks for as many weeks in advance as you like. Ice blocks orders close at 8.30am on the day of the orders. You can cancel an ice block order up until 8.30am on the day of delivery



Sushi, Pizzas

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

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.



Christ the King Catholic School

Te Kura Katorika o te Karaiti te Kingi

Respect - Compassion - Service - Peace & Joy

TWILIGHT FAIR

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER
5:30pm to 9pm

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Food trucks •
- Games •
- Bouncy castles •
- Cake stall •
- Face paint •
- Raffles •

and much more!

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