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# Update...

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**Thursday 15 May/Haratua 2025**

## Term Dates 2025

Term	Start	Finish
2	Monday 28 April	Friday 27 June
3	Monday 14 July	Friday 19 September

## Upcoming Dates

16 May	Pink Shirt Day
16 May	Friendship seat blessing 2pm Fr. Martin
16 May	Room 6 Assembly, 2:15pm
20 May	E/A Football Zones
27 May	BOT Meeting
29 May	Feast of the Ascension
30 May	Room 7 Assembly, 2:15pm
2 Jun	King's Birthday, School Closed
6 Jun	School Disco. 5pm - 7pm
8 Jun	Sacramental Programme, Sacrament of Confirmation
9 Jun	Cross Country, 9:30am - 1pm
12 June	GSS Talent Show 9am
13 Jun	Room 5 Assembly, 2:15pm
17 June	E/A Cross Country Zones
20 Jun	Matariki Holiday, School Closed
23-27 Jun	Book Week
26 Jun	Book Week, Character Parade, 9am - 10am

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

## Pink Shirt Day TOMORROW

This week is NZ Bullying Free Week and we are promoting this at our school. On Friday 16 May it is Pink Shirt Day and we want everyone to wear pink to school. It could be pink clothes or pink accessories. If you don't have anything pink to wear, please wear your school uniform.



## Special Character Welcoming Pope Leo XIV

We are excited to share that Pope Leo XIV has been elected as the new leader of the Catholic Church. Born in Chicago and also a citizen of Peru. Pope Leo

XIV brings a rich background of faith, service, and leadership to his new role.



"Peace be with all of you!"

### Good Shepherd School Awards

This week we acknowledge Ryan Lin and Margit Rounds who received the GSS awards in week 2. May you continue being the shining examples of the Good Shepherd spirit that you are.



### 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**.

### Sacramental Programme

The Sacramental programme resumes this term as our students prepare for Confirmation.

- Sunday 18 May 9.30am - Confirmation Session one
- Sunday 25th May 9.30am - Confirmation Session two (with rehearsal after Mass)
- Sunday 08 June 9.30am - Pentecost Sunday, Sacrament of Confirmation

### Friendship Bench Blessing

On Friday 16 May we will be having a blessing for our Friendship Bench. This will happen at 2pm outside the library and then we will move to the turf for Room 6's assembly.

### In & Around School



*At Garden Club this week we made savoury muffins with herbs we grew in our garden. We used sage, parsley and chives. We talked about how we could still make the muffins without the herbs but they would have less flavour and would not smell as good. We loved our savoury muffins!*



### Change of Clothes - Field

From now until the end of term 3 children will need to be wearing a change of clothes to play on the field at break times.

### Cross Country Training

Training has begun for 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. Each class will be training Monday to Thursday every week until the school cross country in week 7.



### Library

The school library is up and running again with our amazing new library system. All librarians are being trained up on how to use the new system. Please check at home for any library books that can be returned.

### Sporting Events - Term 2

Eden/Albert Football Zones Tournament - Tuesday 20 May

GSS School Cross Country - Monday 9 June

Eden/Albert Cross Country Zones - Tuesday 17 June

### GSS Talent Show

On Thursday 12 June (week 7) GSS will be hosting a Talent Show. This will be in the hall beginning at 9am. Parents/Caregivers will receive an email on Monday with all the information.

To be a part of the talent show students need to be taking lessons in their particular talent or compete in competitions, e.g. dance classes, music lessons, martial arts or singing lessons.

We would like you to discuss this with your child and encourage them to share their talents with the school. Your child can choose if they want to participate, then choose an item and practice. This will all have to happen in their own time. Auditions will be held on Thursday 5 June during the school day.

Students will be notified if they will be participating in the Talent Show, after the auditions. We won't be able to choose everyone from the auditions to perform at the Talent Show, due to time constraints. Due to limited seating in the hall, only whanau of the children participating will be able to come along and watch the show.

We are really looking forward to seeing what talents our students have to offer.

### Achievements After Hours



**Last weekend Under 10's Eden vs U10's Carlton in tackle Rugby. It was fantastic to see friends from school, Felix, Sam, Oliver, Jack, James, and Felix competing on opposing teams. The Good Shepherd spirit would have been evident in this game! Such a cool photo.**

We love to see our tamariki achieve and participate in activities beyond the bell. If your child or past students of GSS have anything they want to share, email the school office - [admin@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz)

### 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

#### **Matua Tainui Is Back at It Again – Te Reo Māori Fun for Whānau!**

Matuas back! Join us for a one-off after-school Te Reo Māori session at Good Shepherd School! Open to ALL, this fun, family-friendly lesson will cover basic phrases, and games.

**Wednesday 21 May | 3:15–4:30pm | GSS Rm 5**

**Form to be completed in the following link**

[Te Reo Māori With Matua Tainui](#)

Kāore e tōia ngā kōrero kia roa. Noho mai i roto i ngā tūporetanga o te wā. Nā Tainui

#### **School Attendance Dues Financial Assistance**

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending both primary and secondary Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese. Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest, or Auckland Common Fund Ltd at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland on 09-360-3040 for further information.

Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland

[Website](#)



#### **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.



### GSS Fair Sponsor!!

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If you or someone you know is thinking about selling, please consider reaching out to Harriet for an appraisal, your support could make a big difference for our school community!

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### Enchanted Forest Disco

#### **Step into the Enchanted Forest Disco!**

Get ready to dance under the stars and step into a world of magic at this year's Enchanted Forest Disco. Join us for a night of shimmering lights, mystical music, and spellbinding fun on Friday June 6th 5pm - 7pm. Gain inspiration from:

1. Enid Blyton's Enchanted Wood, The Magic Faraway Tree or The Folk of the Magic Faraway Tree.
2. The Hobbit
3. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
4. Snow White
5. Hansel and Gretel



6. Goblins, Giants, Fairies, Pixies, Gnomes, elves, dragons or other mystical beings.

Whether you arrive as a forest fairy, a gnarly giant, or just ready to groove, this magical evening promises to be unforgettable. Expect enchanted décor, glitter galore, and beats that'll keep you dancing well into the moonlight. Don't miss your chance to be part of the most magical night of the year! Buy your tickets on Kindo for \$5 a ticket. A small selection of snacks and drinks will be available on the night. Snacks \$3 each and drinks being \$2.

We look forward to seeing you fantastical and spellbinding creatures at this year's disco!



## 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

### Sushi and Pizza Days – Term 2

Sushi will be available on the following Fridays:

- 16th May
- 23rd May
- 30th May
- 6th June
- 13th June
- No Sushi on 20th June (Matariki)
- 27th June

### Pizza Days:

- Tuesday 27th May
- Tuesday 24th June

If you are available to help with the collection and distribution of food on any of these dates, please contact Emma Chan at [chanemmanz@gmail.com](mailto:chanemmanz@gmail.com).

### 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!

