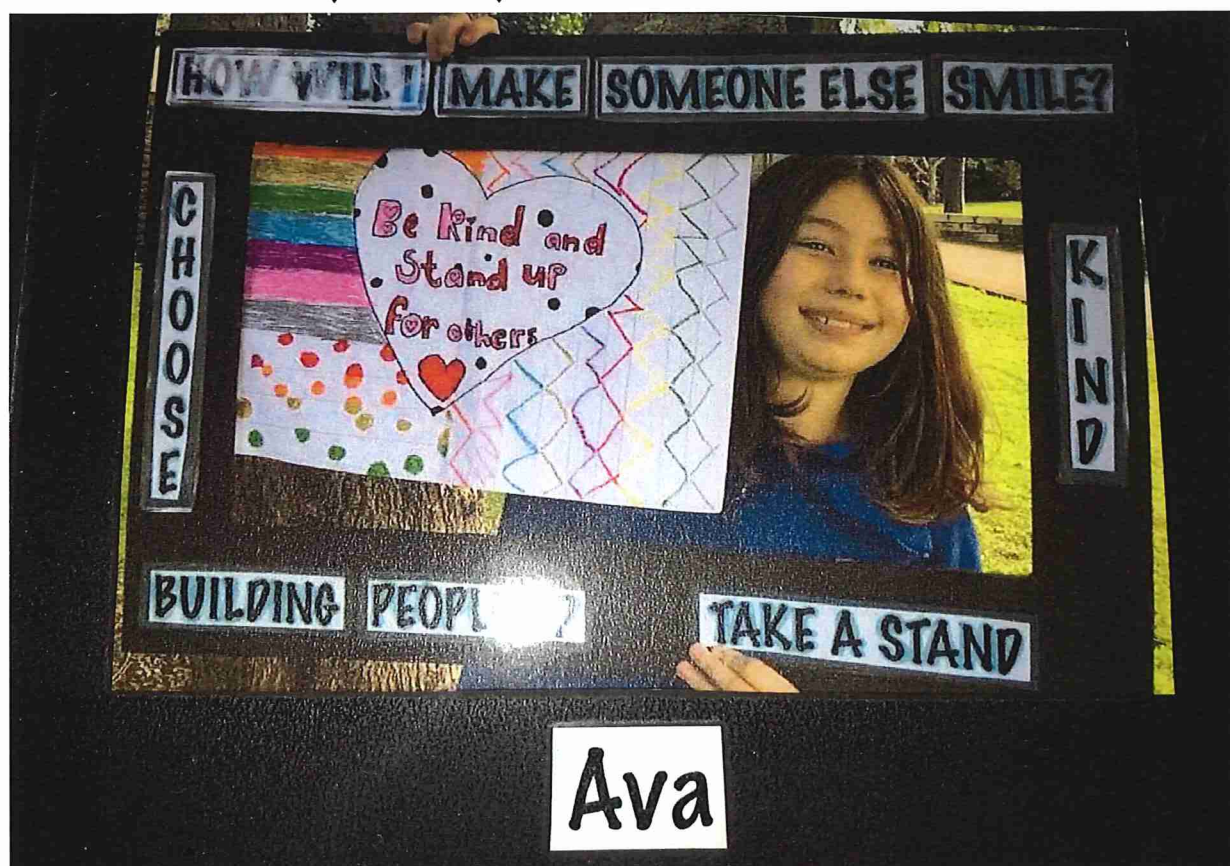


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Friday 29th June
School Closes at
1pm NZEI Paid Union member

Family Fun
Night
Friday 3rd
August 5.30pm

Lunch Orders on
Wednesday
Sausage Sizzle
Fridays
\$2 Pre Order

Whakataukī

Ma te Korero, ka mohio

Through discussion we become aware

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic faith community committed to quality education

Focus for Term 2 is Respect

Luke 14:10

But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at table with you.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B Green

'Jesus is life'

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2: 23-24a Psalm 30 2 Corinthians 8: 7,9, 13-14 Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus brings a young girl back to life again. She hears his call to her, "Talitha, kum" and follows it through a journey we can only imagine, emerging to return to the world she had left, in full health and very hungry. He could do that because Jesus is life.

To Jesus all our dead, children and loved ones, are but asleep in death. As the risen Lord he will come to awaken them. That is our faith. That is why the words addressed to Jairus are addressed to us all "Don't worry (or be afraid), just have faith." This Gospel story is given to us as Good News to nourish our faith in Jesus, to relight our hope in his power over death itself. It is a strong message to those who see death as the end, as the last word in every human story. Our faith tells us differently. Those who choose to live and act in faith have life. Mark is revealing to us too, Jesus' power over death. What Jesus did here for Jairus' daughter he will do for us all, at the end of time, we will be raised up to live with him forever. Have you ever been unable to help yourself; totally dependent on another person for your needs? Do you feel any special bond with any of the characters in this Gospel? In what ways do you associate with them? In what ways does your community recognise and give honour to the role women play in the life of the Parish?



Principal's Pen

Kia Ora,

Welcome to week nine, only two more weeks of term 2. We are busy preparing for our Education Review in week 5 next term. The teachers are also busy preparing school reports that will be sent home at the end of week 1 term 3. Today all the community of schools are having a combined staff meeting at Thames South School at 3.30pm. Staff will need to leave shortly before to get there in time, so please be prompt picking up your children on Today. Thank you.

Please remember that on Friday that all teachers are attending a meeting and school will close at 1pm. If you could arrange for your child to be picked up before 1pm we would appreciate it. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Have a great week.

Kia te wairua tapu ki runga ki a koutou katoa. ~ May the Holy Spirit be upon you all.

Geraldine Sumner ~ Principal.

St. Francis School Board of Trustees

Visitors policy is up for review, we would like your feedback on this policy.

Go to stfrancis-thames.schooldocs.co.nz

Enter the community login details:

Username: stfrancis-thames **Password:** mackay

PTA & Board Family fun night ~ Friday 3rd August from 5.30pm. The theme is Indian food, if you are able to help with preparing the food, please let the office know. PTA and Board will help with purchasing the ingredients. There will be a disco for children and drinks and glow sticks on sale. The food will be \$5 per plate for adults and \$3 for children.

Great opportunity to meet with other families to chat and have some fun.

School Lunch Orders—Just a reminder that these yummy lunches will be available to order every Wednesday. Children's orders should be dropped off to the school office before 9am please. Putting the money in an envelope with the child's name and order on the outside would be helpful. The menu is available on our website under the Newsletter tab or at the school office. Thanks.

Sausage Sizzle Friday - \$2.00 Each Please remember to pre-order your sausage sizzle on Thursday. Thank you

Assembly ~ assembly this week

Warehouse Stationery~ Just a reminder that if you are shopping at Warehouse Stationery, that St. Francis School is part of the school rebate scheme. Every time you make a purchase mention our school name and they donate 5% of the total purchase to our school.

Gymfest ~ The children have been practising very hard for the gymfest and their HipHop dance is looking fabulous! They will be performing at the gymfest at the High School this Thursday. A huge thank you to Alia and Wendy for the organisation of the dance group.

St Francis Sacramental Programme ~ Calling all parents of baptised Catholic children who wish for their 7 years and older children to receive the Blessed Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion in 2018. We are now taking registration for our 2018 programme.

The programme will be organised :

Start with 8.30 Mass followed by morning tea and working from 10am—12pm

Next session 1st July covering 1st Eucharist

Final session 5th August covering confirmation

The Bishop will be in Thames on 12th August for the Celebration of the Sacraments.

Any one interested in Baptism, could they please contact Geraldine or Sister Paula.

Upcoming Events for Term 2

Please remember to watch the weekly newsletter as sometimes we do need to change dates.

Every Tuesday and Wednesday	Sharyn Clark will be in for Piano Lessons Call Sharyn for any possible vacancies 027 4485089
Every Tuesday	Clive hosting free brass instrument lessons from 2.30—3.45
Every Thursday	Rm 5 will be going to Technology Training at Thames High School
Every Wednesday	School Lunch orders (from Food for Thought)
Every Monday and Wednesday	Runners Club 8.45—9.00 am
FRIDAY 29th June	School Closes at 1pm for NZEI Paid Union Meeting



Thames High School Te Kura Tuarua O Hotereni

(To inspire life-long learners who actively build a diverse, just and sustainable society)

14 June 2018

300 Sealey Street
Thames 3500

Kia Ora Tumuaiki/Principals of contributing schools,

Year 9 Enrolments for 2019

It is with great pleasure that Thames High School invites current year 8 students and whānau from your school to take part in the up and coming open evening to be held on Thursday 28th June, from 6.00pm – 8.30pm. This evening is the opportunity for whānau and friends to experience what Thames High School has on offer for potential year 9 students wishing to attend Thames High School in 2019. Enrolment packs will also be available on this evening for whānau to take away or alternatively complete the enrolment in the school Library.

Our Guidance Counsellor, Mrs Susan McInnes will contact schools before the end of term 2 to organise visits. In Term 3 of Week 3, between 6th – 10th August Susan will visit with our EARS students to talk with year 8 students and answer any questions or queries they may have regarding transitioning to "Secondary School". They will also hand out enrolment packs.

Attached is the following information that will also be included to the enrolment packs.

- Information and Overview
- Poster for the Year Open Evening
- Snap shot of Year 9 Programmes

As part of Kāhui Ako (COL), THS appreciates the support our contributing schools provide.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ngā mihi

Maria Baird

Whaea Maria Baird
Tumuaki Tuarua/Deputy Principal