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Room 1 invite their families to come and share in their learning.

Cross Country this term
Remember to bring
running Shoes

Family Fun
Night
Delayed to end
of term

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 3

Honesty – *Proverbs 12:22 Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who act faithfully are his delight. We all make mistakes, but the Lord teaches us forgiveness, therefore we are forgiven, but only if we are truly sorry and speak the truth.*

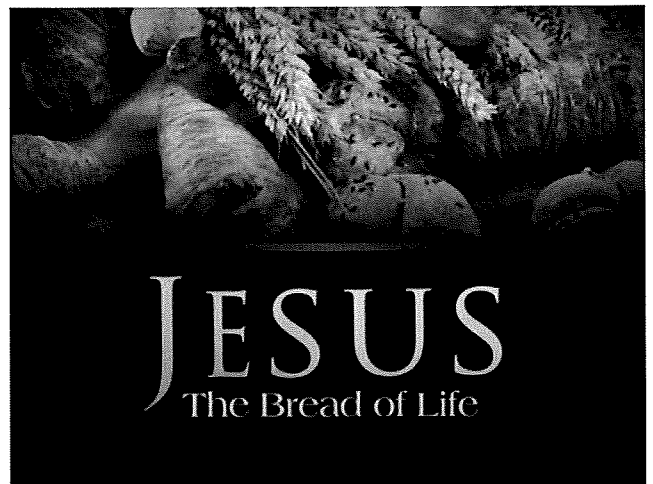
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B Green

‘Feeding many people’

2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm 145 Ephesians 4:1-6 John 6:1-15

When Jesus saw the need of the people and set out to give them food to eat, he was setting us an example to follow. This Gospel story challenges us to respond to the stark reality of one person dying from hunger every 3.6 seconds. This Gospel story is a story of abundance. There is more than enough food available to feed the world. What is needed is for more people to follow the example of the child in the story who gave Jesus the food he had to be shared with those in need.

God provides the basic needs of human life. In Sunday’s readings these needs are supplied in the form of food — an essential ingredient for human survival. What we and the disciples of Jesus at that time need to learn is that Jesus is not only resourceful, he himself is the resource. The lesson is that God is the source of all and will supply all we require; God provides. Even in times and places where it doesn’t seem possible, God provides. God provides for the needy abundantly, even to the point of over-abundance. This lesson is summed up in the response to the Psalm “The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs”



Principal's Pen

Kia Ora,

Welcome back to term 3. This term we welcome back Ryan, Lovesee and Essence back to Rooms 3 and 5. Great to have you back we have missed you.

This term is Cross Country training and the children will be running three times a week in preparation for our school competition on Friday 17th August at 10am. The Thames Valley competition will be held on Friday 24th August at Puriri School.

Please remember it is school policy for all children to be wearing black shoes to and from school. With cross country training this term, we will permit children to wear trainers to and from school until cross country has finished.

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 ~ This has been postponed until Father Vally returns and will organise for later on in the term. Thank you.

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 ~ there is 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.

Cross Country ~ 17th August ~ The children need to wear running shoes to practice. Cross country is our physical education curriculum programme and all children must participate, unless they have a medical condition.

Sacramental Programme ~ Quite a few children are making their First Holy Communion and Confirmation on Sunday 12th August in Church at 8.30am. Bishop Pat from Auckland is coming down to perform the mass especially for this occasion. It would be lovely to have lots of our families their supporting our children at this very important time. Thank you.

Teacher Strike Action ~ Just a heads up, there will be voting for strike action today. They plan to strike on 15th August, this has not been confirmed. We will keep you informed.

Upcoming Events for Term 3

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
Three Days a Week	Cross Country Training in School
Monday 23 July	First Day term 3
Wednesday 25th July	BoT Meeting
Monday 30th July	Teen Esteem talk for yr. 8 students
8th August	Olympic Ambassador Nicky Coles
12th August	First Holy Communion and Confirmation Mass 8.30 in church
17th August	St Francis School Cross Country Competition
20th August	Education Review
24th August	Thames Valley Cross Country—Puriri School
TBD	Indian Food Family fun Night—Delayed until end of term

