

Wendy King Public Health Nurse. St Francis School 2018

Year 7 Immunisation (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis/Whooping Cough)

In Year 7 students are offered free vaccine against tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough.

In New Zealand, babies and young children are given vaccines to protect them against these diseases. As children get older this protection, wears off so Year 7 students need to boost their protection against these three diseases.

There will be an information presentation for Year 7 students on Tuesday 20th February at 915 am. Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend. Students will bring home an Information/Consent Form afterwards, this form needs to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

For further information you can contact your Practice Nurse or Public Health Nurse Wendy King 07 868 0040 ext 25233 or 021 341 845

Year 8 HPV Immunisation Programme

There will be an information presentation for Year 8 students on Tuesday 20th February at 930am. HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccination helps protect from cancers caused by this virus. Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend. This immunisation is now being offered every year as part of the school based immunisation programme.

Students will bring home an Information/Consent Form afterwards, this form needs to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible. her information you can contact your Practice Nurse or Public Health Nurse Wendy King 07 868 0040 ext 25233 or 021 341 845

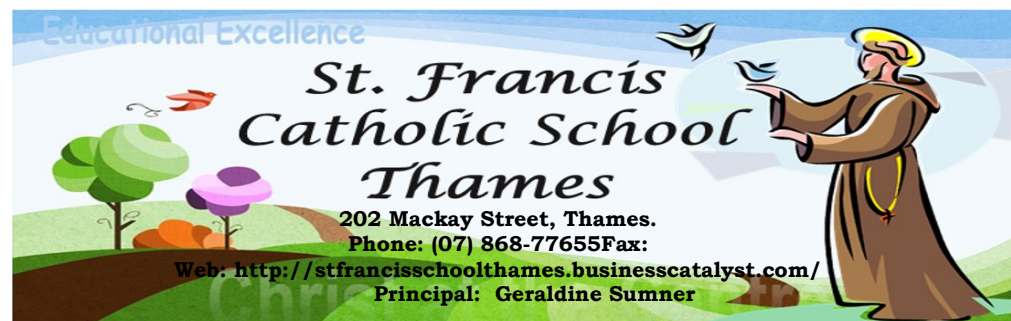
Running Club: Starts next week Tuesday and Thursday 8.50 with Fiona Webster, come and join us.

Can You Help? Do you have any Lego you would like to recycle or a dolls house? We are also on the look out for a puppet theatre and puppets to help with developing oral language. We would like to get, a garage and cars and any simple jigsaws, knitting, threading etc for room 1. Thank you

Upcoming Events for Term 1

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
Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday	Swimming for Rms 3 & 5
Tuesday to Friday	Swimming for Rm 1
Every Thursday	Rm 5 will be going to Technology Training at Thames High School
Every Wednesday	School Lunch orders (from Food for Thought) Class Mass starting in week 4 9.30 in Church
Tuesday 6th February	PTA Meeting 2pm in Staffroom
Tuesday 13th February	Meet the Teacher and Family Takeaway Night from 5.30 p.m.
Wednesday 14th February	Ash Wednesday - Whole School / Parish Mass 12.30pm
Wednesday 21st February	B.O.T. Meeting
14th March	Thames Valley Swimming Sports
20th—23rd March	Hockey Big Day Out TBC
Date to be confirmed	Junior White Cluster Swimming Sports
Date to be confirmed	Senior White Cluster Swimming Sports
21st March	BOT Meeting
24th March	Good Friday—School closed
2 & 3 April	Easter Monday and Tuesday—School Closed
Friday 12 th April	Last day of Term 1
2nd May	B.O.T. Meeting



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Welcome back everyone



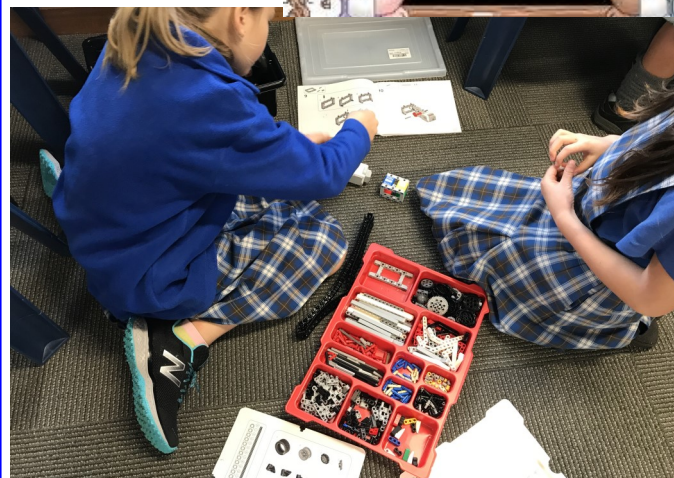
Meet the Teacher
and takeaway
Night
13th February

Please remember
Sun Hats and Sun
Screen

Swimming this
term can you
help?

PTA Meeting
Tuesday 6th Feb
at 2pm in the
staff room

Lunch Orders on
Wednesday
Juices on Fridays



MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic faith community committed to quality education

Celebrating
150 Years

Focus for Term 1 is Love
Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself."

Principal's Pen

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of our school

It's going to be a great year

Welcome back to everyone and I hope your holiday break was a good one and that you all managed some rest and relaxation.

All children should have their stationery. Please let us know if you need some help with any of the items.

We have some wonderful events being planned for this year, that will bring us together as one school family. This starts off with our Meet the Teacher and family takeaway night on Tuesday 13th February where we hope to have some fun activities.

We are also busy organizing our school gala the Irish Fling. We need volunteers to help if you could contact Elaine on 0274068415 or epullen@xtra.co.nz

We welcome a few new children to our school this week, Shreya Sharan and Kora Lamont in Room 1 and Anabel Merz in Room 5. We also welcome two new priests to our school.

It is wonderful to have you and your families part of the St. Francis School and parish. Everyone please make them feel welcome.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B Green

'Jesus heals many people'

*Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Psalm 146 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39*

Mark reveals for us a Christ who prays and is close to God, a compassionate Christ who works day and night at the work that has been assigned him. We contrast Jesus' attitude to that of Job who speaks of his days in complaining tones as being "swifter than a weaver's shuttle", Jesus personifies the busyness that Job speaks of. We might ask if our lives are founded on prayer and as full of the Lord's work as those of whom we would follow.

Mark seems to be emphasising the purpose of Jesus' mission — to teach and to heal so that we might be free to serve God. We too need to look to healing people both by our physical support and by helping free their spirits from any material and psychological bondage. Jesus seems to shy away from the direction his mission is beginning to take, or the consequences of his mission, — the crowds wanting miracles and coming to witness miracles, almost as if he is unprepared for this sensationalism and emotion, being prepared for teaching and fulfilling the Word and perhaps knowing that all the clamour attached to his healing miracles was not where he wanted the focus to be.

Please remember we do not supply sun screen to children due to allergies, if you could send your child with their own sun screen, we are willing to help them to apply it regularly.

Staffing for 2018

Principal

Deputy Principal and Room 1 Teacher

Director of Religious Studies and Room 5 Teacher

Reliever for term 1

Room 3 Teacher

Teacher Aide

Secretary

Cleaner

Caretaker

Reading Recovery

~ Geraldine Sumner

~ TBD

~ Debbie Trenwith

~ Maree Hudson

~ Heidi Darrah

~ Donna Thorburn

~ Gaye Rowberry

~ Karen Curruthers

~ Shadi Panela

~ Geraldine Sumner

School Meet the Teacher and Family takeaway Night

On Tuesday 13th February we will be having our annual school picnic/takeaway evening. This year we want to make it a fun night with activities for everyone to have fun together, but it is also a time to catch up with the classroom teacher and to ask questions. This has no formal outline and is just a night to come along with your takeaway dinner and meet the new staff and parents, and catch up with everyone else. Starts around 5.30pm

Assemblies

We will be holding school assemblies on a Thursday morning until Swimming finishes. Team Green to be held every other Thursday morning. If you would like to help out with any whole school environmental activities then please let the office know. The first assembly will be this week.

School Uniform

The children are currently being reminded that if they do not wear their hats they are expected to sit under the shade cloth during breaks. If you could remind your child in the morning to bring their hat along to school, it would be great. A reminder also that all children are expected to wear their correct school uniform to and from school - i.e. pinafores, dress, culottes or skirts for girls and grey shorts for boys. Black sandals are also to be worn each day – no jandals or bare feet. If headbands are worn they are to be blue or black plain head bands only please. Thank you so much for your help with this – together we will keep up the high standards that we are known for.

Swimming

The classes are all swimming as part of the Physical Education programme at the moment. All students are expected to participate in swimming, unless they are unwell as part of the New Zealand Curriculum.

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.

PTA Juicies after school on Fridays pre-order \$2

Do you have any ideas for fundraising this year? Talk to Geraldine, Julie or Fiona. Why not join our merry team of volunteers to create a fantastic environment for our children.

School Tennis — Starting Friday 16th February for 4 weeks.

Shannon Paki will be working with the teacher and the children on the astroturf.