

## 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 Call Sharyn for any possible vacancies 027 4485089
Every Tuesday	Clive hosting free brass instrument lessons from 2.15—3.45
Every Thursday	Rm 5 will be going to Technology Training at Thames High
Every Wednesday	School Lunch orders (from Food for Thought)
Friday 13 <sup>h</sup> April	Last day of Term 1
Monday 30th April	First Day of Term 2
2nd May	B.O.T. Meeting
4th June	Queens Birthday—School Closed.



## WINTER TENNIS COACHING PROGRAM

### TERMS 2 & 3

8 WEEKS PER TERM  
BEGINNER - ADVANCED  
4 YEARS - 17 YEARS  
TECHNIQUE, TACTIC, FITNESS, MATCH  
PLAY AND LOTS OF FUN

FRIDAYS FROM 3PM  
THAMES TENNIS CLUB  
BROWN ST, THAMES

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## Hockey Holiday Programme

For Years 5-8

Saturday 7 April 2018

Monday 16 April 2018

9 – 3.00pm

At: Thames Valley Hockey

Turf, Ngatea

A fantastic way to entertain the kids over the school holidays. Fun and games, Group Challenges, a mini hockey tournament, for both hockey and non hockey players.

Each session is run by Midlands Hockey and supported by Midlands representative players. Cost is \$40 per session and \$70 for two. Players to bring hockey equipment, if they have, mouthguard, a drink and lunch. Parents - why not attend the coaching skills workshop at the same time? Visit the web site for more info.

Register Now! [www.valleyhockey.org.nz](http://www.valleyhockey.org.nz)

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Winter Uniform next term, so put away those dresses and Culottes until term 4

## Holy Thursday Washing of the feet

Whakatauki

He aroha whakato, he aroha puta mai  
If kindness is sown then kindness you shall receive

### MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic faith community committed to quality education



## 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.'***

### Second Sunday of Easter

**'My Lord and my God'**

**White Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 118 1 John 5:1-3 John 20:19-29**

Sometimes people use the saying, "seeing is believing," to mean that it is easier to believe something when you have seen it with your own eyes than not. Thomas would not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing it for himself.

Doubt is a common response by many to matters of faith. It must have been so for the disciples dealing with the shock of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Thomas expressed this doubt and placed conditions on his belief. Jesus' response was compassionate and accepting, and led to one of the most profound professions of faith. The move from doubt to faith is one of transformation: the fear of the disciples, locked huddled in their upper room was transformed into peace and even joy by the greeting of Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit; the transformation of the doubt of Thomas into faith. This transformation of Thomas occurs when he is given the opportunity to touch Jesus. Along with the transformation comes the responsibility of being sent, just as Jesus was sent, to act as he did.

During this week look for ways in which a simple touch might convey unspoken messages of support to others.

### Principal's Pen

Kia Ora,

Well we have come to the end of term 1. We have had a bumpy journey but thank you to everyone who have supported the school and kept the faith. We have wonderful people working hard to ensure we provide a high standard of education and excellence. We are a highly successful school because of our wonderful parents, staff, PTA, Board of Trustees and the Parish. We really appreciate your commitment and the love you show to all our wonderful children.

Room 1 Update, we are delighted to announce that we have appointed a part time teacher for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Jessica Phillips will continue on Thursday and Fridays for the rest of 2018. Both are fixed term contracts, as the position that the school needs to fill is a Deputy Principal position. We will look at filling that position in 2019.

We welcome Krystal Glen, who is a highly experienced Junior Teacher of thirteen years. Krystal is an accomplished artist with a passion and expertise in play-based learning. Krystal has studied play-based learning in Italy, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience. Krystal's passions are visual arts, enviro and dance. She is very excited to join our family and will be here on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to work with both Kathy and Jessica to make the transition seamless for the children.

Please come and meet her and make her feel welcome.

Happy Holidays.

**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

The Thames Valley Motorcycle Club has an annual enduro event which is part of the national circuit. The event takes place on the weekend of April 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. It is a two day event and we are requiring between 8 to 10 people for Saturday and only 2 or 3 Sunday. We are aware that this weekend falls in the middle of the upcoming term break, but it is a great opportunity, not just for potential income for the school, but also for parents to be able to interact and bond outside of the school environment.

For those wishing to volunteer for both days, there is a DOC campsite attached to the event site where contestants and some of our volunteers will be setting up for the night. If you don't feel up to or are not available to volunteer for the full two days, we will be more than pleased to accept your help for either Saturday or Sunday, as the case may be.

If you wish to indicate your interest in this event, or require more information, you can contact myself or Shaun Mason.

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### Juicie Friday - Last Week!

This coming Friday is the last Juicie Friday for the year so let's make it a great one for the kids and the PTA. Juicies are \$2 each and will be sold at lunchtime outside room 1. Many thanks!

**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 ~ Anti-Bullying Day 18th May ~** Wear Pink Day to show your support ~ Gold Coin donation and Marshmallow Kebabs \$2. Further details to follow.

