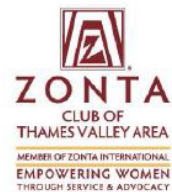


Upcoming Events for Term 3

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 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
15th August	Teacher Strike 1/2 or Full Day to be confirmed.
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



Bookarama 2018

Please DONATE books NOW!

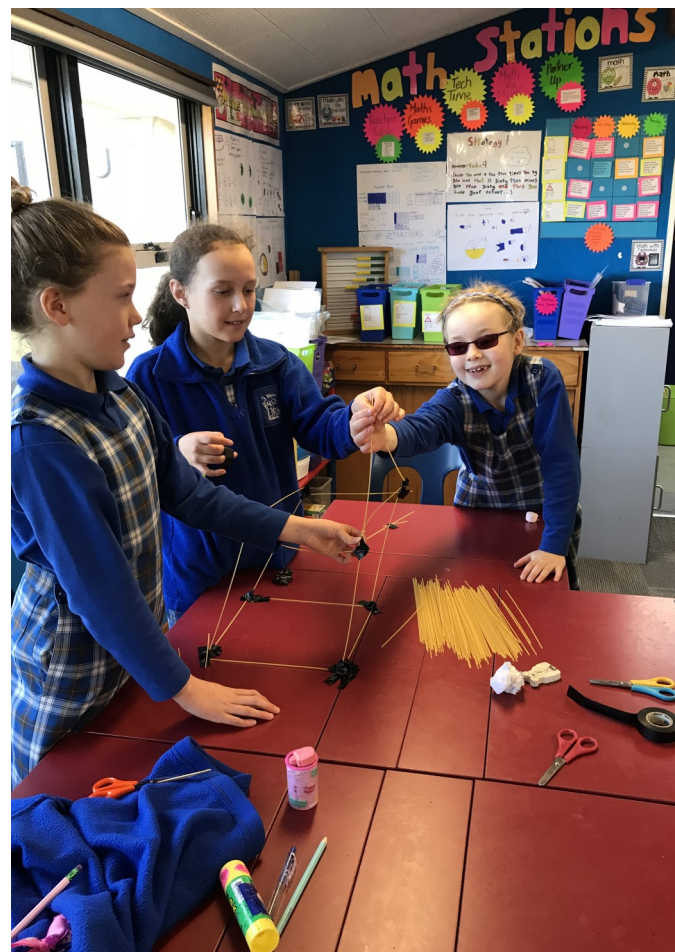
Zonta is seeking books for the Thames Bookarama on Friday 31 August & Sat. 1st Sept.

Book donations can be dropped off as follows:

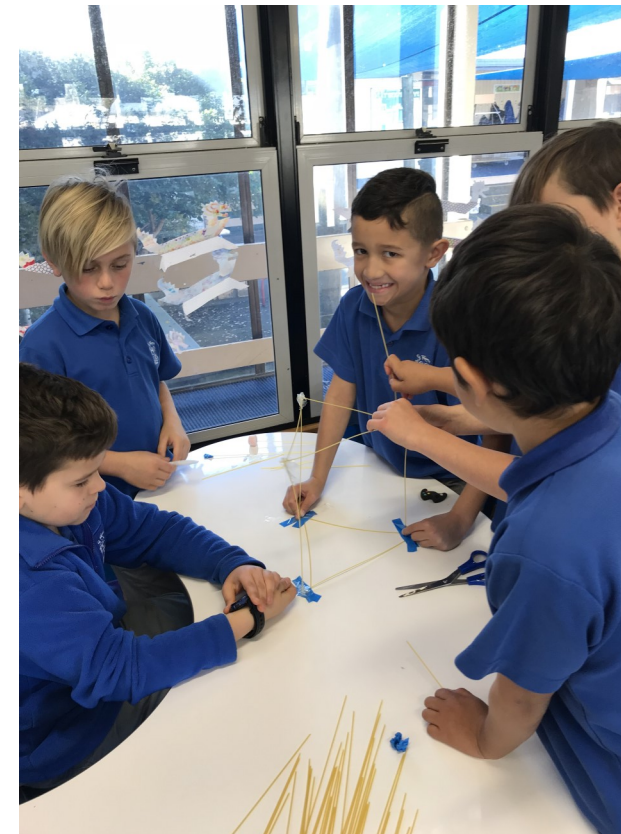
Thames: Drop off at Wintec (9am-3pm)
Thames: ANZ Bank. Call Chris Hovell 021 514 674
Paeroa: Christine Alley: 027 415 5954
Ngatea: Murray Holden: 027 273 7963

Contact: roseward@xtra.co.nz for further information

Zonta Club of Thames Valley Area use the proceeds for a scholarship for women over 25 years who are studying and also to support local initiatives (eg Community grants)



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Room 3 Math's Challenge

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 ~ faitotonú - *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.*

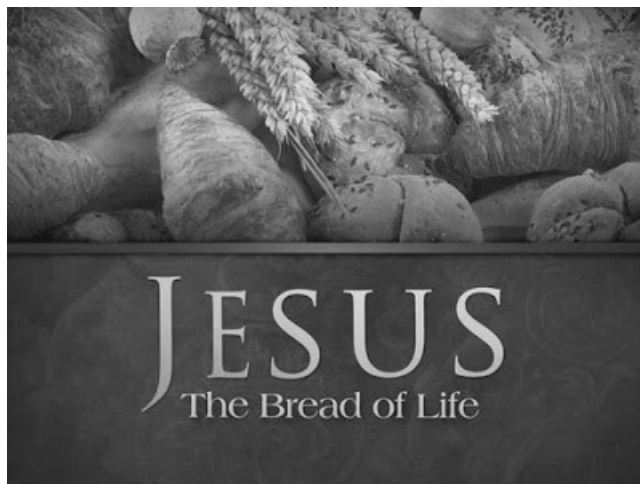
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B Green

‘What do you believe about Jesus?’

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 Psalm 78 John 6:24-29

After the Israelites had fled from Egypt into the desert, God took care of his people and made sure that they did not go hungry. Jesus tells us it is his life within us that is the food that keeps us going.

The people in the desert were concerned about their physical wellbeing, God answered their cries for help, but there is an underlying message – “Believe. Trust in me. Have faith. Stop worrying about yourselves all the time.” In the Gospel this message is echoed by Jesus to the crowds who have followed him. Jesus’ life within us is the food that keeps us going. Jesus asks that we stay hungry for the bread all our lives and that we bring others to the table to share with us in the supper of the Lord. What associations, responses, hungers does bread evoke in us? What does it symbolise? Why is food such a powerful sign of dependence on God? The God who watches over Israel in the desert is the same God who sends Jesus as a source of life into our lives. What must you do to do the work that God wants?



Principal's Pen

Kia Ora whānau,

We had a fantastic first week back at school. The children have settled back into their learning. This term we are focusing on oral language with each class preparing for our speech competitions. Please help them at home to practice reading aloud to an audience. We all really look forward to hearing the speeches and are always taken aback by their content and delivery.

Just a reminder that there will be strike action on 15th August, we will let you know if that will be a half day from 12.30 or a full day. I do suggest that you begin to make arrangements to have the children picked up at lunchtime.

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

Complaints 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 no 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 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.