

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 2.15—3.45
Every Thursday	Rm 5 will be going to Technology Training at Thames High
Every Wednesday	School Lunch orders (from Food for Thought)
23rd May	B.O.T. Meeting
4th June	Queens Birthday—School Closed.
5th June	Three Way Conferences (Parent Teacher Interviews)
5th—8th	Book Week
10th June	Whole School Mass 8.30 in Church



ART CLASSES

Term 2
Limited Spaces
Ages 8-12
For further details
please contact:
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FRIDAY NIGHTS
5:15 PM PRIMARY
6:15 PM SECONDARY
STARTING

4TH MAY 2018

JUNIOR SQUASH THAMES SQUASH CLUB

Friday nights on the following dates to align with school terms:

Term 2 4th May to 6th July inclusive

Term 3 27th July to 28th September inclusive

If you have any queries get in touch with

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**Winter Uni-
form
Should now be
worn**

**Would you like to
be part of the
PTA? Then please
let the office
know**

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

Whakataukī

Waiho ma te tangata e mihi

Let someone else acknowledge your virtues

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.

Ascension of the Lord White 'Go tell everyone the Good News'

Acts 1: 8-11 Psalm 47 Mark 16: 15-20

The mission of the church is to evangelise. Our Gospel reading tells us that before Jesus left the disciples to be with God, his Father in heaven, he gave them a job to do. Go to every part of the world and tell everyone the Good News. This command is accompanied by the promise that Jesus will be with them always. "Go and preach the good news to everyone in the world."

Jesus told his disciples: "Go and preach the good news to everyone in the world. Anyone who believes me and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe in me will be condemned. Everyone who believes me will be able to do wonderful things. By using my name they will be able to force out demons, and they will speak new languages. They will handle snakes and will drink poison and not be hurt. They will also heal sick people by placing their hands on them." After the Lord Jesus had said these things to the disciples he was taken back up to heaven where he sat at the right side of God. Then the disciples left and preached everywhere. The Lord was with them, and their miracles they worked proved that their message was true.

Jesus sends out his disciple to continue his work of bringing good news. This reminds us that the "sending out" which occurs at every Mass. Not all of us can go to the whole world, but all of us are called to bring the good news wherever we are in our daily lives. This call applies not only to people but to all 'creation'. Are there areas where we can be 'good news' to others or for the earth? Do we need to revisit our commitment to the reconciliation with other people or to recycling? Can we reduce our consumerism, share with those in great need, reduce waste, plant a tree? As we consider this feast – marking the end of one era and the beginning of another – we can reflect on those experiences of our lives where one chapter has closed and another has opened. The task that Jesus asks of us may not be easy. There will be some who rejoice in the message, and others who will reject it. However Jesus' presence with us will ensure that we can link into the power he has promised to continue the work. What signs of hope accompany the work of the Church in the world today and the work that you are called to do?

Principal's Pen

Kia Ora,

Welcome to week two. This week is a quiet week with Mandarin languages for rooms 3 and 5. Our teachers are busy working with Shelly Good on developing our whole school goals for Writing. We have started our fitness last week with the help of the senior leaders doing rotational games. The children are really enjoying the variety and creativity of these keep fit games.

This week we will start team green, so no assembly this week. Just a quick reminder for those children who have not yet returned their contact and cyber safety notices, we will be checking to see who has signed and returned to see who is allowed access to the internet.

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

Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement 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

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.

Sausage Sizzle Friday ~

Please remember to pre-order your sausage sizzle on Thursday. Thank you

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. If you wish for your children to be a part of this years programme please attend a meeting with Parish representatives in the school library on Monday 14th May at 5 pm. Any queries, please contact Mary & Eric Hamilton 07 868 3362

Ministry of Education ~ Measles alert As students return from the Term 1 holidays, the Ministry of Health is reminding schools to be aware of the risks of measles. Over the past month, measles cases have been reported in Canterbury, the Southern District Health Board region, Nelson-Marlborough, Hamilton and Auckland. Immunisation – the best protection against measles and it is free! Immunisation is the best protection against measles and to be effective, people need to have two measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccinations. Anyone who is unsure if they are fully immunised against measles can be vaccinated for free at their GP. What can you do? As a precautionary measure, school leaders are encouraged to confirm the immunisation status of staff and students. Anyone who is not immunised and gets exposed to a confirmed case of measles will need to stay home for at least 14 days to ensure the virus doesn't spread. General advice Anyone who suspects they may have measles should avoid contact with other people, especially those who aren't fully immunised, and should phone their GP before visiting. It is important to call first because measles is highly infectious, and people with measles can infect others in the waiting room.