

## 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 2.30—3.45
Every Thursday	Rm 5 will be going to Technology Training at Thames High School
Every Wednesday	School Lunch orders (from Food for Thought)
Every Monday and Wednesday	Runners Club
<b>16th May</b>	Monthly Parent Meeting with the Board
<b>23rd May</b>	B.O.T. Meeting
<b>4th June</b>	<b>Queens Birthday—School Closed.</b>
5th June	Three Way Conferences (Parent Teacher Interviews)
<b>5th—8th</b>	<b>Book Fair</b>
<b>10th June</b>	<b>Whole School Mass 8.30 in Church</b>



**ART CLASSES**

Term 2  
Limited Spaces  
Ages 8-12  
For further details  
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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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**14th May 2018 (Vol. 13)**



**Parent Monthly  
Meeting 6pm on  
Tonight at  
school**

**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

**Iti noa ana he pito mata  
From a withered tree a flower blooms**

## 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.

### **Pentecost Sunday Red**

#### **'Receive the Holy Spirit'**

Acts 2:1-11, Psalm 104,

1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 12-13,

John 20:19-23



Today is a special feast for the Church. It is called 'Pentecost' because it is celebrated fifty days after Passover.

Pentecost was a Jewish feast day celebrated fifty days after Passover. This is why so many were in Jerusalem at the time that the Holy Spirit was manifested in the lives of the disciples. A group of about one hundred and twenty believers had gathered to pray in the upper room together. Jesus appears among them offering his greeting of peace and the opportunity to confirm his presence by examining his wounds. The conferring of the Holy Spirit is an intimate as a hongi, as Jesus breathes life back into his fearful disciples. Filled with courage and fervour the disciples are to go out and continue Jesus' work of forgiveness, judgement, and witness in the world. The Spirit will teach them new things, lead them deeper into the mystery of Jesus and help them to understand the things to come as they take up the challenges that lie ahead.

Pentecost is the birthday of the church. Think of the ways this story reminds you of a 'birthday celebration' as you listen to the readings. Can you hear any mention of gifts or happiness or

### **Principal's Pen**

Kia Ora,

Welcome to week three, assembly will be on Thursday at 2.15 in the library, everyone is welcome.

This week we have the National Young Leaders Conference in Hamilton for our year 8 children. Debbie Trenwith has accompanied them today and we hope they had a very inspiring time.

Tonight is our monthly parent sub committee meeting, everyone is very welcome to come and chat about anything that you might like to see at our school, or maybe share your talents. This meeting is very informal and is only with the parent representatives on the board. This is to enable open and frequent communication. We all want the best for our children and we need your input.

**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](http://stfrancis-thames.schooldocs.co.nz)

Enter the community login details:

**Username:** stfrancis-thames **Password:** mackay

### **Parent Monthly**

Just a reminder that the board will be holding their monthly parent meeting on Monday at 6pm at the school. Everyone is welcome to come and share their ideas, concerns or just to have a opportunity to talk to your parent representatives on the board.

### **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 - \$2.00 Each**

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

### **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.

**Assembly ~** This Thursday at 2.15 in the Library everyone welcome.

### **Book Fair ~**

Week commencing Tuesday June 5th in Library. If you are able to help in the morning or afternoons please let the office know. Thank you.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences ~**

Tuesday 5th June 3pm—6pm booking form will come out shortly.