

6th August 2018 (Vol.23)



Room 5 Riverbank Weeding

Cross Country this term
Remember to bring running Shoes

School Closed 15th August
Teacher Strike

Lunch Orders on Wednesday

Whakatauki

Kia Kaha, Kia maia Kia manawanui—Be strong, be brave be dedicated

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.*

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B Green

'I am the living bread'

1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34 Ephesians 4:31-5:2 John 6:48-51

Over the past two weeks we have heard how God feeds his people and takes care of their needs. Today we listen to a story about the prophet Elijah, who lay weak with hunger, feeling totally hopeless until God saved him. Jesus says "I am the living bread come down from heaven."

The bread of life sustains and gives life, and it is also the presence of God in our midst. Elijah is given the food first to sustain him on his journey where he will meet God. Elijah needs new hope to carry on with his life as a man of God. Jesus is the bread of life sent by God. We need and receive renewed hope when we take part in the sharing of the bread broken and given, that becomes a spiritual food to sustain us. Is there a time when you were strengthened or nourished by another person? Jesus offers us a powerful gift. How can you share this gift with others?

**I AM THE BREAD
OF LIFE**



Principal's Pen

Kia Ora whānau,

Well done to all the children for the tremendous effort they are putting in with their cross country training. Please remember we have our school cross country on 17th August. We also have the Education Review Office coming on the 20th August and will be with us for four days. There will be a community meeting on 21st August at 2.30 p.m. in school, all welcome.

Just a reminder that there will be **a full day strike action on 15th August** and the school will be closed.

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 Has now finished.

Thank you for supporting this board fundraiser.

Food Policy ~ We are a healthy eating school and it has always been our policy that there are to be no fizzy drinks or lollies in children's lunchboxes.

Assembly ~ there is assembly this week

Attendance ~ The school day is 9am—3pm There has been a number of children continually arriving late to school. School starts at 9am and children need to get here by 8:50 giving them time to organise themselves. Also all children need to be picked up by 3.10 as sometimes all staff have to attend meetings off site.

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 this 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 there supporting our children at this very important time. Thank you.

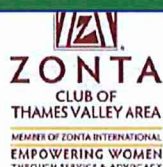
Teacher Strike Action ~ strike on 15th August, this has now been confirmed as a full days strike action.

Education Review Office ~ Will be visiting us on 20th August. There will be a school community meeting at 2.30 on 21st August all welcome.

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
8th August	Olympic Ambassador Nicky Coles
12th August	First Holy Communion and Confirmation Mass 8.30 in church
15th August	Teacher Strike Full Day ~ School will be closed.
17th August	St Francis School Cross Country Competition
20th August	Education Review
24th August	Room 5 Speech Competition
28th 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)