

**Running Club: On Tuesday and Thursday 8.50 with Fiona Webster, come and join us.**

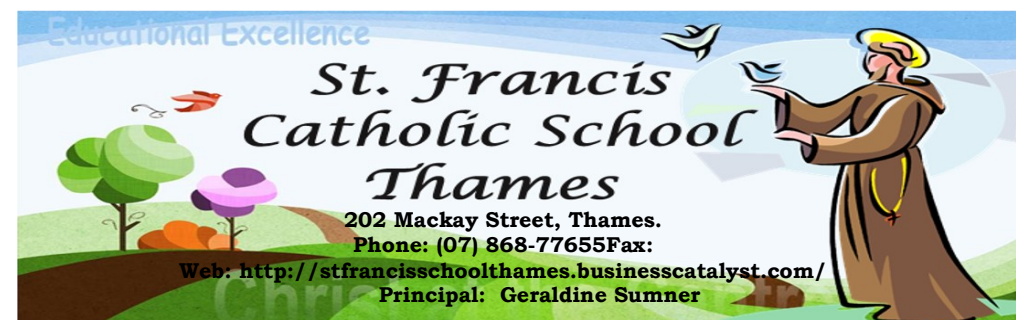
### ICAS Exams

ICAS SUBJECT	ICAS SITTING DATE	Cost
Digital Technologies	Tuesday, 8 May 2018	NZD 9.50
Science	Tuesday, 29 May 2018	NZD 9.50
Spelling	Wednesday, 13 June 2018	NZD 20.50
Writing	Thursday, 14 June 2018	NZD 11.50
English	Tuesday, 31 July 2018	NZD 9.50
Mathematics	Tuesday, 14 August 2018	NZD 9.50

minimum of 3 entries per subject, irrespective of school year level, is required. Schools entering fewer than 3 students per subject will be charged the fee applicable to 3 enrolments (Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Region only). **Please place your orders before the 18th March.**



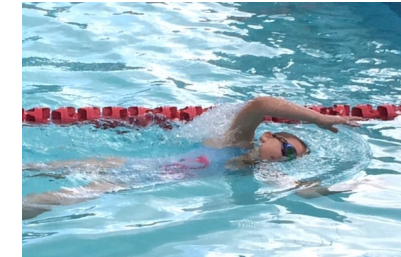
Upcoming Events for Term 1	
Please remember to watch the weekly newsletter as sometimes we do need to change dates.	
Every Tuesday and Wednesday	Sharyn Clark will be in for Piano Lessons Call Sharyn for any possible vacancies 027 4485089
Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday	Swimming for all classes
Every 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 School
Every Wednesday	School Lunch orders (from Food for Thought) Class Mass starting in week 4 (9.15) in Church
Wednesday 21st February	B.O.T. Meeting
14th March	Thames Valley Swimming Sports
20th—23rd March	Hockey Big Day Out TBC
Date to be confirmed	Junior White Cluster Swimming Sports
Date to be confirmed	Senior White Cluster Swimming Sports
21st March	BOT Meeting
30th March	Good Friday—School closed
2 & 3 April	Easter Monday and Tuesday—School Closed
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term 1
2nd May	B.O.T. Meeting



**26th February 2018 (Vol. 04)**

## **Board Members 2018**

Board Chairperson ~ Eric Hamilton  
 Deputy Chairperson ~ Elaine Tukuitoga  
 Parent Representatives ~ Karen Hutchinson, Anna Perry,  
 Shaun Mason, Tim Johnson, Elaine Tukuitoga.  
 Bishops Representatives ~ Eric Hamilton, Grant Bourke (also  
 a parent), Sister Paula, Father Albert & Father Vally  
 Staff Representative ~ To be confirmed  
 Principal ~ Geraldine Sumner



**Whakatauki**  
 Waiho ma te tangata e mihi  
 Let someone else acknowledge your virtues

**Please remember  
 Sun Hats and Sun  
 Screen**

**Irish Fling Raffle  
 prize for the most  
 raffles sold**

**Lunch Orders on  
 Wednesday  
 Juicies on Fridays**

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
 We are a Catholic faith community committed to quality  
 education

**Celebrating  
 150 Years**

**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."*

## *2nd Sunday of Lent - Year B*

*Violet*

### *The 'Transfiguration'*

Romans 8:31, 38-39 Psalm 103 Mark 9:2-10

*Where do you pray?*

*When Jesus wanted to pray he would often find a quiet, peaceful place away from the crowds, where he could be alone with his heavenly father. What place did Jesus take his friends to, to pray? What happened to Jesus when he prayed? We call this the 'Transfiguration.' Jesus was covered in God's glory, just as he would be in heaven, and God's approval for him was apparent. These disciples would remember this later when Jesus was put to death.*

"I am the Lord your God....you shall have no gods except me;" are perhaps the most important words of today's first reading. Our God has a passionate love for us, but our fickle human hearts are often so easily distracted and carried away by the ways of the world and the present. Thus we are once again reminded of the cry of Lent "Turn away from sin, turn back to God." - Stay faithful, be faithful, return to the Word of God for your sustenance and ignore the call of the world.

### **Principal's Pen**

Kia Ora,

Welcome to our fourth newsletter of the year. We had our first board meeting on Wednesday which was full of exciting actions for the future. We made further progress to our annual plan with the creation of a parents representative sub committee. Our parent representatives on the Board will schedule monthly meetings with parents/caregivers. This will allow our families to have open communication with the Board with the meeting minutes being taken to monthly Board meetings.

Kia te wairua tapu ki runga ki a koutou katoa. ~ May the Holy Spirit be upon you all.  
Geraldine Sumner ~ Principal.



### **School Uniform**

The children are currently being reminded that if they do not wear their hats they are expected to sit under the shade cloth during breaks. Small hats are now available from the office. If you could remind your child in the morning to bring their hat along to school, it would be great. A reminder also that all children are expected to wear their correct school uniform to and from school - i.e. pinafores, dress, culottes or skirts for girls and grey shorts for boys. Black sandals are also to be worn each day – no jandals or bare feet. If headbands are worn they are to be blue or black plain head bands only please. Thank you so much for your help with this – together we will keep up the high standards that we are known for.

### **Swimming**

A couple of people are wondering why the older children are not swimming on rostered days. Thames Centennial Pools have fixed events that all schools must operate around at this time of year. We apologise for any inconvenience or confusion this may cause.

### **Notices**

Coming home this week are Cyber-Safety Student User Agreements. Please returned a.s.a.p. To allow the children to access the internet.

Also a contact sheet to update our records.

### **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 Juicie Friday has Returned!**

Juicie Friday has returned this term! Juicies will be sold at lunchtime each Friday so if your child wishes to enjoy a frozen treat, these will be sold for \$2 each outside room 1 (forms will not be distributed). All proceeds are going to our PTA. Any questions, please contact Wendy Johnson. Many thanks!

**School Tennis** — Starting Friday 16th February for 4 weeks. Shannon Paki will be working with the teacher and the children on the astroturf.

### **Homework Policy Review**

We have our homework policy up for review on school docs, this is called home learning. Please have a look and make comments on your views on what you would like the policy to contain. All reviews will be taken into consideration.

<http://stfrancis-thames.schooldocs.co.nz>

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Password: **mackay**.