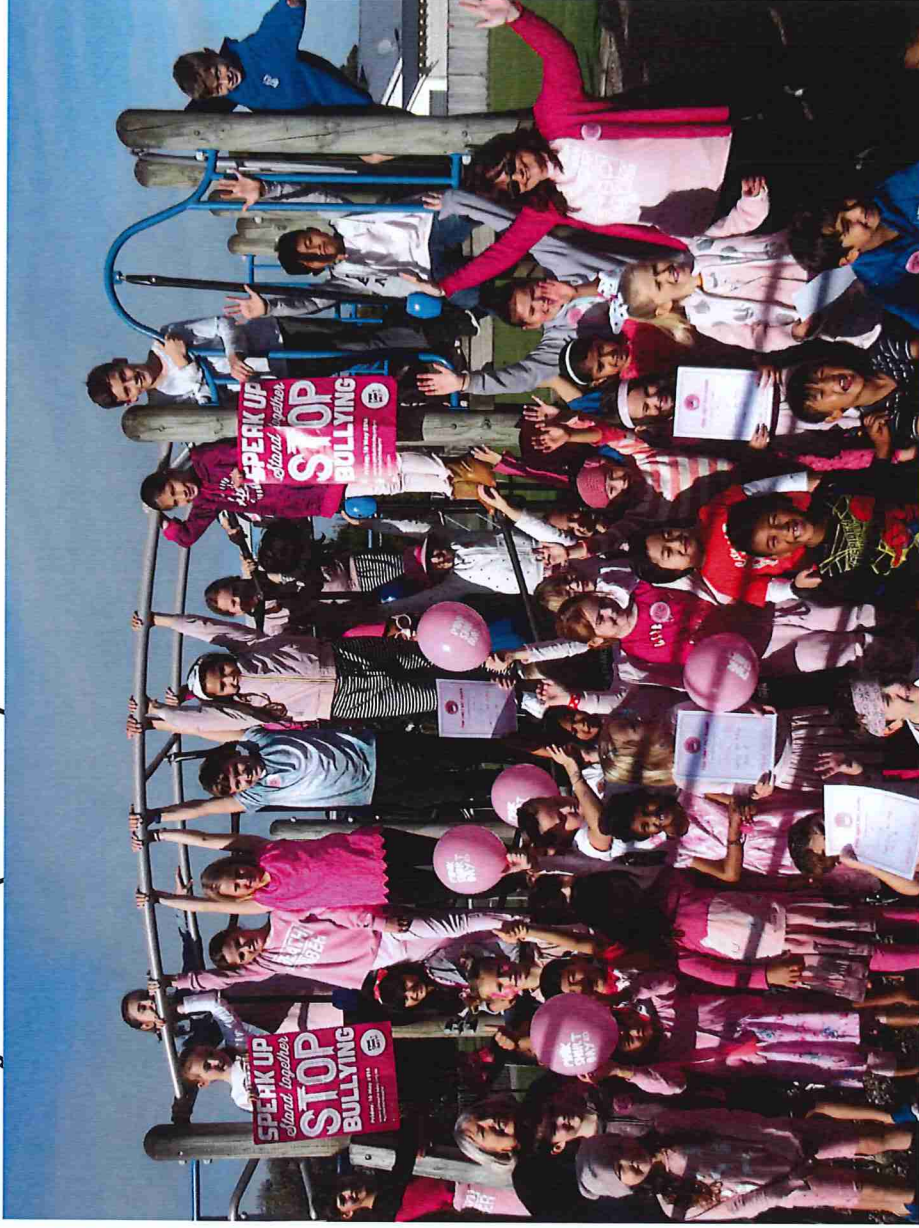




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21st May 2018 (Vol. 14)



Board Meeting
on Wednesday
6pm

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

Whakatauki

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.

Trinity Sunday White

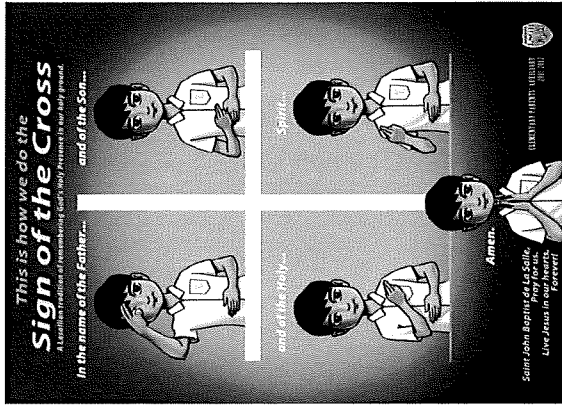
'I will be with you always'

Deuteronomy 4:39-40 Psalm 33 Romans 8:14-17 Matthew 28:16-20

We have many different ways of relating to people in our families. We might be a son or a daughter, a niece or a nephew, a brother or a sister. We might be a cousin, a granddaughter or grandson. Sometimes we might even be an aunt or an uncle. God shares life with us through the three persons of the Holy Trinity. We share the love of God, the goodness of Jesus the Son and the friendship of the Holy Spirit.

We have no adequate language for God because God is beyond any single image we may have. We experience God in Jesus Christ who shares with us his experience of God as creator, redeemer and "one of intimate relationship". Our experience of this relationship is the spirit of God living in us. The last sentence of the Gospel "I will be with you always, even until the end of the world," encapsulates Jesus' role in the lives of us all. Our God is a God of

relationships. The God of our experience is the God we meet in everyday life. We proclaim that we are baptised Christians every time we make the Sign of the Cross and say the words "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." On Sunday we celebrate the facets of that relationship, a loving, but a wholly dependent relationship on our part. In the Gospel Jesus tells us through the disciples to preach, baptise and teach in the name of God. The God who loves us as intimately as a parent; whose own son Jesus shows us a love so great, he died on the cross and rose again to save us from the power of sin; whose spirit fills us with God's own life and warms our hearts with the fire of God's love living within us. Like the disciples we are sent to baptise, preach, spread the Good News of Jesus, to encourage, explain and show unexpected, unasked for, love for others. The children know instinctively what unconditional love is because they experience it, hopefully, in the shelter of their own families. Such love does not have to be earned but is present like a sheltering roof, or four sturdy walls that offer warmth and protection.



Principal's Pen

Kia Ora,

Welcome to week four, no assembly this week, we will be having team green.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Anti Bullying day on Friday we raised \$110.00.

A reminder about parent teacher interviews, again we will be having a three way conference with the teacher, child and parent. If you would like to talk to the teacher separately, then please make a separate appointment with the teacher. We will be putting out the booking schedule this week. Have a great week.

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

Board meeting this Wednesday at 6pm

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

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.

The programme will be organised :

Start with 8.30 Mass followed by morning tea and working from 10am—12pm

First session will be on 10th June covering Reconciliation

Next session 1st July covering 1st Eucharist

Final session 5th August covering confirmation

The Bishop will be in Thames on 12th August for the Celebration of the Sacraments.

Any one interested in Baptism, could they please contact Geraldine or Sister Paula.

Assembly ~ No Assembly this week

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.

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.

Hearing and Vision Checks~ This Friday the school is having hearing and vision checks for our 5 year olds, if you would like your child checked then please let the office know. Thanks

Upcoming Events for Term 2

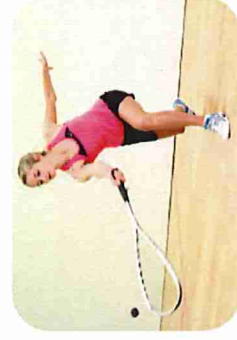
Please remember to watch the weekly newsletter as sometimes we do need to change dates.

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
Every Wednesday	School Lunch orders (from Food for Thought)
Every Monday and Wednesday	Runners Club 8.45—9.00 am
23rd May	B.O.T. Meeting
4th June	Queens Birthday—School Closed.
5th June	Three Way Conferences (Parent Teacher Interviews)
5th—8th	Book Fair
10th June	Whole School Mass 8.30 in Church



ART CLASSES

Term 2
Limited Spaces
Ages 8-12
For further details
please contact:
Karen Malanaphy
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078682007



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
Shane Dineen, Junior Convenor, 0272 771 771 or
Paul Silvester, Junior Convenor, 0223 092 099 or
Email: thamesjuniorsquash@gmail.com