

13th August 2018 (Vol.24)

Our Sacrament Children on Sunday



Cross Country this term
Remember to bring running Shoes

School Closed on Wednesday
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.*

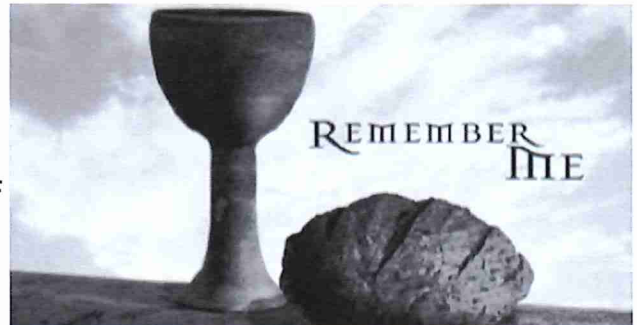
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B Green

‘I am the bread of life’

Proverbs 9:1-6.....Psalm 34 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

On Sunday Jesus tells the people that he is “The bread of life,” and that anyone who eats this bread will live forever.

Jesus offers himself totally – nothing held back — as the food that nourishes for life and beyond. The people to whom he speaks do not understand. When we share the “body of Christ” we share the Person, when we share the “blood of Christ” we share the life of Christ. We travel as did the chosen people of old, on a journey to the promised land, sustained by the food we find along the way. The Eucharist is our manna in the wilderness. Through it we receive a share in the life of God directly from the hand of God. Sometimes it can be difficult for us to understand and accept the teachings of Jesus. What do you draw life from? What is the source of your nourishment? What kind of life is Jesus offering you? Is it for now or the future? Are there ways you can bring life and nourishment to others this week?



Principal's Pen

Kia Ora whānau,

This coming week we are busy preparing for our whole school cross country on Friday. This is a wonderful event made special by all those family members who come and cheer on their children. This year it will start at 10 am with the juniors and go through to about 1.30.

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Sunday to help celebrate First Holy Communion and Confirmation with Bishop Pat. It was a beautiful celebration and the children really did us proud with their singing and readings. Thank you to Eric & Mary Hamilton and Sister Paula for giving their time to prepare the children. It is wonderful to see so many children with their families taking the Sacraments.

Debbie Trenwith will be leaving us at the end of the year to take up a position at Moanataiari School. We would like to thank her for her years of service and wish Debbie well in her new position. We will be advertising our Deputy Principal and Director of Religious Studies positions for the start of 2019.

**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.

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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.

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 no 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.

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.

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

Dance Workshop - Wednesday 15 August

Jen (the hip hop teacher) will run a dance workshop on the day of the teachers strike. The workshop timetable is as follows:

9:00-9:30: Warm-up, body conditioning and flexibility

9:30-10:00: Hip hop

10:00-10:10: Morning tea

10:10-10:40: Dance injury education

10:40-11:10: Jazz

11:10-11:40: Contemporary

11:40-12:00: Lunch

12:00-12:30: Stage makeup and hair

12:30-1:00pm: Musical theatre and singing

Suitable for ages 8 up and \$30 per dancer. Please text Jen on 0221929806 to register.

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
15th August	Teacher Strike Full Day ~ School will be closed.
17th August	St Francis School Cross Country Competition
20th August	Education Review
21st August	School community meeting 2.30 in school with ERO
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

