

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
TBD	Indian Food Family fun Night—Delayed until end of term
20th August	Education Review
21st August	School community meeting 2.30 in school with ERO
22nd August	Board of Trustees Meeting
24th August	Room 5 Speech Competition
24th August	St Francis School Cross Country Competition
28th August	Thames Valley Cross Country—Puriri School

RCIA JOURNEY IN FAITH COURSE

Every year we gather a group of people who want to enter more deeply into the faith of the church. This group is made up of:

- people who have never been baptised;
- people who were baptised but have been "resting" from their faith;
- people who practice their faith but have never been Confirmed;
- people who were baptised in another Christian Community but now want to practice their faith in the Community of the Catholic Church

We will be starting this course again soon and if you are interested in joining this group, then please contact any of the following: Sister Paula 021 206 8062 or Olivia 021 083 25403 or Murray 027 439 8787

the Parenting show with Pio

A free community evening for parents and caregivers

Building awesome whānau with Pio Terei

Presentation includes:

- Solid foundations are made up of love and values
- Develop a positive atmosphere in the house
- Giving kids confidence and resilience to problem solve



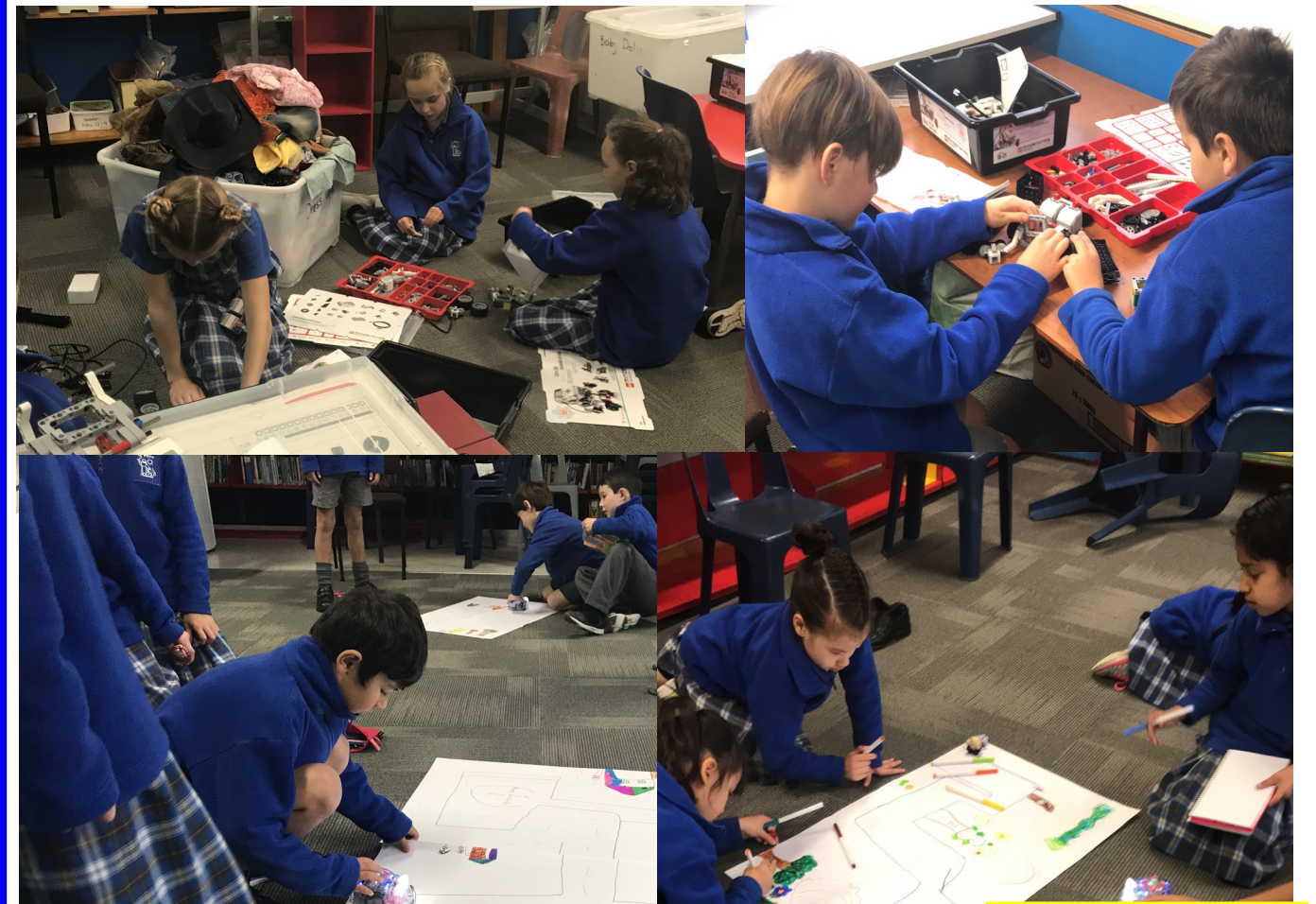
7pm Thursday 30th August
Thames High School Hall
Children's programme



theparentingplace.com



20th August 2018 (Vol.25) Robotics Club



Cross Country this term
Remember to bring running Shoes

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School Community Meeting 2.30pm in School library

Thames Valley Cross Country
28th August

Lunch Orders on Wednesday

Whakataukī

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.*

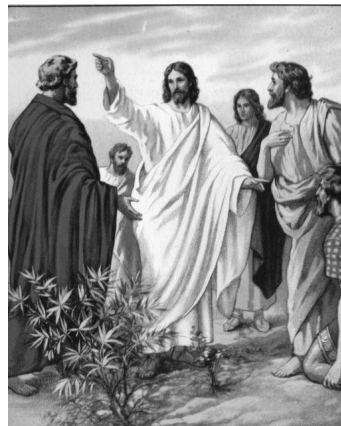
Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B Green

‘The Spirit gives life’ Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b Psalm 34 Ephesians 6: 1-4 John 6:60-69

When Jesus had told the crowd that he was the living bread, many of them turned away and left because they did not believe in him.

Many of Jesus’ disciples heard him speak about the bread of life and said, “This is too hard for anyone to understand.” Jesus knew that many of his disciples were grumbling. So he asked, “Does this bother you? What if you were to see the Son of Man go up to heaven where he came from?” “The Spirit is the one who gives life! Human strength can do nothing. The words I have spoken to you are from that life-giving Spirit. But some of you refuse to have faith in me.” Jesus said this, because from the beginning he knew who would have faith in him. He also knew who would betray him. Then Jesus said, “You cannot come to me unless the Father makes you want to come. That is why I have told these things to all of you.” Prepared by the Liturgy Centre, Catholic Diocese of Auckland 2 Because of what Jesus said, many of his disciples turned their backs on him and stopped following him. Jesus then asked his twelve disciples if they were going to leave him. Simon Peter answered, “Lord there is no one else we can go to! Your words give eternal life. We have faith in you, and we are sure that you are God’s Holy One.”

Jesus and Joshua gave their people a choice: the same choice that they each had been asked to make at the beginning of their ministry to the people of Israel. It is the choice that we also are each asked to make: a daily re-commitment to the will of God. Past choices can become old and partially forgotten, or half-heartedly kept. They need to be revisited regularly to be revitalised. We need to keep on choosing Jesus, choosing to serve God for he is our God. This freedom to choose is essential to the Christian message. What made you choose to follow Christ? What are the alternatives that the world offers, and how attractive are they? What are some of the significant choices that you have made in your life? How do you go about making these major decisions? Are there things that stop you believing in all that Jesus taught? What are the teachings of Jesus that you find most challenging?



Principal's Pen

Kia Ora whānau,

This coming week we are busy preparing for our Thames Valley Cross Country at Puriri School. We will need to transport the children to and from Puriri on the day. If you can help then please let Ms Trenwith know.

We have the Ministrie’s Education Review Officers visiting this week, we welcome them and invite them to enjoy the warmth and aroha of St. Francis and experience the dedication and hard work of our Kia ma he and tamariki. We are looking forward to sharing our learning story with them.

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

We have a parent trustee vacancy are you interested in supporting the governance of St. Francis School? Do you want to have a say on the future of our school? Do you want to make a difference for all our children? Can you spare a couple of hours a month? Then please contact Eric Hamilton or the office for further details.

PTA News ~ Your PTA needs you, please come and join the PTA and take an active role in supporting the education of our children. Speak to Fiona Webster, Julie Burchell or Geraldine Sumner if you are interested ~ 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 ~ 24th August 10 am at school~ 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.

Thames Air Cadets Recruitment Evening ~ Wednesday 22nd Aug 6pm onward. For students Year 8 and over. Come down and see what we’re all about. Bring your parents and your friends, play some games, find out more about what we do and how you can get involved. Free sausage sizzle. www.cadetforces.org.nz Like us on Facebook



Teen-Esteem Workshops is now accepting names for upcoming workshops in Term 3! Transition to High School is a one-day workshop tailored to meet the specific needs of Year 8 students as they are getting ready to transition into High School. At these workshops, we address how social interactions can impede learning and personal development at this level. We increase the participants’ self-esteem by dealing with issues that directly impact this group: Peer-pressure, bullying, and how to deal positively with success and failure. We strive to empower adolescents by teaching them the tools and strategies which facilitate: goal-setting, problem solving skills, and better communication skills.

Please email or contact Deb or Rosie for more information:

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