

| Upcoming Events for Term 1       |   |
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| Every Tuesday and Wednesday      | Sharyn Clark will be in for Piano Lessons                       |
| 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)                     |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March    | Meet the Teacher and Takeaway night from 5.30 pm                |
| 14th March                       | Thames Valley Swimming Sports                                   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> March           | Hockey Big Day Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March                   |
| 21st March                       | BOT Meeting   |
| 30th March                       | Good Friday—School closed                                       |
| 2 & 3 April                      | Easter Monday and Tuesday—School Closed                         |
| Friday 13 <sup>h</sup> April     | Last day of Term 1  |
| 2nd May                          | B.O.T. Meeting  |

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

One Day Basic Self Defence Course  
For Young Women 12 – 18

| 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.**



Course will cover:

- Self defence awareness/avoidance
- Basic law of defending yourself
- Potential self defence targets
- Hand-Elbow defence/strikes
- Leg-Knee defence/kicks
- Learn a self defensive routine
- Self defence scenarios: Standing attacks from the front and behind you and ground defence.

When: Saturday 10, March 2018  
Time: 9:30am-1:00pm  
Where: Thames Youth Centre  
126 Kirkwood Street  
Thames

Fee: \$10 - \$25 Sliding Scale  
Bring: Water  
Wear: Comfortable Track pants or tights with tee shirt, please no shorts or singlets.  
Instructor: Ava Strong

Snacks provided at break time

Pre-Registration required:  
Call Nancy at 07-868-9664  
or email [nanceenz@yahoo.com](mailto:nanceenz@yahoo.com)

No one is made to do anything they are not comfortable with, although all will be encouraged to try!



5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (Vol. 05)

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

**Lunch Orders on Wednesday  
Juicies on Fridays**

**Meet the Teacher and  
takeaway Night  
Tuesday 6th March  
5.30 pm**

**Please remember  
Sun Hats and Sun  
Screen**

**Would you like to be  
part of the PTA? Then  
please let the office  
know**

# Room 5

# Class Treaty

Whakataukī

Waiho ma te tangata e mihi

Let someone else acknowledge your virtues

**MISSION STATEMENT**

We are a Catholic faith community committed to quality education

## 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.'***

## *Sunday of Lent - Year B*

### *Violet*

## *'The temple' Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 John 2:13-22*

*Have you ever felt very angry because you knew something was wrong? On Sunday we read about Jesus being angry at people who were treating others unfairly and doing so in God's house. This is one of the very rare times in Jesus' life that we see him angry.*

"I am the Lord your God....you shall have no gods except me;" are perhaps the most important words of Sunday'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. The happenings in the Temple turned into marketplace show us what the results are of a love of God that has lost sight of the neighbour. The Ten Commandments recognise our dependence on God and the rights of our neighbour and not bearing false witness. By keeping them

## Principal's Pen

Kia Ora,

The Gospel still speaks to us in modern times and how important it is to think and question what is said and heard. Father Valley and Father Albert were talking to the children on Wednesday about the commandments; we often forget the importance of following those simple rules in our daily lives. Maybe this week we can all look back on how we can honor our God by following those commandments to enrich our journey through Lent.

We sent out an email and notice about the meet the teacher evening on Tuesday, we do hope the weather will be kind to us, but if it is raining we will postpone until later on in the term. However, the staff and I are always available if you would like to have a chat. The best time for teachers is, after school as they are always busy preparing for lessons in the mornings.

The raffle tickets are going really well, thank you to everyone who is busy selling and buying. Elaine still needs to know who is available to help with the Irish Fling on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March, if you want to let the office know we can get Elaine to contact you directly.

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.

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.

Noticzs—Reminder to return your Cyber-Safety Student User Agreements and your 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 Juiciz Friday! - 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 — Next Friday is our last day of tennis with Shannon Paki, this has been a wonderful opportunity for the children to have a go. We hope that Shannon will be able to return later on in the year. Thank you to Thames Waikato Tennis Association for the grant to hold these free sessions.

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>

Username: stfrancis-thames

Password: mackay.

## Thames Junior Rugby Registrations



\$50.00 per player Under 8s—Under 13s

\$30.00 per Under 7s (Rippa) player

\$100.00 per family (3 or more players)

CASH only—no eftpos

AP forms available

Thames Rugby & Sports Club

455 Ngati Maru Hwy,

Thames 3578

## COACH & TOUR OPERATORS

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28<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Re: Dangerous objects on school buses

Murphy Buses would like to take the opportunity to remind students, teachers and parents about dangerous objects on school buses.

Please bring this letter to the attention of all bus controllers and students that travel on our services. Students that catch the school bus to and from school are reminded that **NO** skateboards, scooters, balls etc are to be carried onto the bus.


Any object that has the potential to fly through the air, down the aisle or trip somebody up is dangerous.

The golden rule is: If it isn't fully enclosed in a school bag it won't be allowed on the bus

Any item outside of these guidelines that is part of the curriculum must have prior written consent from Murphy Buses Thames Office.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our passengers safe.

Kind regards

  
Gaylene Jujnovich  
Executive Administrator