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Education Review

**Huge thanks to the
Education Review Team
they did an excellent job.**

**Thames Valley
Cross Country
28th August**

**Lunch Orders
on
Wednesday**



Room 3 and Room 5 speech winners

Whakataukī

Kia Kaha, Kia maia Kia manawanui—Be strong, be brave be dedicated

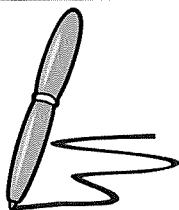
MISSION STATEMENT

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.*

Principal's Pen



Kia Ora whānau,

This coming week we have our Thames Valley Cross Country at Puriri School. Thank you to all those people who came on Friday to support St. Francis School Cross Country it was a fantastic morning. Also thanks to those helping with transport on Tuesday.

We had the Ministry of Education Review Officers visiting last week. This was a very enjoyable process and we are really looking forward to sharing the report with you in due course.

Sad news that Mrs. Darrah's Husband Gary is gravely ill and has only a very very short time left. Please keep them in your prayers. We would like to do something as a school community to show our love and support, if anyone has any suggestions then please come and see me. Flowers have been sent from the Board and staff.

A huge thank you to all the staff for their hard work and dedication that contributed to our review. You are all awesome.

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

Twenty second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B Green

'Following Jesus'

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8 Psalm 15 James 1:17 -18. 21b-22 Mark 7: 1-5, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees and scribes had made many laws that were supposed to help the Jews obey God's law. After a time it became more important to obey their own laws than those of God. Today we hear how and why Jesus disobeyed one of these laws.



Some Pharisees and several teachers of the Law of Moses from Jerusalem came and gathered around Jesus. They noticed that some of his disciples ate without first washing their hands. The Pharisees and all other Jewish people obey the teachings of their ancestors. They always wash their hands in the proper way before eating. None of them will eat anything they buy in the market until it is washed. They also follow a lot of other teachings such as washing cups, pitchers and bowls. The Pharisees and teachers asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples obey what our ancestors taught us to do? Why do they eat without washing their hands?" Prepared by the Liturgy Centre, Catholic Diocese of Auckland 2 Jesus called the crowd together again and said, "Pay attention and try to understand what I mean. The food you put into your mouth does not come out unclean and unfit to worship God. The bad words that come out of your mouth are what make you unclean." "Out of your heart come evil thoughts, vulgar deeds, stealing, murder, unfaithfulness in marriage, greed, meanness, deceit, indecency, envy, insults, pride and foolishness. All these come from your heart, and they are what make you unfit to worship God."

Jesus is only really interested in the stirrings of the human heart, the personal issues that preoccupy us and influence our choices and behaviour. No external law can change people's hearts. When our hearts are set on God they are freed from the multitude of human rules that tie us down, hinder a direct, personal relationship with God and prevent proper action and worship. What are some 'human regulations' in today's world that you find difficult to conform to? Why? Are you in need of a change of heart? What might need to change in order to live the Christian life more fully?

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 or Julie Burchell if you are interested.

Thank you

A call to Prayer

I would like to invite any parent who has 10 mins to spare on a Wednesday morning to gather in Room 4 to pray for the needs of the school at this time.

Time 8:55 - 9:10. Many thanks. Sr Paula

Parish AGM

This will be held in the Church after Mass on Sunday 9th September. This will be followed by morning tea and then you are invited to join with parishioners to review parish goals from the last 3 years and set goals for the next 2-3 years. All welcome and we would value the input from our younger parish members. Fr Vally

Will you fill in which room we can use. Many thanks
Paula

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues for preference students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary. Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information.

Application forms for the Hardship Scheme are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website :

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools/ (go to Catholic Schools in Auckland / Attendance Dues and Special Character Contributions)

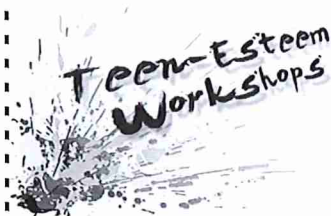
St. Francis School Board of Trustees

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.



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:

Email: teenesteemworkshops@gmail.com Deb: 021 258 0078 Rosie: 027 577 7716

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 Monday	Mandarin Language/culture lessons
Three Days a Week	Cross Country Training in School
Every Tuesday	Robotics Club
Every Thursday	Rm 5 will be going to Technology Training at Thames High School
28th August	Thames Valley Cross Country—Puriri School
28th September	End of Term 3
15th October	Start of Term 4

From Chairperson - St Francis Board of Trustees

This last week has been very busy with the Education Review office visiting the School. Thank you to all the School teachers and staff, children and families, and BoT who met with these ERO staff and provided details on the processes and progress of the School. On Monday evening they met with the Board and questioned all of the processes that we review including our long Term Plan and School Charter. We are fortunate that over the last three years, these documents that have been developed, are regularly reviewed and updated to reflect changes in our children's learning requirements. It was noted that the Board needs to ensure that the School future vision is shared, with wider community input and understanding.

On Thursday the ERO team gave a brief report to some Board members highlighting a very positive review, particularly with the school's focus on children's learning being well rounded and enables our students to learn, achieve and progress. The Board will receive a full written report in approximately 6 weeks which we will then share with you.

Over 12 months ago the Board changed from a manually written, 3 year school policy review process to what is known as "School Docs" - which is an on-line Policy adoption process. Each term we get to review 2-4 policies. As part of this process we have also asked for St Francis school community input into this. When there are messages in our school newsletter in regards to these documents, please do review these and provide any comments / suggestions.

We are now into our last year of the School Board term, with elections happening next year in May with a new Board coming aboard in June 2019. We ask that you consider how you can provide a positive contribution to the school, by being involved in the Board as a parent representative. If you wish to know more, please contact one of our Board members, or visit the NZ School Trustees Association website for more information on what the role of Board of Trustees is.