

Upcoming Events for Term 1	
Every Tuesday and Wednesday	Sharyn Clark will be in for Piano Lessons Call Sharyn for any possible vacancies 027 4485089
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) Class Mass starting in week 4 (9.15) in Church
14th March	Thames Valley Swimming Sports
20 th March	Hockey Big Day Tuesday 20 th March
21st March	BOT Meeting
30th March	Good Friday—School closed
2 & 3 April	Easter Monday and Tuesday—School Closed
Wednesday 4th April	Teacher Only Day—School Closed.
Friday 13 ^h April	Last day of Term 1 Finishing at 12.30pm
2nd May	B.O.T. Meeting

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

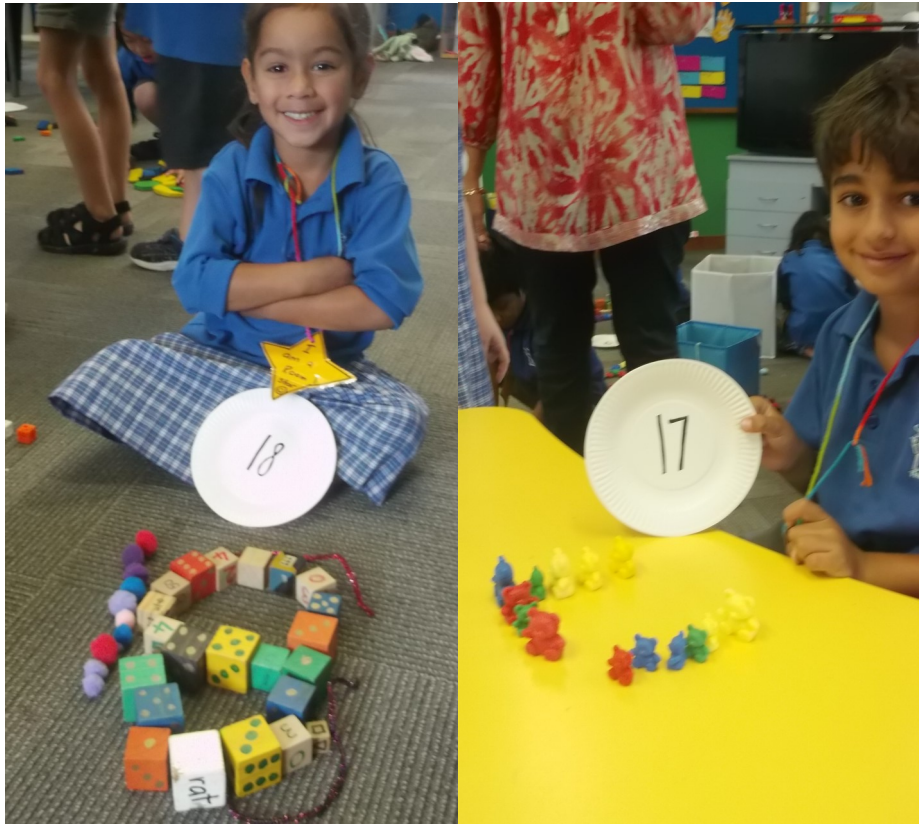
ICAS SUBJECT	ICAS SITTING DATE	Cost
Digital Technologies	Tuesday, 8 May 2018	NZD 9.50
Science	Tuesday, 29 May 2018	NZD 9.50
Spelling	Wednesday, 13 June 2018	NZD 20.50
Writing	Thursday, 14 June 2018	NZD 11.50
English	Tuesday, 31 July 2018	NZD 9.50
Mathematics	Tuesday, 14 August 2018	NZD 9.50

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.



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Irish Fling Raffle prize for the most raffles sold

Lunch Orders on Wednesday Juicies on Fridays

Teacher Only Day Wednesday 4th April School Closed

Please remember Sun Hats and Sun Screen

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

Room 1 Maths

Whakataukī

**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 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."

4th Sunday of Lent - Year B (Violet)

'God sent his Son to save us'
Ephesians 2:4-10 Psalm 25 John 3:16-17

Have you ever rescued another person or an animal who got badly hurt? Have you ever given anyone a second chance after they had messed things up for you? On Sunday we heard how God loves to rescue people and give them second chances.

God never gives up on us. As Paul writes in his letter to the Ephesians, we are God's work of art., and it is only through his grace that we can be saved. The coming of Jesus proves that God is not out to condemn us. Sunday's Gospel reading emphasizes that God saves through love rather than condemnation. Any image of God as fierce, judgmental and condemning is a false one set up by those with unhealed condemnation in their own hearts.

Principal's Pen

Kia Ora,

We are already half way through the first term. We welcome two new children to our school Raiana and Kāhu who will start later on in the term and we know you will all make them feel very welcome.

We are up and running with our Community of Schools and at the end of this term all the schools are getting together for our first Kahui Ako professional development at the High School. This is on Friday 13th April, which means that all the schools will be finishing at 12.30 p.m. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Its our Irish Fling on Friday and we are collecting for the white elephant stall, if you have any pre-loved items to donate then please bring them along to room 2.

Have a great week.

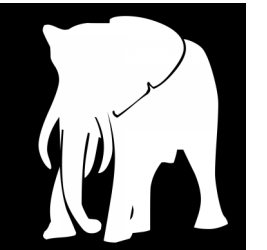
Kia te wairua tapu ki runga ki a koutou katoa. ~ May the Holy Spirit be upon you all.

Geraldine Sumner ~ Principal.

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.

White Elephant Stall Time to clear out all those unwanted items, we are having a white elephant stall at the Irish Fling on Friday. Bring along all your pre-loved items to room 2, we can't take any electrical items but welcome everything else.



Cake Plate A plate is coming home for our cake stall, if you could return this to school on Friday that would be wonderful. Thank you for your support.

Raffle Tickets Could you please return all sold and unsold raffles to school by Friday morning. We will announce the winner of the most raffle books sold on Friday night. Thank you.

Hockzy Big Day Out — Tuesday 20th March, notices have gone home. We will be travelling by bus, if there are any parents that would like to come and help then please let your child's teacher know.

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.

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Thames Primary School Hockzy

If your child is keen to play hockey in the combined Thames team this season – please register your interest by coming along to a quick meeting on Tuesday 13th March, 3.45pm, at Thames South School (Rm 1). Our participation in the league will be dependent on the level of parent support we have to coach/manage teams. Hockey is played at the turf in Ngatea and is open to primary age children in years 1-8. Enquiries to Hilary 0273360465.

Hauraki Plains College—Are holding an out of zone information evening on Tuesday 20 March 7pm in the HPC college hall with a ballot to be held on Thursday 29 March midday.