

Upcoming Events for Term 1	
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 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 (9.15) in Church
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Hockey Big Day Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March—be at school 8.15 am
19th March	Parent and B.O.T. committee meeting 6pm
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 (3pm finish)
2nd May	B.O.T. Meeting

ANIMAL RESCUE THAMES

Easter Garage sale

Saturday 31st  
March 8.30am until noonish

Grahamstown Hall , Pollen  
St, Thames

Allsorts of allsorts - raising  
funds to feed and care for  
the rescue felines over the  
winter months

Purrl ease support our paws

enquiries 07 868-2907

TINY DANCERS PRESENTS...

# PRESCHOOL DANCE

WHERE: JACK MCLEAN RECREATION CENTRE, THAMES  
DATE: APRIL 21ST, 25TH AND 28TH.  
COST: \$10 PER CLASS, OR 5 CLASSES FOR \$40  
CLASSES: PRESCHOOL 2.5-3 YEARS & PRESCHOOL 3.5-4 YEARS  
STRICTLY LIMITED TO 12 CHILDREN PER CLASS.

TO BOOK YOUR SPOT CONTACT TINYDANCERSAUCKLAND@GMAIL.COM



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Please remember  
Sun Hats and Sun  
Screen

Hockey  
This Tuesday  
Be at school  
at 8.15 am  
Please

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

Whakatauki

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.'*

5th Sunday of Lent - Year B Violet 'A grain of wheat' Jeremiah

31:31-34 Psalm 51 John 12:24-26

On Sunday we heard Jesus tell a story about wheat and how it can live in a different way after it has died or broken down. The Psalm brings to life what God wants us to do at this time during lent. To repent our sinfulness and turn back to God. It's a time of renewal and cleansing through the act of reconciliation.

Psalm Response: **Create a clean heart in me, O God. You are kind, God!**

Please have pity on me. You are always merciful! Please wipe away my sins. (Response)

Create pure thoughts in me and make me faithful again. (Response)

Make me as happy as you did when you saved me; make me want to obey! (Response)

**Principal's Pen**

Kia Ora,

We had a fantastic time on Friday night with the Irish Fling. It was great to bring back the tradition of this wonderful Gala. Many thanks for Elaine for organising the event along with the board of trustees. Special thank you to our wonderful staff, senior children and parish who came together to make this night so wonderful. We are busy now working out how much we have raised and will let you know next week.

Next week I will be at several Catholic Principal meetings,. On Tuesday I am going to Pukekohe and Waihi on Thursday and Friday. Debbie Trenwith will be around looking after things and we will be in daily contact.

There is a change of date with the professional development for the community of schools, therefore not to inconvenience our families we have decided to send a school representative along and keep the school open on that last Friday. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. 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.**

**Hockey Big Day Out— Tuesday 20th March, please be at school by 8.15 ready to go on the bus.**

**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.

**Irish Fling:** Thank you to everyone who had a part to play in the success of our Irish Fling. In particular I would like to thank Tim Johnson, Grant Bourke and Richard Sawyer who took time off work to setup on Friday, Fiona Webster for her support of them and Matthew Burchell and Jordan Tukuitoga who filled in the gaps.

Before the day Wendy Johnson organised the drinks stall, and then sold them, Will and Grant Bourke organised the shoot out, donated the prizes, and ran the game, Bervi, Lim, Hatsue and Jaini organised their Asian food stall and cooked/sold on the night, Father Valley, Alvi and Sino cooked the Indian food which Father Valley sold, Tim Johnson made the dunk tank, and Wendy Johnson's Mum cooked the ham. Karen Hutchinson, Grant Bourke, and Leslie and Brendon Wilkinson gave up their time down at the Thames Market selling raffle tickets and sausage sizzles.

A big thanks to our families for providing baking for the cake stall and selling raffles to friends and family. Our helpers on the night were Debbie Trenwith and Room 5 with the children's games, Sister Paula and Robyn Smith with the White Elephant, Heidi Darrah on cakes, Matthew Burchell and Jordan Tukuitoga in the dunk tank, Julie Burchell on Ham buns, Tim Johnson on sausage sizzle, Leslie and Brendon Wilkinson on hot chips, Fiona Webster on the bar, Amanda Goodall on the bouncy castle, Donna Thorburn on raffles and lucky dips, Helen Baars and Aidin Aikin on the candyfloss, Karen Hutchinson on the duck tombo, Lisa and Matt Busch on Quick-fire raffles, Geraldine Sumner on Eftpos and quick fire raffles, Amelia on face painting with Room 5. Also thanks to Peter @ Mr Whippy with his donation from the nights sales, and Sarah Green who made and gave away balloon animals.

Thanks to our Room 5 helpers - Ari, Bronte, Leni, Chloe, Annabelle, Liam, Jayden, Parker, Karla, Jaselle, Lucy, Stella, Juliana, Casey, Denver and Sebastian. A huge thanks to our MC Murray, who did a great job keeping everyone entertained, filling in the quiet times, and getting the word out about the different food options and stalls. And a big thanks to Andy Mac and friends for the Irish music, and Jon Sawden and the TKD group demo - it was great to see ex-students Cayden, Phoenix, Arleea, Riley and Selena.

And lastly a big thanks to those that made donation		
Rotorua - voucher	Paradise Valley Springs - vouchers	Tony Molloy @ Art Effects - signs
Hamilton and Wilderness Motorhome - Holiday package		Skyline Polynesian Spa - voucher
packages for quick-fire and raffle	IXL butchery - Quick-fire	Mary Clare Nassau and 30 Seconds -
food stall items	Pak n Save - \$100 voucher	Green Grocer - Quick-fire Chequers -
machine	Coinsave - prizes	Te Puru School - Candy floss
Gift today - prizes	Thames Fire Brigade - Deep fryers	Goods 2U - prizes
Thames High School - gazebos	Tim Johnson - Ham	Lion Nathan - Speights tent
O'meara Refrigeration - chiller trailer	St Francis Parish - tables	Coromandel Castles - bouncy castle
Thames Junior Football - tables		

Warehouse stationery - prizes and printing

**Congratulations to those that won raffle prizes**

**Wilderness Homes package— ticket no. 1998 - Sean Moore, Rotorua**  
**Package—ticket no. 1609 - Rich Harden - , 30 Seconds pack - Claimed on the**  
**night, Convection oven - ticket no. 2372—Grace Visser**

**We also had a family pass to The Waterworks to the child who sold the most raffle tickets.**  
**Congratulations to the Johnson family and Wilcox family who each won a pass.**

**Thanks everyone**