

Some photos from this last fortnight.....



St Francis School Newsletter, Friday 12th December, 2025



Important upcoming events and notices:

- 15th Dec School Cultural Christmas Show 2pm
- 16th Dec Last day of school—**finish 1pm**
- 26th Jan Auckland Anniversary Day
- 27-30th Jan School office open **9am-3pm** each day
- 2nd Feb First day of Term 1, 2026

Kia ora, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Bula vinaka, Kamusta, Şuostei, Şawasdee, Talofa.

This will be the last newsletter for 2025. A special congratulations and welcome to our new Principal, Christian Ioka, who will start at the beginning of next year. I know he and his whānau will be warmly welcomed into the St Francis community.

While we were no match for the wild weather during our Cultural Christmas Show, please join us for our postponed show next Monday at 2pm. It will be great for our children to have a chance to perform after all their hard work and preparation. School will finish around 3pm; however, we may run slightly over time.

On Monday evening, we celebrated our Year 8 leavers' dinner, where we farewelled a wonderful and close-knit group of Year 8s. We are very proud of them and feel they are well and truly ready for their high school adventures! We wish them all the best.

On Wednesday evening, we celebrated our End-of-Year Mass and Prizegiving, giving thanks to God for the blessings of 2025 and celebrating the effort and achievements of our children. I would like to personally thank the Board and school community for the farewell of my own family. We also farewell one of our much-loved students, Dwayne Benson, who will be joining Goldfields School in 2026. We wish him all of God's blessings on his new journey.

Congratulations to Sonya and Alyxes, who were baptised this morning with the support of their classmates and teachers. It was a beautiful ceremony and a very special step on their faith journey.

A special congratulations must also go to our three Touch teams, who all made the grand finals played last night. Our Year 3/4 team secured first place in their grade, and our Year 5/6 and Year 7/8 teams finished as runners-up in their grades. A big thanks also to all of our coaches!

End-of-year reports will be emailed home next Tuesday, and please remember **school finishes at 1pm**.

Please see the Christmas Mass timetable later in the newsletter.

On behalf of everyone at St Francis, we wish you all the best for a happy and holy Christmas with your whānau.

Thames Museum
Te Whare Taonga o te Kauaeranga

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS & DECORATIONS,
Letters to Santa, make & send Christmas cards

Saturday Dec 13th
10am-1pm

Adults \$5
Children FREE

DOC local critters pop-up, music, games, FAMILY FUN

RAFFLE!

All children must be accompanied by an adult

Meri Kirihimete! Merry Christmas!

KAUAERANGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN CAMP

GOLD RUSH
SUMMER CAMP
SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2026

JR CAMP
YR: 3-6 / AGES 7-10
5-9 JANUARY 2026
\$215 SAVE \$20 BY DEC 5

SR CAMP
YR: 7-9 / AGES 10-13
11-16 JANUARY 2026
\$265 SAVE \$20 BY DEC 5







Future Te Aroha Presents

A Very Merry Christmas
A STORY OF LOVE AND LAUGHTER

DECEMBER 3RD - 17TH
AN INTERACTIVE FESTIVE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL AGES

BOOK TODAY!
Future Te Aroha, 11 Boundary St, Te Aroha
(07) 954 9483
futuretea@xtra.co.nz

ST FRANCIS SCHOOL

Cultural Christmas Variety Show 2025

Monday 15th December at 2pm

Join us for: Christmas Carols, Poi & Walata Performances, Nativity Play, Variety Songs & Performances, Samoan Dance, Filipino Dance and Indian Dance.



SAVE THE DATE

TRISTARS

HAURAKI PLAINS

Junior Swim • Bike • Run Event

A fun confidence-building triathlon for ages 5-13
Hugh Hayward Domain • Ngatea

15 MARCH 2026



Prayer and Pastoral Support

We remember all who are mourning, asking for comfort, strength, and peace in their time of sorrow.

We pray for those in our community who are suffering and struggling with finances, housing and isolation. May we as a community be the face and hands of Christ for them all.


If you, or anyone you know have any pastoral needs in our community, please contact;

Oliver Fahey or Sister Paula

Altar Servers

Altar Servers for Sunday Mass:

14 Dec Dimple/Haydon/Sia/Patrick
21 Dec Francis/Ayla/Aileen
24 Dec Aidan/Ambrose/Ephrita/Rillaniya



Catholic Churches of Coromandel Peninsula & Hauraki Plains
Christmas Mass Timetable 2025

Date	Time	Church
Wed Dec 24th Christmas Eve	4pm	Pauanui
	5pm	Thames
	7pm	Ngatea
	8pm	Whitianga
Thurs Dec 25th Christmas Day	8:30 am	Thames
	8:30 am	Whitianga
	10.30 am	Tairua
	11am	Coromandel

<https://www.facebook.com/StFrancisThames/>



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St Francis of Assisi Church Thames

presents
"HEARTS IN HARMONY"

Date: Friday 13th of February 2026
Time: 5:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Venue: Civic Centre Thames

- Cultural dances from around the world
- Live singing & skits
- Delicious food stalls
- Fun games & raffles

Contact: Barbara-027 249 1224
Email: heartsinharmonyevent@gmail.com

Entry \$15
Age under 15 \$10
Under 5 FREE

All proceeds go towards our Catholic parish centre fundraising project

"Come, celebrate community and culture together!"



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Policies and Procedures

SchoolDocs is the online policy and procedure service for schools. To access our policies and procedures:

- Go to <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/Home/SchoolLogin>
- Click on the green box "Search for your school" top right-hand corner of SchoolDocs page
- Start typing **St Francis School Thames** and then select it from the dropdown list
- Enter our community: **Username: stfrancis-thames**
Password: mackay