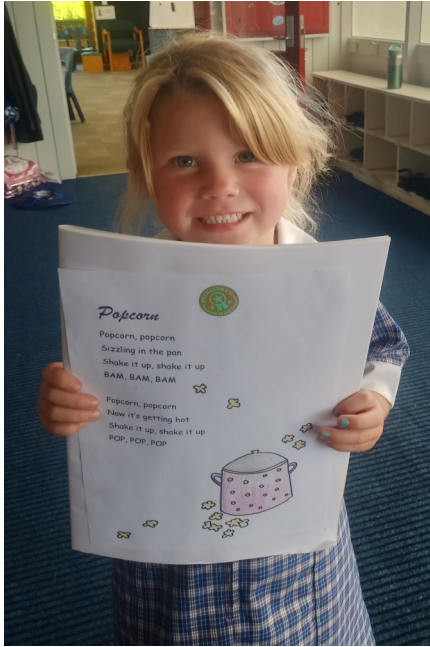


Some photos from this last fortnight.....



St Francis School Newsletter, Friday February 14th, 2025



Important upcoming events and notices:

- 26 Feb BOT Meeting 6pm
- 24 Feb Swim Safety Week (**togs needed each day**)
- 5 Mar Ash Wednesday Mass 9.15 (Lent Begins)
- 12 Mar Rippa Rugby Tournament @ Rhodes Park
- 14 Mar Whole School @ Hockey Big Day Out
(**students to be at school 8.30am for bus**)

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

It has been such a positive first two weeks of School for 2025! As a staff, we have all noticed how settled and ready to learn the children have been. It has also been a very hot first two weeks and the start of swimming lessons on Tuesday of this week has given some welcome relief.

As you may be aware there has been some significant changes to the Numeracy and Literacy curricula in 2025. The most noticeable change is the move to a more structured approach to teaching, learning and assessment in Maths, Reading and Writing. Over the past three weeks our teachers have had four full days of Professional Development. Three of these have been focused on the IDEAL literacy approach. This embeds a greater focus on phonics and spelling from Year 0-8. The other day was unpacking the new Maths curriculum which we are now implementing. This new Maths curriculum provides greater clarity around expectations at the end of each year level. To supplement our Maths learning we are also using the 'Maths No Problem resources.' If you have any questions regarding the new curricula, please see your child's teacher.

We are currently in preparation for our School and Parish St Patrick's Day Gala on Monday 17th March. If you are able to help out in anyway whether it be a food stall or similar please contact myself. From next week, we will begin requesting items for the Gala as well as sending home raffle tickets for students to sell.

Have a great weekend and God bless.

Learning to love—Loving to learn.

Respect-Manaakitanga Love-Aroha Faith-Whakapono Truth-Pono



FILM AND DRAMA CLASSES NOW ENROLLING!

For tamariki ages 6 to 13. Mondays 4pm beginning February 17.

Learn more and enrol here: <https://tinyurl.com/NoWa-arts>

We will work on acting, play drama games, create, and have fun!

This will be taught by Mary Daugherty and Mikaela Fahey!

Mini League Basketball for Years 3-8 February 17th - 31st March 2025

Yr 3-4 5pm—5.40pm
Yr 5-6 5.45pm—6.25pm
Yr 7-8 6.30pm—7.30pm

Cost: \$40 per child
\$70 for 2 siblings
\$95 for 3 siblings

Register at; adrienehodgson@icloud.com

Payments to: A Hodgson

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Reference: Child's name

Girls Uniforms 50% off—Summer/Winter



Our current girls uniform is being phased out over the next 2-3 years, all our current stock is to be cleared out and is selling at half price. Stock of Girls Summer Dresses, Culottes and Winter Pinafores in all sizes.

Girls Summer Dresses

Size 4 & 6	Was \$54.00	NOW \$27.00
Size 8 & 10	Was \$58.00	NOW \$29.00
Size 12 & 14	Was \$62.00	NOW \$31.00
Size 16	Was \$68.00	NOW \$34.00

Girls Summer Culottes

Size 4—SOLD OUT		
Size 6	Was \$32.00	NOW \$16.00
Size 8	Was \$36.00	NOW \$18.00
Size 10	Was \$40.00	NOW \$20.00
Size 12—SOLD OUT		
Size 14 & 16	Was \$45.00	NOW \$22.50

Girls Winter Pinafores

All sizes	Was \$90.00	NOW \$45.00
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Prayer and Pastoral Support

We pray for all those who have experienced loss.

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 for Sunday Mass:

16 Feb Francis/Ambrose/J.J.

23 Feb Charlotte S/Maire/Benji

2 Mar Charlotte P/Luke/Kiera



ST IGNATIUS
OF LOYOLA
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

INVENIENS DEUM IN QUIBUS

Online Enrolment Applications for 2026 are now open and will close at 9am on Friday 21st February 2025

Interviews will be held in March and April 2025

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



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofthamesstfrancis>

Run by our very own friendly and caring Teacher Aides; Whaea Lisa & Dayna!



3 - 5pm
Weekdays
Term-time
only

\$10
PER CHILD
PER HOUR

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Fun activities including music, dancing and games!



Please contact: Whaea Lisa on 027 3455 153 or Whaea Dayna on 0204 041 7652

*Cash payments only daily/weekly to Whaea Lisa or Dayna

ST FRANCIS SCHOOL AND PARISH



ST PATRICK'S DAY GALA

MON 17TH MARCH - 5-8PM



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

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

GIVE CRICKET A GO!

SUPER SMASH HUB

CATCH! STRIKE! THROW!

LEARN NEW SKILLS AT A SUPER SMASH HUB! A FUN, SOCIAL AND INCLUSIVE PROGRAMME FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS.

**60 MINUTES
\$30 FOR 6 WEEKS
YR 1-4 STUDENTS**

SCAN TO REGISTER NOW!

TOWN	LOCATION	DAY	AGE	START	END	TIME
Tairua	Tairua School	Mon	Year 1-4	17-Feb	24-Mar	4.00pm
Ngatea	Hugh Hayward Domain	Mon	Year 1-4	17-Feb	24-Mar	4.00pm
Thames	Rhodes Park	Tue	Year 1-4	18-Feb	25-Mar	4.00pm
Te Kauwhata	Te Kauwhata Domain	Tue	Year 1-4	18-Feb	25-Mar	4.00pm
Whangamata	Whangamata Area School	Wed	Year 1-4	19-Feb	26-Mar	3.15pm
Waiki	Waiki College	Wed	Year 1-4	19-Feb	26-Mar	4.00pm
Matamata	Pohlen Park	Thu	Year 1-4	20-Feb	27-Mar	4.00pm
Whitianga	Moewai Park	Thu	Year 1-4	20-Feb	27-Mar	3.30pm
Te Aroha	Te Aroha College	Thu	Year 1-4	20-Feb	27-Mar	4.30pm
Morrinsville	Morrinsville Rec Ground	Thu	Year 1-4	20-Feb	27-Mar	3.30pm

TELL YOUR FRIENDS SO THEY CAN REGISTER, TOO! WWW.NDCCRICKET.CO.NZ/PLAY

The Incredible Years

Parents, teachers, and children training series

ENQUIRIES WELCOME
FREE Parenting Programme
 (For parents of children aged 3-8 years)
 14 weekly sessions

Starting: 4th March 2025
 Location: Paeroa
 Time: 9.30am – 12pm

To register or for further information

Contact Jo 027 429 3688 or Sharon 027 405 1414

Topics include:

- Building secure attachment through play, praise and positive attention
- Development of social and emotional skills
- Understanding children's developmental stage and temperament
- Household rules and routines
- Natural and logical consequences
- Problem solving skills

KEREPEHI BRASS BAND

COME AND JOIN IN!

2025

LEARNER'S LESSONS

- **Day:** Tuesdays (excluding school holidays)
- **Time:** 4:15 PM
- **Where:** Kerepehi Brass Band Hall, 14 Matai St, Kerepehi
- **Cost:** Just \$5 per week
- **Instruments:** Cornet, Tenor Horn, Flugel Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Euphonium, Tuba*
- **Instrument Hire:** Available

*Subject to age and skill level, at the music teacher's discretion.



We're incredibly fortunate to have Hamilton-based music teacher Clive Burrell as our tutor. Our lessons are open to everyone, and we've welcomed students from Ngatea, Kerepehi, Netherton, Thames, Te Kauwhata, Waikino, and Paeroa. We're passionate about nurturing the next generation of band players and are committed to giving you or your child the best possible start on this exciting journey. If you have any questions, feel free to drop in or email us. We hope to see you soon!

WHY LEARN A BRASS INSTRUMENT WITH US?

- Develop musical skills
- Build confidence and leadership
- Foster cultural enrichment and exposure to diverse music styles
- Enhance cognitive abilities, discipline, and time management
- Support mental health and emotional well-being
- Promote teamwork, collaboration, and a sense of community
- Provide networking, performance, and career opportunities
- Encourage personal, social, and academic growth
- Can offer travel, new experiences and career opportunities

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- www.kerepehibrass.co.nz
- kerepehibrass@gmail.com
- 021 039 6183
- 14 Matai Street, Kerepehi



SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY
24 JUNE

SPORTS@GMAIL.COM

GET READY!

SCHOOL
GYMFESTIVAL

THAMES

Dance classes for all ages!

- Ballet
- Contemporary
- Hip hop
- See our website for more information



THAMES JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

JOIN US THIS SEASON

JUNIOR MUSTER

LOCATION: THAMES RUGBY CLUB - NGATI MARU HIGHWAY

DATE: SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

TIME: 3:00PM

THERE WILL BE A BBQ AND GAMES

WE NEED YOU!

THAMES Cricket Club

Looking for a summer sport??
 Then Cricket is for you!
 Have fun with your mates in the sun.
 No gear? No problem!
 The club will provide you with all the gear you need.
 Trainings on Wednesday
 Game days on Saturday
 Term 1 only
 Games start 15th of February

Get in touch today
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<https://www.facebook.com/Thamesjuniorcricket/>