



Newsletter 3: Friday 22nd February 2019

Kia ora, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Bula vinaka and welcome to our Week Three Newsletter, 2019!

First School Mass

It was great to see a number of our parent community celebrating Mass with us on Wednesday. We have some very proud new 2019 school leaders!



First BOT meeting

On Wednesday we had our first Board of Trustees meeting for 2019. The Board consists of parent reps, proprietor's reps, a staff rep and the Principal. This year the Triennial elections will take place in May and June. It is a great way for parents to have a say in the direction of the school. More information will be made available closer to the elections.

Shrove Tuesday whanau picnic—5th March

Grab your blanket and some takeaways and join us for a relaxed whanau picnic. Traditionally, Shrove Tuesday has been a day where people feast before the Lenten season of fasting. Pancakes are a big part of this tradition and these will be available for all at the event. We would love to have some parent to make the pancakes on the day.

Upcoming things to note:

Irish Fling

March 15th—See page 4

Well done for all the raffle ticket sales!

Swimming

Monday and Wednesday for all students. Please see classroom teachers if you are able to help with supervision.

Running Club

Every Wednesday and Friday morning at 8.40am.

Prayer Assembly

Every Monday Morning at 9am
Parents very welcome to attend

School Celebration Assembly

This Friday 22nd at 2pm
Parents very welcome to attend.

Year 5-8 Sailing Day

March 11 at Thames Sailing Club

Ash Wednesday

6th March

Mission Statement:

☒We are a Catholic community committed to quality learning☒

Respect

Love

Responsibility

Honesty



School Value of the Week: Responsibilities

One of the most important values that we can teach our children is that of Responsibility. This is one of our key learning concepts for this year so please have a chat with your child about what this value looks like in action.

Piano Lessons:

Sharyn Clark has 3 spaces available for new students. Lessons are given at school between 9am-3pm. If you would like to give your child this opportunity please contact Sharyn on 0274-485089 or 07-8675129.

Sacraments

Is your child ready to receive a Sacrament? We currently have children who will prepare to be baptised this year. Sister Paula will be running this programme.

There will also be the opportunity for children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation later this year. Please feel free to come into school to discuss this.

Prayers please

We pray for the needs of our School and Parish Community.

-For loved ones who have passed away in our community, especially:

-Mrs Darrah, her family and the soul of Gary Darrah.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them may they rest in peace. Amen

Lunch orders every

Wednesday.

Please pick up a list of options from our office.

Juicie Friday

Juicies are available each Friday for \$2.00

St Francis said it

It is not fitting, when one is in God's service, to have a gloomy face or a chilling look.

Francis of Assisi

Seventh Sunday of ordinary time. Be merciful as your Father is merciful. Luke 6:27-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "This is what I say to all who will listen to me: Love your enemies, and be good to everyone who hates you. Ask God to bless anyone who curses you, and pray for everyone who is cruel to you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, don't stop that person from slapping you on the other cheek. If someone wants to take your coat, don't try to keep back your shirt. Give to everyone who asks and don't ask people to return what they have taken from you. Treat others just as you want to be treated. If you love only someone who loves you, will God praise you for that? Even sinners love people who love them. If you are kind only to someone who is kind to you, will God be pleased with you for that? Even sinners are kind to people who are kind to them. If you lend money only to someone you think will pay you back, will God be pleased with you for that? Even sinners lend to sinners because they think they will get it all back. But love your enemies and be good to them. Lend without expecting to be paid back. Then you will get a great reward, and you will be the true children of God in heaven. He is good even to people who are unthankful and cruel. Have pity on others, just as your Father has



JOURNEY IN FAITH COURSE



Every year we gather a group of people who want to enter more deeply into the faith of the church. This group is made up of:

people who have never been baptised, people who were baptised but have been "resting" from their faith;

people who practice their faith but have never been Confirmed;

people who were baptised in another Christian Community but now want to practice their faith in the Community of the Catholic Church

If you are interested in joining this group, then please phone (07) 8685696 or contact Olivia 021 08325403 or Murray 027 6501454

What's been happening?



Room 3 learning about the 5 natural resources under threat from people not recycling.



Basketball at the Thames High School Gym!



Designing Posters to promote the Irish Fling



Whanau leaders for 2019!



Room 5 Posters for the upcoming Irish Fling!

Friday March 15th 4-8pm

St FRANCIS
Irish Fling
15 March 4 PM to 8 PM

St Francis School
15 March 4 PM to 8 PM

Sausage sizzle
Wheel of Fortune
Prizes
Bingo
Ring toss
Raffle
Bouncy castle
Popcorn
Kiss the ring
Prizes

St Francis School's
IRISH FLING

Date: 15th of March
Time: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Activities: Raffles, White elephant, Bouncy Castle and More!

St Francis School
Irish Fling

Fun activities
White elephant
Raffles
Sausage sizzle
Bouncy castle

Time: 4:00 - 8:00
Date: 15th March
Place: St Francis School

We Would love You to Come

St Francis
IRISH Fling

Lots of fun
Food drinks
Junk food
and more!

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St Francis School
IRISH FLING!

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Place: St Francis School Thames

Wear Something green if you can

Lots of fun activities
Come and Join the fun

Fun Activities!
St. Francis
Irish Fling!

White elephant Sale!

Date: 15th March 2019
Time: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Where: St Francis School 202 Mackay St Thames

Sausage sizzle!