

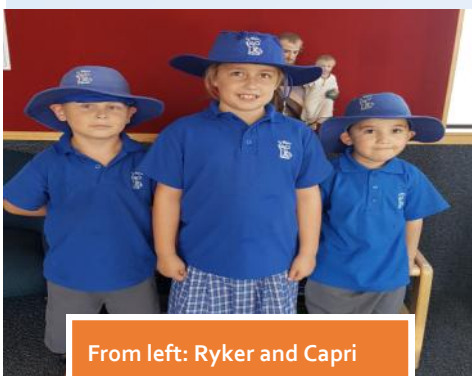


Newsletter 3: Friday 1st March 2019

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

Term one is a busy term especially in a Catholic school . Our Shrove Tuesday picnic, Ash Wednesday Mass, Lenten observance and Irish Fling give our dedicated children, staff, parents and Parishioners the opportunity to work together to achieve our School Mission of being:

‘A catholic community committed to quality learning’.



From left: Ryker and Capri Byles, Braxton Knapton.

Welcome to St Francis!

A special welcome to our new children and their whanau into the St Francis Community.

Reading Assessments

This week our Year 3-8 students have been sitting PAT and STAR Reading assessments. These assessments are vital in order that children and teachers understand where they are in there learning and where they are going next.

Shrove Tuesday Meet the teacher whanau Picnic: 5th March 5.30pm

Grab your blanket and some takeaways and join us for a relaxed whanau picnic. This is a chance to meet your child’s teacher and to get to know some other parents in the community. 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 parents to help make the pancakes on the day.



Upcoming things to note:

Ash Wednesday

Whole School Mass at 9.15—
Please join us to mark the beginning of Lent.

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

Year 5-8 Sailing Day

March 11 at Thames Sailing Club

Mission Statement:

‘We are a Catholic community committed to quality learning’

Respect

Love

Responsibility

Honesty



School Value Week: Responsibility

One of the most important value's 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 opportu-



**Thames Junior Rugby Club
2019 Rugby Muster**
Clubrooms, Rhodes Park
Thames
6th and 12th March 2019
5.30 – 7pm
\$60 per player
or
\$110 for 2 or more players per family

Lunch orders every

Wednesday.

Please pick up a list of options from our office.

Juicie Friday's

Juicie's are available each Friday for \$2.00

Head lice - We have had a couple of cases of Head lice at school. Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary.

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

If you have any special intentions please let the office know.

St Francis said it

It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching.

Francis of Assisi

BrainyQuote

8th Sunday of ordinary time: How to be a good disciple. † Luke 6:39-45

He also told them a parable, 'Can one blind person guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit?'

Disciple is not superior to teacher; but fully trained disciple will be like teacher.

Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the great log in your own?'

How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out that splinter in your eye," when you cannot see the great log in your own? Hypocrite! Take the log out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter in your brother's eyes.

The Word of God

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

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.

What's been happening?

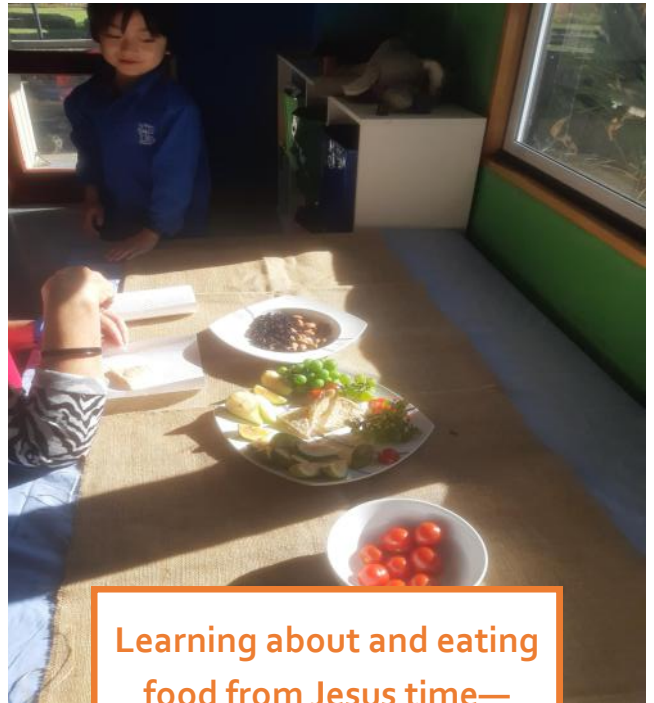
Morning Prayer to prepare for the day—Ruma Toru



Whole School Fitness time!



Learning about and eating food from Jesus time—Ruma Tahi



Mrs Darrah, Sister Paula and the Staff attended the Auckland Catholic School dedication Mass on Tuesday Night.





The Irish Fling Reminders!



The Irish Fling is approaching fast!

- ◆ Keep up the raffle tickets sales
- ◆ Bring in goods for the white elephant
- ◆ Start planning items for the cake stall.
- ◆ Elaine is needing help with setting up on fling day from 11am to put up gazebos and set up tables etc. Please contact her if you can help

Please text, ring, email or PM:

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**Friday March
15th**