

Some photos from this last fortnight.....



St Francis School Newsletter, Friday 8th August, 2025



Important upcoming events and notices:

13 Aug	Cluster Cross Country @ Parawai School
15 Aug	Assumption of Mary Mass - 9.15am
26 Aug	Thames Valley Cross Country
8 Sept	Teacher Only Day—school closed
17 Sept	Wacky Hair/Hat Day
19 Sept	Book Character Dress Up Day
19 Sept	Last Day of Term 3
10-12 Nov	Y5-8 Senior Camp @ Camp Adair, Hunua

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

It has been a busy couple of weeks at St Francis as winter illnesses become more prevalent. Despite this, attendance has remained steady, with 73% of children attending school over 90% of the time. This is a 20% improvement from 2024. In regards to attendance, we have identified two key areas for improvement:

Punctuality: Children arriving late to school miss important moments that set the tone for the day. Arriving by 9:00 am ensures a smooth transition into the day and allows children to fully take part in morning prayer. Please make a big effort to support this.

Monday Attendance: We have noticed that Monday attendance is significantly lower than on other days. As whānau, please make a strong effort to prioritise Monday attendance so children can start their week well.

Congratulations to all of our children who did so well in our school Cross Country on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see such perseverance and determination, as well as our older students supporting the younger ones.

Triennial Board of Trustees election nominations closed on Wednesday. A very warm welcome to Alvi Idicula and Jen Wenzlick, our new Parent Representatives, and to Margaret Mabey, our new Proprietor’s Representative. We also offer a heartfelt farewell to Mike Wilkes and Jonah Caigoy, who are stepping down after serving a three-year term. Thank you both for your contribution to our school community.

Please note the upcoming **Teacher Only Day on Monday, September 8th**, as communicated via email. This day will allow our teachers to take part in Religious Education professional development.

Have a great weekend, and God bless.

Value of the Week: Truth— Pono

- Following Jesus as the way the Truth and the Life.
- Honesty and Integrity in word and action.

Our School Vision:

*Learning to love and
Loving to learn.*



School Lunches

Kindly supplied by 'Food for Thought' Café
Every Thursday – Orders to school office by 9.30am – Cash only please

Multi-grain Sandwich (whole)	Egg and Mayonnaise Ham and Egg Roast Beef Corned Silverside	\$5.00
Mini Savoury Pies / Sausage Roll	Mince Bacon and Egg Mince and Cheese Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Pies	Butter Chicken Mince Mince and Cheese Steak Steak and Cheese Vegetarian Chicken and Vegetable	\$6.00
Sweet Muffin	Blueberry Raspberry and White Chocolate Banana Chocolate Chip Apricot Cream Cheese	\$5.00

All food is nut and peanut free

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR FIRE

HOLIDAY CAMP

22 TO 25 SEPTEMBER, 2025
JR CAMP (AGES 7-10)

29 SEPT TO 3 OCT, 2025
SR CAMP (AGES 11-13)

SCAN ME

PROGRAMME@KVCC.ORG.NZ

KAUAEARANGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN CAMP

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

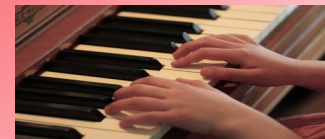


Altar Servers for Sunday Mass:

- 10 Aug Marilyn/Dimple/Rillaniya/Serah
- 17 Aug Aidan/Jaren/Aileen/Luke
- 24 Aug Keira/Lachlan/Charlotte
- 31 Aug Dimple/Haydon/Sia/Patrick

Piano Lessons

Sharyn Clark has spaces available for new students to learn piano.



Please contact Sharyn on:

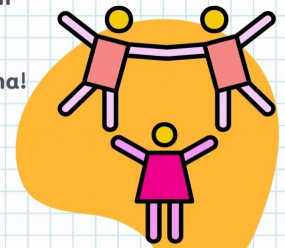
0274-485089 OR
sharynclark22@gmail.com

<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!

Get in quick to secure your space!!



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

GIVEAWAYS, FREE FOOD, GAMES, HANG OUTS, SPOT PRIZES, INDOOR B-BALL, LIVE MUSIC, GUEST SPEAKER



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YOUTH NIGHT

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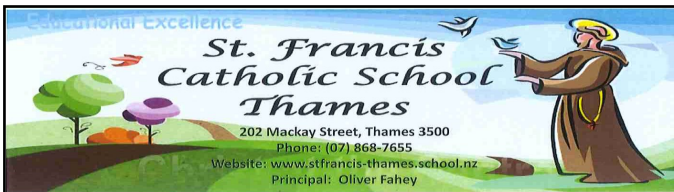
SCHOOL YEARS 7 - 13
THAMES ELIM CHURCH
BY THE WHARF

FREE EVENT



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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



St Francis School
School Board Elections

**Parent Election Results Declaration
 (no voting election required)**

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Names:

- Jenna Smith**
- Michelle Mulholland**
- Jen Wenzlick**
- Alvi Idicula**

Signed 

Jade Perez
 Returning Officer



St Francis School
School Board Elections

**Staff Election Results Declaration
 (no voting election required)**

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Name:

Cheryl Garrett



Signed
Jade Perez
 Returning Officer

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Tō Tātou Whakapono
Our Faith



Term 3 Religious Education Learning:

- Year 1-2** will explore and learn about how God made each person unique and to know God made people who are gifts from Him for each other.
- Year 3 and 4** will explore being part of their own whanau which God Loves as well as being part of His wider Church Whanau when we are Baptised.
- Year 5 and 6** will explore people being part of our Church as a Pilgrim People on a Journey towards God using their gifts and talents in their own lives.
- Year 7 and 8** will explore how Jesus was a teacher and that role is carried on by the apostles and the popes, the bishops, priests and teachers who have followed down through the ages until today.