

Some photos from this last fortnight.....



St Francis School Newsletter, Friday 31st October, 2025



Important upcoming events and notices:

3 Nov	Whole School Athletics Day 9.15am
4 Nov	Bullswool Farm Trip—Kiwi Class
7 Nov	Cluster Athletics Day
10-12th Nov	Y5-8 Senior Camp @ Camp Adair, Hunua
19th Nov	THS Orientation Day for Year 8's
3rd Dec	School Christmas Cultural Show
6th Dec	Thames Santa Parade
10th Dec	End of Year Mass & Prizegiving @ 5.30pm

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

As we near the midpoint of Term 4, there are certainly lots of exciting things happening for our St Francis students. Last Friday, Whaea Maria and our Tui class had a wonderful field trip to the Pūkorokoro Miranda Shorebird Centre. Students learned a lot about our local birdlife and environment and enjoyed a lovely lunch of fish and chips. Next Tuesday, our Junior Class will be heading off for a fun day at Bullswool Farm.

Today we celebrated Mass for the upcoming All Saints' Day. Our students did a wonderful job dressing up as their favourite saints. We had a wide variety, from the modern-day teenager Saint Carlo Acutis to St Francis, St Cecilia, Mary MacKillop, and many more!

During the Mass, we farewelled Father Rob, who is moving to Our Lady, Star of the Sea in Howick next week. We wish him all the best in his new parish. We will be welcoming two new Franciscan priests from Auckland who will look after the Thames-Coromandel area.

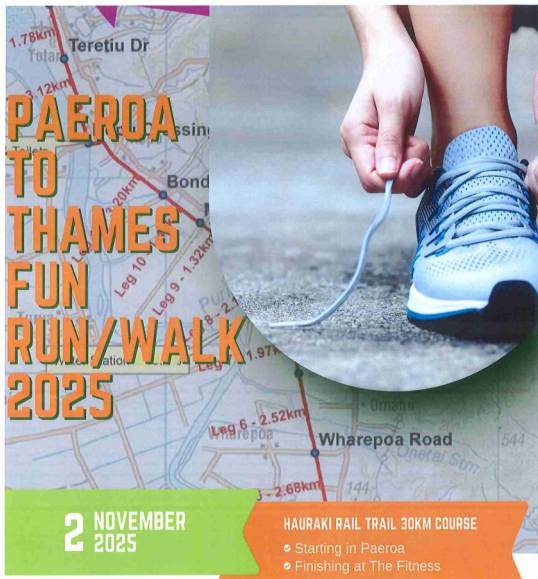
School camp in Hunua is fast approaching for our Year 5–8 students, who are getting very excited. Camp promises lots of challenging outdoor learning activities, fun, and friendship.

Due to the heavy rain on Wednesday, our school athletics day was postponed. We can now confirm that it will take place this coming Monday, 3 November. We will be at Thames High until around 11.00am, then back at school for field events from 11.30am to 1.00pm. Please join us to support or help with events.

Have a great weekend, and God bless.

Value of the Week: Love - Aroha
We love God with all our hearts
We love each other as we love ourselves

Our School Vision:
Learning to love and
Loving to learn.



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CATEGORIES	INFO
Individual \$25.00	Can be done as a walk or run
2 person relay \$30.00	Individual or team relay
Each additional person \$5.00	All proceeds to the Thames High School
extra	Early bird pricing ends 3rd October 2025
School teams \$50.00	Hosted by The Fitness Co-Op

Register Now
www.paeroatoathamesfunrun.co.nz A fun day out being active for a great cause

ENROLL NOW FOR 2026! AGES 5+

Ballet
 Hip-Hop
 Jazz
 Contemporary

Thames Racecourse
<https://stage.thdt.co.nz/>
 sarah@thdt.co.nz
 @thameshauraki.dance

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:

2 Nov Aidan/Luke/Jaren/Ambrose
 9 Nov Marilyn/Haydon/Serah/Ephrita
 16 Nov Francis/Patrick/Ayla/Maire

Piano Lessons

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

Please contact Sharyn on:
 0274-485089 OR
sharynclark22@gmail.com

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

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, 13 Boundary St, Te Aroha
 (07) 884 9489
futuretea@tra.co.nz



*** Farewell to Lisa Busch ***

We officially farewelled our much-loved Teacher Aide, Lisa Busch, who has been part of the St Francis whānau for the past seven years. Lisa has made such a difference to so many tamariki during her time here, and she will be greatly missed! We wish her all the very best as she begins a new adventure — and we're so pleased she'll still be part of St Francis in a relieving capacity.

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