

## Some photos from this last fortnight.....



## St Francis School Newsletter, Friday 22nd August, 2025



### Important upcoming events and notices:

26 Aug	Thames Valley Cross Country
1 Sep	School Speech Competition
5 Sep	Cluster Speech Competition—Thames South
8 Sep	Teacher Only Day— <b>school closed</b>
15 Sep	Book Fair / Book Character Dress Up Day
17 Sep	Wacky Hair/Wig Day
19 Sep	Last Day of Term 3
10-12 Nov	Y5-8 Senior Camp @ Camp Adair, Hunua

### Kia ora, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Bula Vinaka, Kamusta, Šuoste!i, Šawasdee, Talofa.

We are now entering the second half of Term 3 with lots of exciting things happening at St Francis. Last Friday, we celebrated a special Mass as a Parish and School community for New Zealand's Patronal Feast Day – the Assumption of Mary.

Our lunchtime inter-whānau hockey has now finished, with Pompallier taking out the final to clinch the overall win. Lunchtime touch rugby has now started, and our children are loving it! It is great to see our older children playing so well alongside our younger ones. A big thank you to Whaea Sue for organising these fantastic lunchtime sporting activities.

Well done to our runners who represented our school so well at the Thames Cross Country last week, with some great results: Jordan Sara (first place), Alexis and Olivia (second), Eda (third), and Patrick and Zander (sixth). All have qualified for the Thames Valley Cross Country!

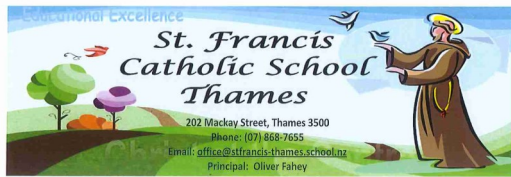
This week, we had some new sports gear arrive, which is very exciting for our children. A big thanks to Grassroots Charitable Trust for an \$11,000 grant, which has enabled the purchase of two brand-new mini hockey goals and two new padder tennis systems. These have had lots of use since arriving on our turf!

Thanks also to Fonterra, who are proud to support local schools and community groups. As part of this commitment, Peter Bailey facilitated the donation of boxes of stationery from the decommissioned Fonterra CANPAC site, ensuring these resources continue to benefit the community. Thank you!

Have a wonderful weekend, and God bless.

*value of the Week: Faith—Whakapono*  
*-we trust God's plan for us.*  
*-we live our faith through prayer and service.*

*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)

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**

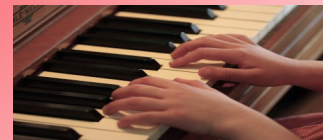


### Altar Servers for Sunday Mass:

- 24 Aug Keira/Lachlan/Charlotte
- 31 Aug Dimple/Haydon/Sia/Patrick
- 7 Sep Keira/Francis/Ayla/Aileen

### Piano Lessons

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



Please contact Sharyn on:

0274-485089 OR  
[sharynclark22@gmail.com](mailto: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

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

\$10 PER CHILD PER HOUR

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...

# The Littlest Princess AND THE NINJA NERDS

On Stage:  
SEPTEMBER  
SAT 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30PM  
SUN 7<sup>th</sup> 3PM  
Special Fathers Day Performance  
SAT 13<sup>th</sup> 5:30PM  
SUN 14<sup>th</sup> 3PM

Watch Te Aroha's tamariki shine! A fun musical comedy for the whole family to enjoy

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(07) 884 9489  
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PLANTING DAY REPORT 2025  
St. Francis School  
with Pouarua Farms



Together, we grew and planted 740 native plants!

Thank you for your commitment to environmental education and the growing and planting of native trees. Together our actions are having a positive impact on environmental restoration.



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

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



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## CAMP NZ 2025

- ✓ OSCAR Available
- ✓ 8 - 12 yr olds
- ✓ Pick ups Ham, Akl, BOP
- ✓ Planned and Run by teachers
- ✓ Limited Spaces
- ✓ 30th Sept - 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2025
- ✓ \$575, (4 days, 3 nights)

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School

THAMES  
COROMANDEL  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Thames Centennial Pool

### TERM 4 ENROLMENT INFORMATION:

- **RE-ENROLMENTS:** For students currently enrolled in Term 3 lessons.
    - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September from 12pm – 5pm
    - Students must be re-enrolled to secure their space in Term 4 lessons.
  - **NEW ENROLMENTS:** For students not currently enrolled in lessons.
    - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 12pm – 5pm
    - All new school age enrolments must have a short assessment prior to enrolling so they can be placed in the correct level, so please come prepared for your child to get in the pool.
    - Pre-school aged children aren't required to be assessed in the water prior to enrolling as these classes are based on age, not ability.
- Please send enquiries to [learntoswim@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:learntoswim@tcdc.govt.nz)



**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.