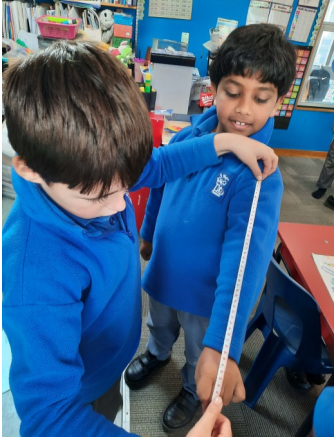


Some photos from this last fortnight.....



St Francis School Newsletter, Thursday 19th June, 2025



**Important upcoming events and notices:**

- 20 June Matariki Public Holiday—school closed
- 20 June Matariki Mass—Parish 9.15am
- 25 June BOT Meeting 6pm
- 27 June Matariki Arts & Crafts Day
- 27 June Last Day of Term 2
- 14 July First 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,**

The end of the term is fast approaching, and the temperature has certainly dropped, with some brisk days of late welcoming in the season of Matariki.

A special St Francis welcome to Luke Eappen, who started school in the Kiwi class this week. Luke is the younger brother of Adam in our Tui class and has made a great start to school.

A big congratulations to Jax and Xenxo, who received the Sacrament of Baptism at their class Mass last week. It was special for their classmates and whānau to witness and be a part of this occasion. We also farewell Xenxo, who is moving to the South Island in the coming school holidays. Although Xenxo has only been with us a short time, he has made a great impression as a kind and thoughtful student. We wish him all the best on his new adventure.

Last week, our seniors enjoyed their NET Retreat Day in Ngatea, reflecting on what it means to be a 'servant leader' in the mould of Christ Himself. They also had an inspiring trip to the National Young Leaders Day in Hamilton.

I would like to extend a big thank you to the 'We Care' Trust, who have recently approved a grant to purchase 22 new Chromebooks. These will certainly be well utilised as learning tools in our classrooms and appreciated by both students and teachers. This now gives us a one-to-one ratio of Chromebooks in our Tui, Kererū, and Piwakawaka classes.

This week, all of our teachers completed six months of specific Structured Literacy training, with a focus on the direct and explicit teaching of spelling and phonics using the IDEAL approach. If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher.

Mid-year progress reports will be emailed home next Friday.

*Learning to love—Loving to learn.*

*Respect-Manaakitanga Love-Aroha Faith-Whakapono Truth-Pono*

Educational Excellence

# St. Francis Catholic School Thames

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Phone: (07) 468-7655  
Email: office@stfrancis-thames.school.nz  
Principal: Oliver Fahey

## 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 Silver-side	\$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

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## Young Explorers Camp

NGATUHOA LODGE

**BOOK NOW 7th-11th JULY, 2025**

We have an amazing week lined up with bush walks, archery, air rifle, fire building and cooking, hut building, high abseiling, swimming, kayaking, tubing, mountain biking, night activities and much more!

- Pick-up/Drop off available from Hamilton, Tauranga & NOW Auckland
- Suitable for 7-13 years old
- OSCAR Subsidy available
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**PRICE \$675 5 days Mon-Fri**

**EARLY BIRD PRICING AVAILABLE**

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Edventure Tauranga  
todd@edventure.co.nz  
+0275349949  
www.edventure.co.nz

WEEK TWO OF THE JULY HOLIDAYS!



**BERYL RILEY – PSYCHOLOGIST CONTACT**

027 7800033  
Contact me to book a session or discuss your needs. Text messages are fine.

To book an I Am Hope free session either contact me or go to the I Am Hope website, search Thames or my name. (Parents of preschoolers please contact me directly.)

www.lamhope.org.nz

## Kia ora and Hi

I'm an experienced Registered Psychologist working from Thames Medical Centre 3 days per week – Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

I enjoy working with people of all ages and cultures and am especially experienced in working with children and young people and their families facing developmental, emotional, trauma and behavioural challenges. All kids and families can experience rough patches at times.

I am also experienced in working with adults around stress, depression, anxiety, past trauma, drinking and other addiction issues, as well as relationship and couple difficulties. I understand that life can often be a real struggle for many people.

### Fees:

- Individual sessions: \$140 (50 minutes)
- Couples therapy: \$200 (90 minutes)
- Payment is required on the day of your session.

### Free or Funded Sessions:

- You may be eligible for free sessions through various organizations I contract with:
- I Am Hope Foundation: Free sessions for children, families, and young people (up to 25 years old).
  - Victim Support: Sessions available for those affected by crime and trauma.
  - EAP (Employee Assistance Providers): Check with your employer for eligibility.
  - Houraki PHO: Funding may be available—talk with your GP about a referral.
  - If you are a student, on a benefit, or have a low income you may be eligible for free sessions through WINZ. Talk to your GP.

Let's work together to improve your quality and enjoyment of life.

Mauri ora – Good health to us all

Beryl Riley  
Dip Tchng, M Ed(Hons), PG Dip Ed Psych,  
Member NZ Psychological Society.

## Prayer and Pastoral Support

We lift up the Knapton family in our prayers as they grieve the recent loss of their loved one. We also 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**

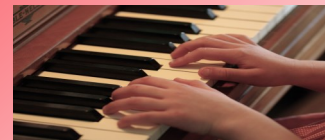


## Altar Servers for Sunday Mass:

22 June Lachlan/Charlotte S/Jaren  
29 June Luke / Ambrose / Haydon  
6th July To be confirmed

## 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)

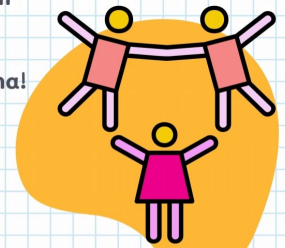
<https://www.facebook.com/StFrancisThames/>



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofthamesstfrancis>

Run by our very own friendly and caring Teacher Aides; Whaeas 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



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- 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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# Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member

# UPCOMING BOARD ELECTION NOTICE



Every three years, school communities elect their parent and staff representatives to help govern their schools.

The *St Francis School Board* has confirmed the 2025 election day will be on;

## Wednesday 10th September 2025

Information on how to nominate a candidate or yourself for our Board of Trustees will soon be communicated to our St Francis School whanau community.

Your contact is:

Jade Perez (Returning Officer)

Ph: (07) 868 7655

Email: [office@stfrancis-thames.school.nz](mailto:office@stfrancis-thames.school.nz)