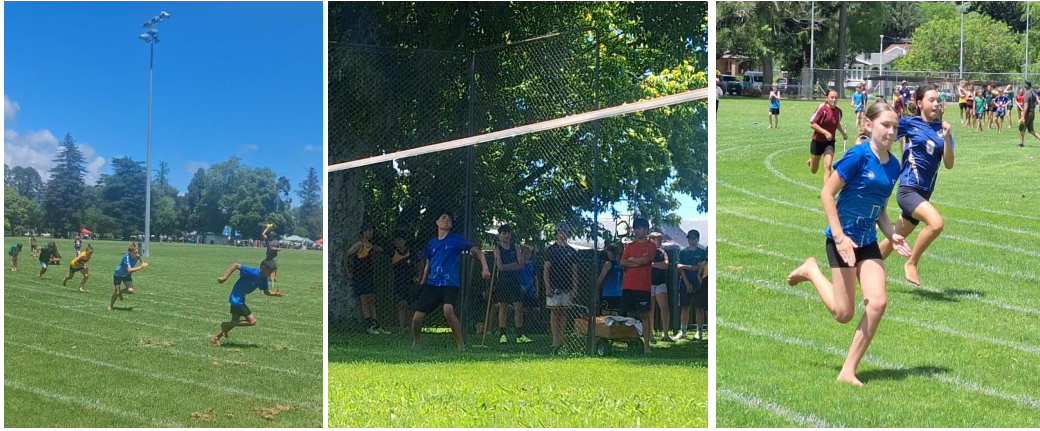


## Some photos from this last fortnight.....



## St Francis School Newsletter, Friday 28th November, 2025



### Important upcoming events and notices:

3rd Dec	School Christmas Cultural Show 5.30pm
6th Dec	Thames Santa Parade ( <b>meet 10am school</b> )
8th Dec	Year 8 Leavers Dinner 5.30pm
10th Dec	End of Year Mass & Prize giving @ 5.30pm
11th Dec	Piwakawaka Coastal Clean Up
16th Dec	Last day of school— <b>finish 1pm</b>

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

This coming Sunday marks the beginning of the Advent season. This is the four weeks leading up to Christmas and the celebration of Christ's coming into the world. Advent reminds us to keep Christ first in our lives, even with all the demands and distractions of daily life—especially in the period leading up to Christmas.

*Questions to consider could be:* How often am I praying on a daily basis? Are there ways I can be more giving of my resources or time? Can I find time each day to engage in Scripture? (The Daily Mass readings are a great way to do this.) Please encourage your children to remember the true reason for the Christmas season and help them find ways to grow closer to Christ.

Well done to our eight children who represented our school and Thames at the Thames Valley Athletics meet in Paeroa last week. It was a great effort just to qualify. A special congratulations to Alyxes, who placed first in discus, and to Caden, who placed second in both shot put and discus. Well done also to our three touch teams, who are having outstanding seasons in their Thursday night touch modules!

Please check the dates at the top of this page, as there is certainly a lot happening in the next two weeks. Next Wednesday is our Cultural Christmas Variety Show. **We ask that all children are at school and ready to go by 5:10 p.m. The Girls' Poi and Waiata group need to be there by 4:45 p.m.** It will look a bit different this year, with all children sitting at the front of the stage during the performances to allow them to take part more fully. This will mean, however, that it will be a tighter squeeze for adults.

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.*

NOWA PERFORMING ARTS DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS  
**TAMARIKI IMPROV COMEDY SHOW**

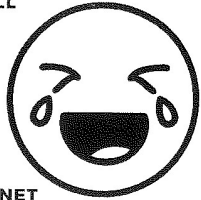
PARAWAI SCHOOL HALL  
 THAMES

MONDAY,  
 8 DECEMBER 2025

4:30PM - 5:30 PM

GOLD COIN KOHA

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ST FRANCIS SCHOOL  
*Cultural Christmas Variety Show 2025*

Wednesday 3rd December  
 5.30 pm

Join us for; Christmas Carols, Poi & Waiata Performances, Nativity Play, Variety Songs & Performances, Samoan Dance, Filipino Dance and Indian Dance



**KAUAERANGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN CAMP**  
**GOLD RUSH**  
 SUMMER CAMP  
 SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2026

JR CAMP  
 YR. 3-6/AGES 7-10  
 5-9 JANUARY 2026  
 \$215 SAVE \$20 BY DEC 5

SR CAMP  
 YR. 7-9/AGES 10-13  
 11-16 JANUARY 2026  
 \$265 SAVE \$20 BY DEC 5

Future Te Aroha Presents

*A Very Merry Christmas*  
 A STORY OF LOVE AND LAUGHTER

DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> - 17<sup>TH</sup>  
 AN INTERACTIVE FESTIVE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL AGES

**BOOK TODAY!**  
 Future Te Aroha, 15 Boundary St, Te Aroha  
 (07) 654 9403  
 futuretea@extra.co.nz

**NETHERTON SCHOOL**  
 TAKE PRIDE  
 RESPECT

**Netherton School's Gala**

Join us for an unforgettable evening of family fun, entertainment, and community spirit at our Fundraising Gala where your presence makes a difference!

28th November 2025  
 3.00pm  
 Netherton School Grounds

Highlights include:  
 Delicious food stalls  
 Cake comp  
 Games & raffles  
 Live entertainment  
 Craft & market stalls  
 Bouncy castles & rides

Contact Jess to book your stall!  
 07 862 3847

Bring the whole family and support our school!  
 All proceeds go towards supporting our new playground

**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**

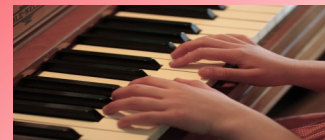


**Altar Servers for Sunday Mass:**

- 30 Nov Aidan/Jaren/Aileen/Luke
- 7 Dec Keira/Lachlan/Charlotte
- 14 Dec Dimple/Haydon/Sia/Patrick
- 21 Dec 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)

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!!

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



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

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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**Password: mackay**