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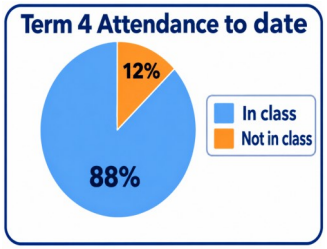
St Francis School Newsletter, Friday 6th November, 2026

St.Francis Catholic School

IMPORTANT UPCOMING events and notices:

9 Nov	School Athletics Day 9.15am
10 Nov	Tui Class Mass 9.15am
11 Nov	School Cluster Athletics Day at Thames High School 9.05am
15 Nov	Jump Rope Competition
16-18 Nov	Senior Camp at KVCC

Talofa lava, Kia ora koutou, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana, Kumusta po, Namaste, and a warm welcome to all our whānau.



Term 4 is flying by! With the weather warming up, summer is just around the corner. Our teachers and tamariki have been enjoying a busy term filled with learning, activities and special occasions. This week, we welcomed the Education Review Office (ERO), who spent time reviewing different aspects of our school. We look forward to receiving their report and using their feedback to help inform our school's priorities and direction as we head into 2027.

Our Touch Rugby teams have also been giving it their all against some tough competition this season. Our senior team has been showing its might with a near-flawless record so far, while our middle school team has secured a few draws and is still chasing that first win, but continues to improve with every game. We're proud of both teams for their effort, perseverance and sportsmanship. Keep it up!

Monday was another enjoyable day at St Francis as we celebrated All Saints Day. There were some fantastic saint costumes on display, and it was lovely to see everyone come together for our shared morning tea. A big thank you to our families and staff for the time, effort and food contributed to making the occasion so special.

End-of-Year Assessment and Reporting: This year, St Francis School has continued to refine its assessment and reporting practices in response to the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum. For our end-of-year reports, teachers have used the Ministry of Education's updated reporting rubrics to make informed judgements about student achievement in reading, writing and mathematics. These rubrics provide clearer guidance about the learning expected at each year level. Our teachers and students are currently bust completing assessments alongside their usual classroom learning, and we look forward to sharing and celebrating the progress and achievements of our tamariki with you later in the term.

St Francis Cultural & Talent Showcase: A friendly reminder that our is steadily approaching! If your child or group is hoping to perform, please send a video of their proposed item by the end of Week 7. Alternatively, if they are adapting a performance from YouTube, you are welcome to send a link instead. All submissions can be emailed to principal@stfrancis-thames.school.nz. We look forward to seeing the wonderful talents and cultures our school community has to share!

A big thank you to our staff, students and whānau for your continued commitment and support this term. There is still plenty to look forward to as we make the most of our final weeks together!

Have a wonderful and blessed weekend with your whānau. Take care, and God bless.

Christian Ioka (Principal/Tumuaki)

School / Community Notices









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