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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

We have just over a week of school to go with Junior Prize-giving on Monday afternoon and Senior Prize-giving on Tuesday night next week. Please do try and attend these to support your children if you are able to. (There is more information about the Prize-givings in this newsletter)



TEACHING APPOINTMENT

Congratulations to Elaine Hussey who has been appointed to a permanent position at our school. She will be starting at the beginning of 2017 and will be teaching in Room 6.

Mrs Battersby and Mrs Lewis are swapping classes for next year. Mrs Lewis will teach the New Entrants class in Room 1 and Mrs Battersby will be teaching the Year 3-4 class in Room 3.

Class Teachers for 2017 are as follows:

Room 1: Mrs Maree Lewis

Room 2: Mr David Hoskin

Room 3: Mrs Dominique Battersby

Room 4: Mrs Sue Little

Room 5: Mr Andrew Marsh

Room 6: Mrs Elaine Hussey



CLASS SWAP ON 14th DECEMBER

From Morning Tea on 14th December all Students will be changing into their new classes for 2017. This gives our students the opportunity to experience a little of their 2017 class teacher's routines and expectations and means that they are familiar with their new classroom before the 2017 school year commences.

LAST DAY TERM 4

School will finish for the year next Thursday (15th December) at **12.30pm**. I trust that you will all have a safe and happy summer holidays and Christmas with your friends and families and I look forward to seeing you back next year for the 2017 school year.

Ruth McLeay
Principal

NEWSLETTERS, REPORTS & PHOTOS

- **This is the last newsletter for this year.**
- School Reports will be sent home this **Friday 9th December.**
- Stationery lists for 2017 will be included with the School Reports.
- A price-list for Stationery Packs is on page 2 of this Newsletter.
- A reminder that Uniform is no longer sold from the Faith City School Office. If you require new uniform items please visit Andersons at 50 Victoria Avenue.

LIBRARY STOCKTAKE.

The School Library will not be issuing anymore books for the remainder of this school year.

Tomorrow (Thursday 8th December) the Library will be closed for Stocktaking.

Thank you to all of our parents and students who have used the school library facilities this year.

We have several missing books from earlier this year. One of these is 'Read together Bible for Young Readers by Bruno Bonnie & Reinsama Carol'.

Could you please check at home for any unreturned school library books and if you find them return them to the Library ASAP.

Thanks Heather Kyle. Librarian



PLASTIC BAGS FOR THIS WEEK.

Please send your child to school with some spare (strong) plastic bags over this last remaining school week. Our students will be bringing home their classroom work from the year over the remaining days of school.

LEAVERS DINNER 2017—MONDAY NIGHT

A reminder to all our Year 8 Leavers your formal Leavers Dinner is on Monday 12th December at the Oakes Restaurant—Liverpool Street (Seddon Room). All Year 8 Students have been asked to arrive at 6.20pm for photos. Dinner will be in the form of a buffet meal at 6.45pm. Parents have been invited to join the children at 8.15pm for a presentation. The children will leave the venue around 8.40pm accompanied by an adult.



END OF YEAR PRIZE-GIVINGS

JUNIOR PRIZE-GIVING 2016

**Junior Prize-giving (Rooms 1, 2 & 3)
is on Monday 12th December at 1.30pm in the Faith City Church Auditorium.**

There will be a cup of tea for parents and friends following Junior Prize-giving. Parents: please bring a plate of food to share. This can be dropped into the Church Lounge prior to the Junior Prize-giving. (The Church Lounge is on the right hand side as you come in through the main doors) Students need to wear correct uniform including correct shoes or sandals



SENIOR PRIZE-GIVING (Rooms 4, 5 & 6)

Senior Prize-giving is Tuesday 13th December at 6.30pm in the Faith City Church Auditorium.

All students from Rooms 4, 5 & 6 are expected to attend Prize-giving on Tuesday 13th December. Students who are in Junior classes and have a Senior Buddy in Year 8 are also expected to attend. They will need to be in correct summer school uniform. They are able to go home once they have completed their buddy presentations.

Students are expected to be at the Church by 6.20pm and to be seated with their classes. Junior Students who are giving buddy presentations will be seated in front of the Senior Students.

Senior Students will need to wear full uniform for the Prize-giving Ceremony, including correct school sandals or shoes. There will be a cup of tea for parents and friends following Senior Prize-giving. Parents: please bring a plate of food to share. This can be dropped into the Church Lounge prior to the Prize-giving. (The Church Lounge is on the right hand side as you come in through the main doors)

ALL PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, FAMILY and FRIENDS of students are encouraged to attend the Prize-giving Ceremonies and support our students achievements being rewarded for the end of the school year.

Please note School will be starting at Normal Time (8.55am) on Wednesday 14th December (**It is not a late start** following the Senior Prize-giving—as we have done in some previous years)

ACCOUNTS FOR TERM 1, 2017:

Parents will be sent accounts for the Term 1 School Donations and Bus Travel in the first week of the school holidays. Term Donations are very important. These donations help us to provide the extra activities in the school such as YMCA lessons, Art Classes, PrEP, Musical, Christian Books, Merit Shop, Principal's Morning Tea Rewards and Cultural Activities. This donation is also tax deductible. A Tax receipt is issued annually at the beginning of April and rebates can be claimed from the IRD.

Contact information reminder:

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICES

An ongoing dental service to Faith City School Students is provided by the Smiley Dental Mobile clinic. The mobile unit visits the school twice a year however the Dental Therapists are available at anytime if you have concerns regarding your child's dental health. They can be contacted directly on 0800 825 583 or 348 1715.



READING OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Juniors in Rooms 1 & 2 will be sent home with readers for the school holidays. Please make sure that your children continue to read during the holidays and bring the readers back at the beginning of Term 1.



BABY TEETH

Do you have any baby teeth that you have collected and would be happy to donate. Students at University use discarded baby teeth as part of their studies. If you have any unwanted baby teeth could you please send these to Mrs Lewis in Room 3.



TERM DATES 2017

TERM 1 Starts Monday 30/01/2017 until Thursday 13/04/2017

TERM 2 Starts Monday 01/05/2017 until Friday 07/07/2017

TERM 3 Starts Monday 24/07/2017 until Friday 29/09/2017

TERM 4 Starts Monday 16/10/2017 until Friday 15/12/2017

STATIONERY PACK CHANGES FOR JUNIOR CLASSES FOR 2017

In 2017 Faith City School Junior Teaching Staff (Rooms 1, 2 & 3) would like to trial junior students working in class using pen (biro) rather than in pencils. Children will be taught to use pens (biro's) for writing and maths etc. from when they first begin school. If they make mistakes they will be taught to neatly cross-out work and continue. There will be no need for the daily and continual use of rubbers. Pencils will not continually need sharpening and replacing. Currently this takes up a lot of class-time for both students and teaching staff. Please note: there will still be portions of class activities where pencils may be required; such as art and craft activities.

The other large change that Staff would like to make in 2017 is each class having a class-set of pens, pencils and glue-sticks rather than each child purchasing and naming their own individual items. This would ensure that each child has access to the correct consumable items required and would cut down on children "losing and misplacing" their pens / pencils etc. Tracking down missing pens and pencils also currently takes up valuable class-time. In order for this new plan to work a one-off "Contribution Fee" towards the purchase of a class-set of pens, glue-sticks and pencils would be required from each students parent/caregiver at the start of the year. The school will then purchase sufficient consumable stationery items (pens, pencils, glue-sticks etc.) for each Junior class for the year (Rooms 1, 2 & 3)

- The Contribution charge towards pens, pencils and glue-sticks is a one-off annual charge. The charge for the 2017 school year will be \$11.00 and this charge will be added to your school account.
- This Contribution Charge will be charged to ALL Parents of Junior Students and is additional to other charges for Writing Exercise Books, Printing, Grammar/Spelling & Handwriting Books (depending on classroom) and Pupil Record Books.

STATIONERY FOR 2017

Faith City School Pre-Packaged Stationery Costs

Room 1: \$10.00 + **\$11.00 for Contribution Costs**

\$ 2.00 for Writing Exercise Books

\$ 2.95 for a Printing Book

Room 2: \$12.00 + **\$11.00 for Contribution Costs**

\$ 2.95 for a Handwriting Book

Room 3: \$11.00 + **\$11.00 for Contribution Costs**

\$ 2.95 for a Grammar/Spelling Book

+ **Optional Extras: Pencil Case :\$2.50, Colouring Pencils: \$3.00**

Room 4: \$28.00 + **\$12.00 for Spelling Bk Programme**

Room 5: \$28.00

Room 6: \$27.00

These prices do not include the Pupil Record Book (\$8.00 for all students) These will be distributed on the first day of school to your child and the cost for these will be added to your school account.

We would really prefer that stationery packs are purchased through the school as this ensures that students are supplied with the correct books and stationery requirements. If you do choose to purchase stationery from elsewhere you will still need to purchase and pay for the items in Red Print separately through the school.

STATIONERY PACK SALE DATES

NB: The School Office will be open from

- 9.00am until 12.00pm on Wednesday 25th January &
- 1.00pm until 4.00pm on Thursday 26th January

for Stationery Packs Orders before school starts again for Term 1 2017.

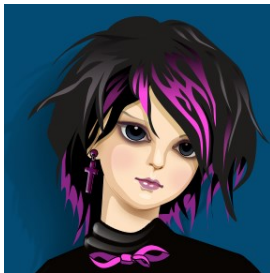


SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR 2017

A full copy of the uniform requirements list is in the School Office and on the school website.

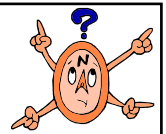
- A reminder that Uniform is no longer sold from the Faith City School Office. If you require new uniform items please visit Andersons at 50 Victoria Avenue.

Please do not alter your children’s hair by artificially colouring it or cutting patterns into it over the school holidays. All students are expected to be back in full summer school uniform at the beginning of Term 1, this includes regulation hair styles.



MISSING UNIFORM ITEMS

Please remember the importance of naming all uniform items. If your child has lost an item of uniform please remember to check the lost property boxes. These are held at the back of the school library.



Students will be attending class swimming lessons in Term 1 2017. Please ensure that your child has swimming gear (Swimsuit and Towel) ready to use in Term 1 2016. For girls this is a Modest One-Piece Swimsuit. Most of our students like to use their own goggles at swimming as it protects their eyes from the Chlorine.



“Club Sessions 2017”

During Term 1 2017 we would like to be able to offer our students the chance to participate in, create and learn about a new activity in “Club Sessions” during school time over 4 Tuesday afternoons (of approx 2 hours each session). Starting on Tuesday 21st February 2017. Ideally we would like to be able to offer our students a wide range of activities to participate in.



Types of activities we would love to be able to offer could be; Drama, Sewing, Kapa Haka, Ukelele, Music Club, Calligraphy, Robotics, Movie Making, Cooking Club, Weaving, Jewellery making, Shine Girls, Mosaic Making, Construction, Woodwork, Puppets, Computer Design, Drawing, Clay, Paper Making, Marbling Paper. Purchase of materials or items required for the “Club Sessions” can be provided though the school and we can also advertise in the school newsletter for assistance with items that may be required to run various activities.

Students would be able to select from the club options at the beginning of Term 1. Students will need to select a few of the options on offer, as they may not be able to get their first choice. First options would be given to Senior Students first as this may be the last opportunity they get while they are at Faith City School. The proposed “Clubs Sessions” would be a full-school activity and will include students from the Junior Rooms (Room 1, 2 & 3) all the way through to the Senior Rooms (4, 5 & 6).

This was an activity we were hoping to run in Term 3 this year but had to postpone.

If you offered to run a club in Term 3 and are happy to run the same activity in Term 1 could you please complete the form below and return it to Mrs Ruth McLeay.

Please have a think about activities you may be able to offer over the school holidays. We will send out a response form at the beginning of Term 1 if we do not have enough clubs from the people that have offered previously.



I _____ offered to run a club
(Parent Caregiver please print name)

_____ earlier this year.
(Print Brief Description of Club Previously Offered)



I am happy to offer to run this activity during Term 1 2017.