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## **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER / EDITION #5 - 2020**

### **Afio mai**

Warm greetings to you all. It has been so good getting back to school life after the break. The students were excited getting back to school and I know the teaching staff are relieved to be back in the classroom. They were anxious to ensure their students continued to make progress and stayed on track to reach their goals despite the great work you were doing at home!

### **Samoan Language**

Samoan Language week was celebrated by the classes last week. It was fantastic, with our Samoan students leading our language learning and our students learnt more about our Samoan culture and its beautiful language.

### **Covid 19**

School life is pretty normal under Level 2 other than not holding chapel and assemblies due to keeping student numbers in one place to a minimum. We will continue this until we reach level 1. Please endeavour to remain behind the gates. If you do need to come in please continue to sign in. It looks like we will be at Level 1 soon which means school life will be pretty much back to normal.

Covid has had a number of negative consequences for us as a school, such as having to cancel or postpone sports events. And very sadly, due to the loss of time caused by Covid we will unfortunately be unable to complete the **School Musical** this year. This was a very difficult decision as we know our year 8 students will miss out on this great opportunity. However, we are going to look at running a class lead 'X Factor' style event toward the end of the year. We are also working to arrange other activities that our senior students can access to ensure they are getting other leadership and learning opportunities.

### **Lockdown Survey**

Last week I sent out an email asking for your feedback from your experience as teachers of your children while in lockdown. If you haven't already please complete the survey as this information will help us as a school as we reflect on how this experience will further develop our own school programmes and ways we can improve should we have to go back into a lockdown situation in future. I have reopened the survey so you can access it. Here is the link

### **Support**

I also understand that the Lockdown may have affected you financially or your general wellbeing. Please don't hesitate to contact me or one of our staff members as I am sure we will be able to help.

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### Praise Report

I would also like to thank the Church Proprietors for assistance with the renovation in the School's admin block - it looks great.

We are also very thankful for answered prayer, as Mrs Little returned to school after surgery. God is so good and we can say, "I trust in Your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in Your salvation. I will sing the Lord's praise for He has been good to me." (Ps 13: 5-6)

Ma le faamaoni; Yours Faithfully  
**Marty Bullock**

## WHATS HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS

**ROOM 1** We are so excited to be back at school where we can see all our friends and play together. Our class has changed a bit since March. We have fare-welled 2 students who have moved on to room 2, and have welcomed 5 new students and their families. We have spent the first week learning to be at school again and settling into our routines. We have enjoyed talking about all the learning that took place during lockdown, including baking, eating, creating, painting, writing and reading. In our class, we have been busy learning how to read and write new letters and words, and have been finding out lots more about numbers, shapes, and measuring. Last week some children wrote stories about a giant weta, a ruru, and a rat. Watch out if you visit our class, you may just bump into our friendly giant weta! As our theme for this term involves learning about the sun, moon and stars, we had heaps of fun using different 'fire' colours to create 'suns.' We used our fingers to paint squiggly lines on our suns and our fingers got really messy! I have been really proud of all room 1 students with the way they have been trying so hard to be in the right place at the right time doing the right thing, and also being so helpful cleaning up after play time. (Both PB4L goals) Come on in and visit us, sometime. We love visitors! Mrs Lewis and Room 1 students.

**ROOM 3** Talofa families.  
Last week was Samoan Language Week. In Room 3 we have been doing a number of different activities to learn and celebrate the Samoan culture within our school. Alongside our activities, Olivia Esera has been sharing the Samoan language with us each day. Some new words we have been learning are: Talofa-Hello, O a mai oe - How are you? Fa'afetai-Thank you, Sau l't - Come here. We also learnt about the Lei - for graduation and celebrations. Fa'afetai Olivia, we have enjoyed you sharing part of your language and learning a little bit about Samoan culture. See our picture of our lavalava patterns and some of the activities we have been learning about.







Keira



Abigail



Tazmin

## ROOM 4

During the second half of lock down Room 4 concentrated their work on the war and why we celebrate ANZAC Day. Above is some of their completed art work on returning to school. While at home they made ANZAC biscuits and produced packaging for their completed product. Some of their examples are seen below.



Jackson



Sarah



Tazmin



## ROOM 5

"In Room 5 we have been doing an intensive study on litter and how it gets to and pollutes the ocean. We put rubbish from a 15 min walk in the school into a graph. I was shocked at the amount of rubbish collected. We must stop littering" *By Micah*

## ROOM 6

Room 6 looked at a Samoan siapo cloth and discussed that siapo cloths are displayed on special occasions, such as birthdays and weddings, and it is highly prized for its decorative value and is often found hung on walls in homes.

Room 6 also discussed the pattern shapes and then made patterns by cutting paper and gluing them onto a small piece of black paper. The small black pieces of paper were joined together to make our own siapo wall display.



### CAR PARK

Please continue to be vigilant and careful in the carpark when picking up students. Please do not walk cross the car park but rather walk around the sides. We've still got naughty parents doing this - be careful or you'll be back in the Principal's office!



**Please remember the speed limit in the Car park area is 10KM per hour. Walking pace.**

### PLEASE BRING WATER BOTTLES

For safety purposes, all our water fountains at school are closed, so please ensure that your children bring their water bottles with them each day.



### UNIFORM REPAIRS

Heather Kyle our Librarian offers a free repair service for Faith City school uniforms, please contact her at the school office for any repairs.

### WINTER UNIFORMS

We are now all in winter uniforms. Please ensure your children are coming to school in the correct uniform - they must be wearing the **correct shoes to and from school**. Please see attached a document with images of correct footwear. If you have any issues getting uniform please let your teacher know.




**WE NEED EXTRA HELPERS!**

*SOMETIMES OUR P.T.A NEEDS EXTRA HELP:*

*LET MRS. LENNIE PRICE (ROOM3) OR ERICA SIEWRIGHT (ROOM1) KNOW THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED!*

We have put together a GROUP chat on Messenger! If you are interested in helping out sometimes during our fundraisers we would love to add you and keep you up-dated. We may need you when we start school lunches, organise a JUMP JAM party, a BAKE SALE or something equally exciting. You may even be automatically added to our message thread... if this is something that doesn't interest you, please feel free to leave the group.

 Faith City School PTA

## READ-A-THON CONGRATULATION'S

to everyone who took part in our School wide 'Read-a-thon' it is now finished. Please get your forms and money raised into our school office by Monday 8th of June.

### Book Character day

We are having a Book Character day to celebrate the end of our read-a-thon. Start thinking about an appropriate book character you could dress up as.

**Last Day of Term2 - Friday the 3rd of July**



**keep donating blood.  
it's essential.**

**NZBLOOD**

Parents/Caregivers/Teachers. We need Blood donors now more than ever. The demand never goes away.

We are in Whanganui holding a blood drive at:  
**St Marys Church, 1 Campbell Street.**

**Tuesday 16 June 12.30pm-6.00pm  
Wednesday 17 June 8.30am-2.00pm**

Call **06 3500963** to make an appointment.

### School term dates for 2020

**End of Term 2:** Friday the 3rd of July

**Term 3:** Mon 20th July - Fri 25th September

**Term 4:** Mon 12th Oct - Fri 11th December



## ACCEPTABLE WINTER SHOES EXAMPLES



## NOT PERMITTED WINTER SHOES EXAMPLES

