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Tēna koutou katoa, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei and Greetings.

It has been great seeing our students back on the sports fields again this term after an extended break caused by Covid. I have been out to a few of the games and have been very impressed with the way our students are participating in such a positive way. Thank you to all those parents who are coaching and assisting and to Mr Andrew Marsh for the work he has done in setting up and preparing the teams.

Last week, we had the privilege of awarding the year 8 leaders' badges to those in the team. Ps. Iliafi spoke to them in the assembly about responding as leaders, particularly when others wrong us. He then presented the badges to the students. Our year 8 leaders certainly are an outstanding group. I appreciate the work that Mrs Little is doing to support their leadership development and our other teachers who have specific oversite of the leadership group that the students are in.

On the last day of Term Two we celebrated Book Character Day. What a great way to finish the term. Everyone entered the spirit of the event and everyone had so much fun. A big thank you to the Parents and Teachers association, and particularly Mrs Lennie Price and Mrs Erica Sievwright for arranging the fundraiser, Character Day and the sausage sizzle during the day.

Please do download the Skool Loop app to your phones which we used for the parent interviews – we are now uploading our newsletters to the site and in time will start using the other facilities to help communicate with you more efficiently. The details for the download are included in this newsletter again. The newsletter will also go onto our website and be emailed you.

Mr Brownlie, the school cleaner has recently resigned and is moving on - this Thursday being his last day. We thank him for the work he has done and wish him well in his future endeavours.

The winter cold/flu season seems to be in full flight again right now. Please do reinforce the healthy hygiene messages with your children and if they are unwell, please keep them home. This minimise's the risk of passing on the colds.

I would like to just finish off with *Philippians 4:8* which talks about our thought life – about thinking about truth, those things which are noble and right, what is pure and lovely, and to be admired, and those things which are excellent. Paul exhorts us to be positive in our thought lives. It is easy during the winter to fall into the trap of thinking negatively and getting a bit down. Yet we know that 'as a person thinks in his heart so they will be' (*Prov23:7*). Let us keep using words of praise and encouragement to our kids, to kick start them into thinking positively, and then they can continue to achieve all those great things we know they can.

Nga mihi nui, God Bless

Marty Bullock - Principal

Winter Sports - Term 3

Thank you so to all our Coaches, Students, Parents and Volunteers who are participating in our Winter Sports this term. We are stoked to have:

7 Hockey Teams, 4 Netball Teams and 2 Basketball Teams. An awesome Effort!

Cross Country - 1pm on Friday, the 21st of August

At Faith City School. If you are available to help on the day, please let Mr Marsh know.

WHATS HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS

"Huge excitement in room one this week as many of our children moved up a level in reading. It is so exciting to see their progress and enthusiasm for reading, especially with the changes to how we teach lilteracy. If you would like to find out more, please feel free to come and see me." Maree Lewis.





ROOM 3 This term Room 3 is learning about

Malawi. We read a story about a boy who made soccer balls out of paper

and string to play with. These are some of our balls we made and played with. We found the string tricky to tie and we weren't very keen to go out and play with them on the wet grass, but we did enjoy them!

ROOM 6 In science, Mrs Cameron taught Room 6 about the solar system; & they have continued learning about the solar system in writing & art with, Mrs Hussey.

Please see some of the Artwork done by Room 6, which shows a great use of colour and texture.





ROOM 4 Creative writing

The monumental Alps distance across the land, leaving spectators astonished. Snow clouds aloft, sprinkle microscopic dust across the magnificent terrain making tiny crystals.

The serene mountain rests in tranquillity as small cherry blossoms drift across the crystal land looking for a place to rest. White swans float proudly in the valley river looking for attention.

A lone hawk glides along the skyline of the volcano scouring for food. The glittering snow leaves icy footprints left behind by passing animals returning.

As the sun sets bursts of colours punch the sky, creating a beautiful pattern even an animal would awe at. Finally, the day turns to night and tranquillity takes over the land.

By Abigail - Room 4

ROOM 2

Room 2 has been learning about life in Malawi.

We have watched some video clips and noticed:

Nazareno: That it is not easy to get the water.

Emba: That they don't have much food sometimes.

<u>William:</u> It is a very hard place to live.

<u>Amelia:</u> They can't have baths in a bath.

Estian: They are very poor.

Ana: They have chopped down a lot of trees for firewood and is one of the poorest countries.

Cooper: They don't have much material to build houses.

<u>Eliki:</u> They have to cook food outside.

Blair: They have no power, so they use candles.

Arnav: It's very hot in Malawi.

Samuel: They don't have have water in their houses and they don't live near the ocean.

Landon: They have a very hard life.

Kyle: They don't have a lot of food like we do.

Lia: They have animals like pigs, goats and elephants.



Faith City School Caretaker & Cleaning Position

Faith City School has a position available for a Caretaker and Cleaner. This includes 17hrs caretaking and 18hrs cleaning. Please note that the position may be split into two positions. Therefore, you could apply for one or both the positions. We are looking for someone who will fit the Christian character of the Faith City community and who has the physical and personal attributes required to incorporate into the life of the school and church.

Please apply via an application pack which is available from: Principal@faithcity.school.nz.

Applications close Monday 10th of August at 12pm.

PTA News

Thanks for the great fundraising efforts with our Read-a-thon last term.

We raised \$2111.50 plus \$311 for the character days sausage sizzle. This is going towards some great resources for the school. (*Photos of completed projects to follow in the next newsletter.*)

Reminder: Fitzies Pies:

Don't forget the Pie fundraiser. Order forms were given out last week. Please see the office if you don't have one. Pie orders need to be back to school on the 14th August. Delivery date for pick up of pies are the 4th Sept.

Our Leadership Team

Environment:

Abigail Schwartfeger / Bellah Edgecombe / Hayley Dunkerton / Alexis Tutaki-Brown

Sport:

Tazmin Wright / Zac Bell / Mila Pound / Diamond Robertson-Hiri

Learning:

Cristian Kiriona / Keira Barnett / Lily-Rose Flack / Anna Latonio

Service:

David Price / Milly-Rose Broughton / Eseta Fua'ava / Nadia Oliver / Grady Sievwright / Kate Anderson



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Our Book Character Day - Last day of Term 2

Thank you so much to our incredible PTA team and staff for organising our Book Character Day, and to all our Parents who got behind it and helped our children come up with some fantastic costume designs - The Kids absolutely loved it and had so much fun! Thank you!











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