



Faith City School Newsletter

Edition 1 - Term 1 - 11 February 2021

Kia ora i te whanau, Malo soifua, Bula, Hallo almal.

I trust you all had a great break over the summer. Welcome to our first newsletter for 2021.

This term has started extremely well. The students have come back to school with a positive and friendly mindset, which has been great.

There will be a lot going on this Term as you will see in the newsletter. We are endeavouring to communicate as well as we can this year and so we need you to ensure your contact details are up to date as we will be using email for newsletters and student notices. Our classrooms have also set up a Class Facebook Page to assist with communication and teachers may, at times, also send txt reminders.

This year, we have restructured our New Entrants to Year 2 classes. We now have two classes with students ranging in age from New Entrants to Year 2. This means our students will stay with their teacher for longer. The classes will also be working together regularly which will mean the students will be taught by the other classroom teacher also. Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Price are our teachers at this level. Mrs. Lewis heads up the Junior teaching team.

Sport is starting up very shortly. I am looking forward to seeing our students compete. I really want to encourage our students to be in a team and participate – the benefits of this are significant on several levels. If you can help with coaching, please let Mr. Marsh know – your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

We will be holding our annual Faith City School Picnic Tea on Thursday 25th February at 5.30pm here at school. Before the evening ends, parents will be welcomed into their children’s classroom to meet with the teacher who will outline various areas of interest and assistance you might give to make the year smoother for your student. In the junior classes, parents will be taken through the decodable reading programme, which will help you when reading at home with your kids. It is always a great evening, so please do come along with either your own food or you can purchase it from the PTA who will be selling BBQ food.

This year we will be reviewing our Faith Based Education Programme that we deliver in school. Our motto, *To Learn, Grow and Serve the Lord* is at the heart of what we do with regard to our teaching and learning programmes at Faith City School. We deeply desire for all our students to grow in their relationship and knowledge of our Father; that they are equipped for service for Jesus today and in the future. We will be asking you for some feedback in this area as we move forward, so that we can present an excellent learning programme with regard to our Faith Based Programme.

Lastly, I farewell Kara Kinyua and her parents Alice and Kinyua, who take up a new pastoral assignment in Nelson. All the best!

God bless you all with joy, peace, and good health for 2021.

Marty Bullock

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

End of Term 1:

Friday 16 April 2021

Easter Break:

Friday 2 April to Tuesday 6 April (school is back Wednesday 7 April)

Teacher Only Day:

Thursday 1 April

School Picnic:

Thursday 25 February
5.30pm at School

Swimming Dates:

Friday 12 February

Friday 26 February

Friday 12 March

Friday 19 March

Friday 26 March

Badminton:

Year6,7&8’s start badminton this Friday and for the next 5 weeks.

Distance Learning in the Event of Lockdown

Should we return to a lockdown level we will be doing the following to ensure your student's learning can continue:

- Students will be issued with learning packs designed specifically for them - these will have guidance for parents so you can help,
- Individual learning plans for students who receive learning support,
- Teachers and the school will communicate with students and parents via email, txt, phone call, Classroom Facebook page, google hangouts, and for some in senior school through Google Classroom.

For this to work well we really need up-to-date contact details including email addresses. So please do return the form with the correct information on it.

What's Happening in Our Classrooms

Room 5 – Budding Artists

In Room 5 we have been exploring native birds for our reading. Each of our reading groups is named after a famous New Zealand bird sanctuary. We learnt all about how kind people look after endangered birds, and how the birds live safely and predator free in these special places. We discovered lots on Janet Marshall's New Zealand bird website, and spent some time sketching and researching native birds. Here are some of the "native" and "creative" birds we drew for homework.



Room 3 – “All About Me”

In Room 3 we have been making posters that are called "All About Me". This poster gives information about ourselves like: our favourite things, fascinating facts about ourselves, and why we are a star. If you want to read these please come and see the display in our classroom.



Room 2 – A Great Start

Room 2 has had a great start to the year. We have quickly settled into our new routines and working alongside Room 1! We have welcomed our new children, Raj, Carter, Aria and Naomi into Room 2 and to Faith City School.

Room 2 has started learning about bees for Theme and are currently working on our “All about Us” art.

We had a fantastic swimming lesson on Friday and are already looking forward to the next lesson.

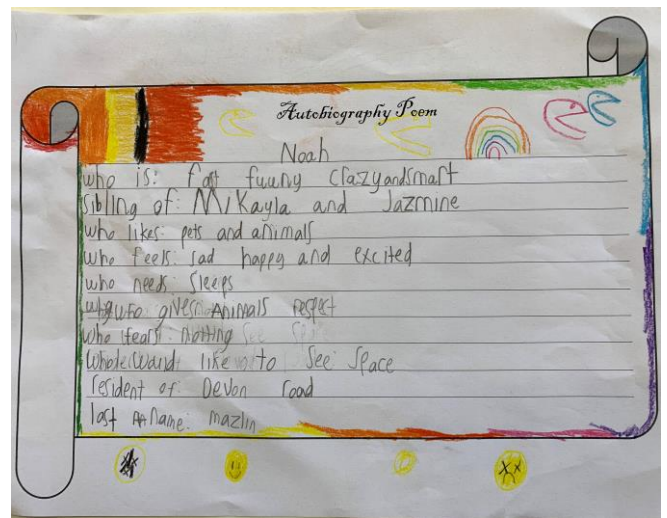
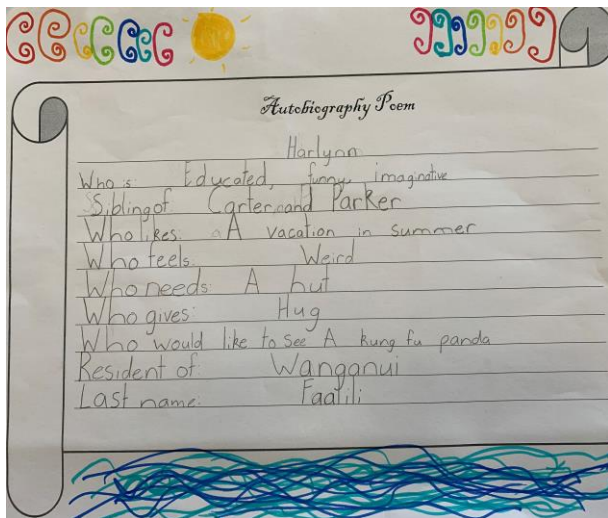
Room 4 – New Chromebooks

Room 4 are enjoying working on their new Chrome books. We use them in all areas of the curriculum. Mrs Little checks in and comments on our work during the day.



Room 6 – Autobiography Poems

Room 6 have been learning what an autobiography poem is and making up their own. Here are a couple of examples.



REMINDERS

- ❖ Please sign into the office before collecting your child during school.
- ❖ Don't forget to use the COVID-19 App when entering either at the office or classroom.

NAMING SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Please can you ensure that all uniforms are labelled.

We have an overflow in our Lost Property so if you are missing any please call in and check.

DONATIONS OF USED UNIFORMS

If you have any spare uniforms at home that you no longer use we would appreciate any donations, particularly smaller sizes.

PTA Sunhat Fundraiser

Details coming soon..... Watch this space.....



We are having a PTA meeting tomorrow Friday 12th February at 3.15pm in Room 2. If you would like to know more about the PTA or would like to be involved, come along to our meeting or speak to Lennie, Erica or any one of our team!

Nth Island Colgate Games 2021 - Congratulations



The Colgate Athletics championship was held over the break for primary school aged students.

Cruz Malo and Harlynn Faalili represented Whanganui Athletics at the Games.

Cruz competed in the u11 100m and 200m events. He proceeded through heats, semis and made it to the final, winning both the 100m and 200m events against the best Nth Island runners.

Harlynn competed in a lower age category where there are heats. She won the gold pennant in the 200m, silver 100m and 60m sprints.

Well done!

PE Uniform

Our new PE uniform will be ready to purchase soon. Please do not purchase the old style. If students require new PE gear and the new uniform is not available for purchase students can then use a neat t-shirt and shorts until they arrive.

If you have the old style PE gear, your child will be able to continue to wear it for 2021 but we will be phasing it out and would like all students in the new one for 2022.

If you are able to buy the new one as soon as possible that would be great.

Out of School Music 2021

Out of Hours Music Classes are a national scheme funded by the Ministry of Education. It exists to provide an introduction to a chosen musical instrument for children of primary and intermediate age. Tuition is given in; keyboard, kit drums, violin, acoustic guitar, ukulele, trumpet, trombone, recorder and singing.

The classes take place on Mondays at Keith Street School, Tuesdays at St Anne's School, and Wednesdays at Keith Street School, Thursdays at Tawhero School with 30minute classes between 3:30 and 5:30pm and there are Saturday morning classes between 10:00am till 2:00pm at Wanganui Intermediate.

Registration for these classes will be on, **Saturday 13th February at Wanganui Intermediate School Music room 18, 10am to 12 noon. Tuesday 16th of February at St Anne's School Hall 3 to 4pm, Wednesday 17th of February at Keith Street School library, 3 to 4pm and Thursday 18th of February at Tawhero School library 3 to 4 pm.** You will need to complete a registration form and pay a one off fee of \$20 per student or \$25 for two or more children of the same family, in cash, cheque or direct banking.

Classes will start once the ministry have approved the course, 13th March and continue through the school terms, finishing at the end of term 3. **You will be notified of the lesson time by email or post in early March.**

We accommodate around 300 students which means that you may not get the lesson day or time you choose, though we try very hard to do so. If you need to change lessons then firstly ask the tutor at the lesson assigned to you.

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Musical Instruments that we teach

Guitar: Suitable for 8 to 12 year olds. For this age group a $\frac{3}{4}$ sized acoustic guitar with nylon strings is good. Steel strings are very hard on fingers and full sized guitars are too big and difficult to play. Cost \$150 from the GAT SHACK.

Ukulele: Suitable for 5 to 12 year olds. A soprano ukulele is good for this age and I recommend a MAKALA soprano from the GAT SHACK. Cost \$50. Bring Ukulele to class.

Violin: Suitable for 5 to 12 year olds. Please go to the first class and the tutor will size the violin to the student. We have violins to hire costing \$30 per school term. If you are buying a violin purchase the correct size and it will cost around \$200. Bring violin to class.

Keyboard: Suitable for 5 to 12 year olds. You will need a keyboard with 61 full sized keys. They cost around \$300 from the GAT SHACK. You don't need to bring the keyboard to class as the class rooms have keyboards to use.

Recorder: Suitable for 5 to 12 year olds. Please purchase a proper recorder, toy recorders are dreadful. A good student recorder Yamaha or Altus costs \$20 from the GAT SHACK. Bring recorder to class.

Brass- Trumpet or Trombone. Brass Whanganui will lend you an instrument for the first year which we will organise. Bring Brass to class.

Drum Kit: Suitable for 8 to 12 year olds. Initially you will need a pair of drum sticks from the GAT SHACK which will cost \$15. Then you will need a drum kit to practice on at home, a new beginner kit will cost \$500 but there are many on trade me for less, just make certain that they have all the parts. Talk to your tutor.

Singing: Suitable for 5 to 12 year olds. Just bring your voice with you to class and your tutor will advise. All voices are good for singing.