



Faith City School Newsletter

Edition 4 - Term 2 - 25 May 2021

Malo e le lei, greetings everyone

The school term has begun very positively, with students working particularly well in class and participating nicely in winter sport. On Friday we attended the annual sports exchange at Cornerstone with 9 other lower North Island Christian schools. Our students were amazing, especially in the way they participated in the worship session. The students competed in various activities and enjoyed getting to know the students from the other schools who were placed in groups together.

The Kickstart Breakfast on Tuesdays and Thursdays continues to go well. Feel free to encourage your children to eat breakfast with us – there is plenty of WeetBix, milk and Milo. We'd also be happy for you to come in and eat with your children. We have an awesome group of parent volunteers who are making breakfast happen, thank you parents! If you are free to help let the office know and we can roster you on.

Our school library is now able to issue out books again after an upgrade to the system. There has been a big tidy up and the library is looking great, thanks to Mrs. Robyn Anderson. We are also able to open the library at lunchtimes on Wednesdays and Thursdays thanks to Mrs. Mazlin who is opening the library on Wednesdays. If you are keen to be involved by helping in the Library at lunchtime, please let us know.

We have had some recent changes to the School's Board of Trustees. Benjamin Broughton, an experienced BOT parent rep was recently elected as our BOT Chairperson. We have also had two parent representative vacancies on the school's BOT which needed to be filled. We have completed a selection process to fill these vacancies through to the next BOT election in 2022. I am very happy to confirm that Mrs. Paū Malō and Mrs. Anthea Stynder have been selected by the BOT to represent our parent body on the school's governance team. We are excited with these appointments and know that Benjamin, Paū and Anthea will be a blessing to our school as they serve in school governance.

This year our teachers are undertaking two areas of Professional Learning within the school to support teaching and learning. This is the second year we have been developing our Mathematics approaches to teaching and assessment. And we are continuing to develop our ability to support our Pasifika students. The great thing about this PD is that it will benefit all our students. In Term Three our learning focus will be specifically associated with the Pacific Islands. We are very much looking forward to this and will be in contact with ways you can support this programme. We have also engaged a professional Pasifika Education expert, Lia Conner, to assist us with this work.

As we enter the gloomier winter months, where colds and lack of sunlight make for bleak days, I encourage you to 'press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus,' Philippians 3:14. When it gets tough, press through in prayer, read the Word and sing in worship to God. I am reminded that the chains fell off and prison doors opened for Paul and Silas as they sang praises to God in a dark moment, having been badly beaten, and imprisoned in a terrible prison in Philippi. Let us follow their example – the outcome will be a wonderful prize in Christ Jesus and other lives being changed, like those of the Philippian jailer and his family.

God Bless, Marty Bullock

UPCOMING DATES TO

Term 2:

**Monday 3 May to
Friday 9 July**

Term 3:

**Monday 26 July to
Friday 1 October**

Coming Up:

**20hr Famine –
senior students
only – 24-25 June**

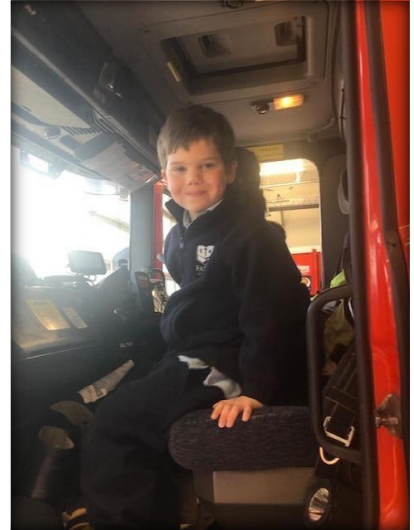
**1st July Paid Union
Meeting, -School
finishes at 1pm**

**Parent/Teacher
Interviews – end of
Term 2 – 6th and 7th
of July**

A Busy Term So Far.....

Room 1 & 2 – Our Community

This term we are learning about people in the community that help us. Last Thursday we had a visit to the fire station. We looked at the equipment that was on the truck and what it was used for and their uniform. We even saw the firemen in action, as they had a call out while we were there.



Last Friday, an ambulance visited us at school. They showed us some of their equipment and how they can help in the community. We got to have a look in the ambulance and some children got a ride on the stretcher. Thanks to all those who were involved with our visits.



Room 3 – People in the Community Who Help Us

This term we are looking at *People in the Community Who Help Us*. As part of this we had a visit to the Wanganui Fire Station. There we were shown some of the tools the firemen use to help them to do their job. We were shown the clothes that they wear and we also had a chance to use the fire hoses.

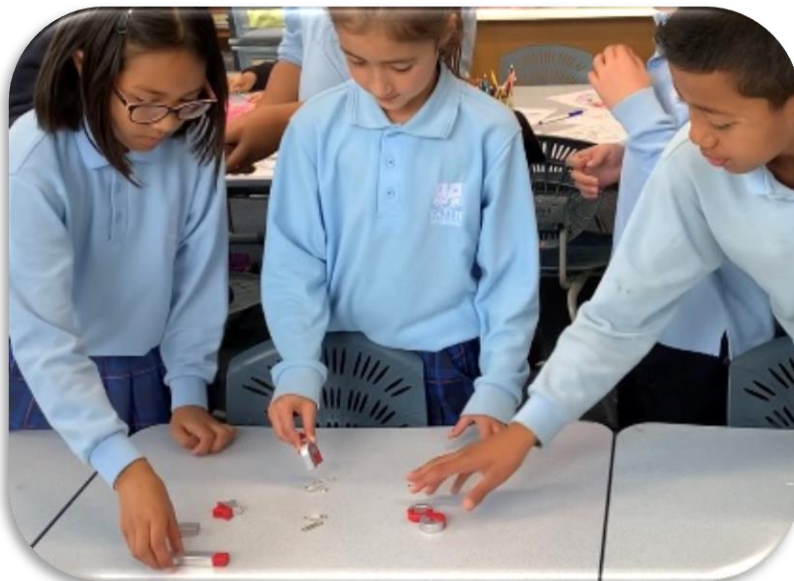
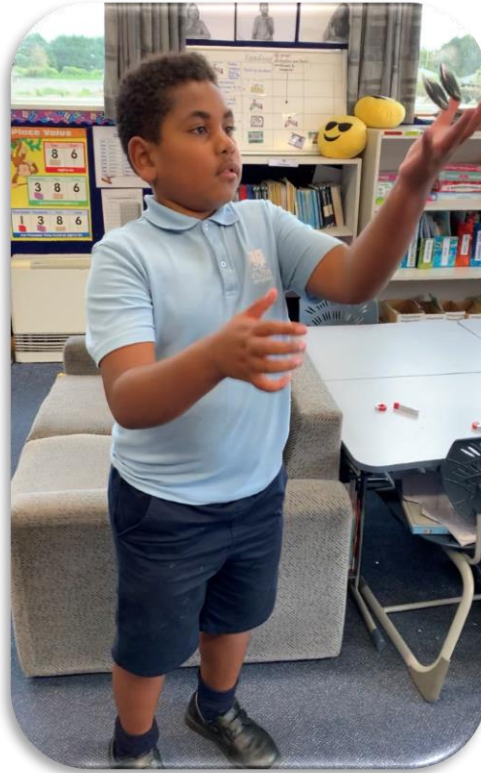
After the fire station visit we had a visit from two St. Johns Ambulance officers who told us what they do. They showed us some of the equipment they use and we also had a chance to go through the ambulance.



Room 6 – Discovery Activities

Some of Room 6 Discovery activities in week 2 consisted of:

- magnetic recognition
- a blindfolded challenge, to follow instructions and then try and work out what the object is.
- a scooter race through an obstacle course
- a slinky challenge

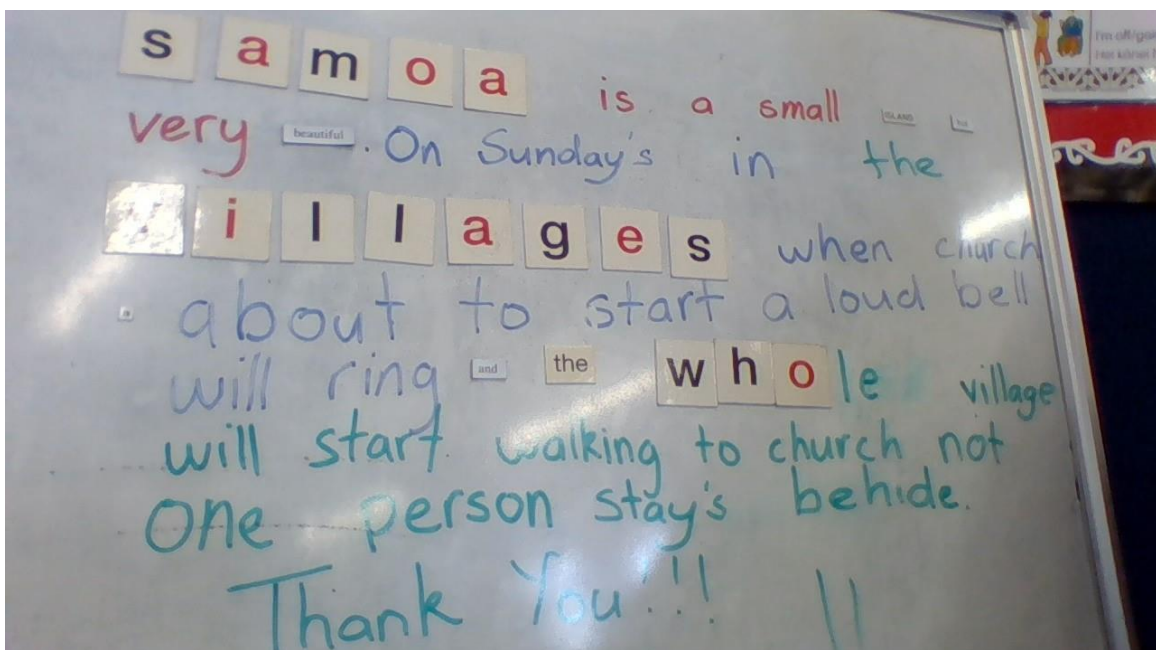
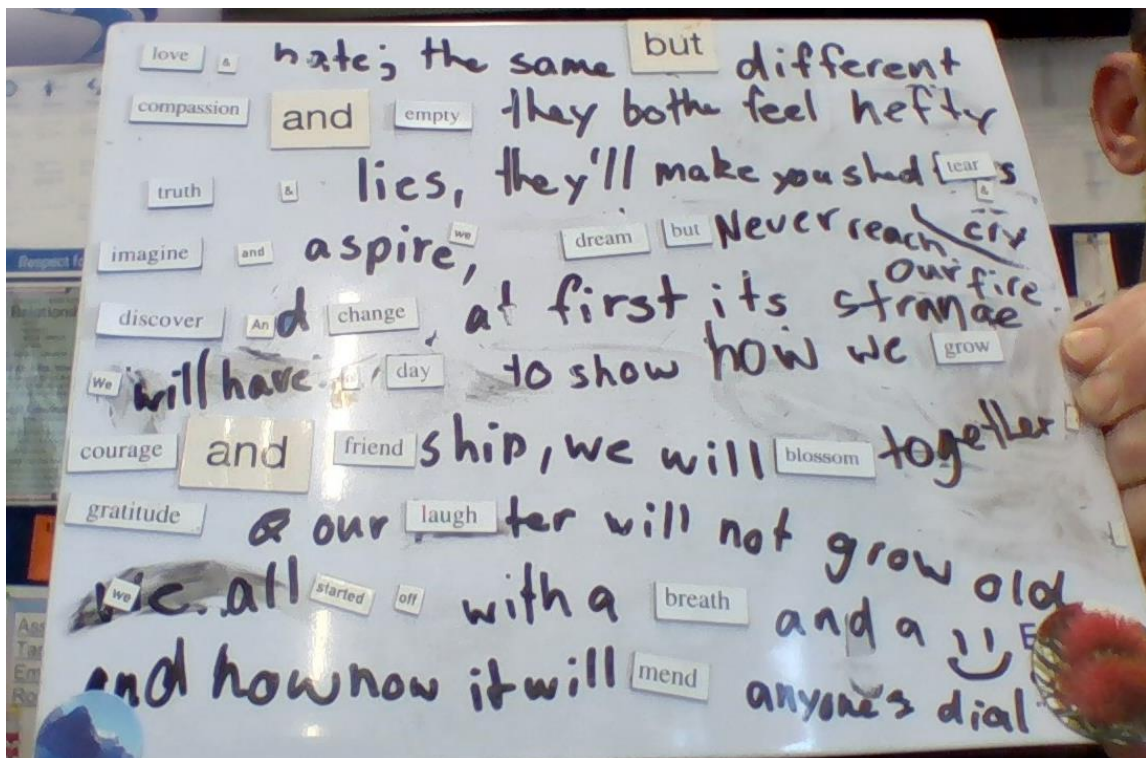


Room 5 – Magnetic Poetry

Poetry has swept through Room 5 this term, creating a wave of enthusiasm that we are surfing on right now. We started off by exploring modern New Zealand poets, including Karlo Mila, James Brown, Selina Tusitala Marsh and some fascinating Whanganui poems by Airini Beauvais.

We have analysed the poetic features that great writers use to make an impact on us. This week we have been presenting poetry reviews, creating poems of our own and learning how to truly appreciate poetry using 10 steps. William Wordsworth is also making a grand comeback next week! Here are two of our semifinalists from our recent Room 5 Magnetic Poetry Slam.

Here are two of our semi-finalists.



Room 4 – Technology Lessons



Our Year 7 & 8 students are attending technology lessons at Whanganui Girls' College on a Monday morning this term. The Year 7 students are working with computers (IT), and hard materials while the Year 8s are working in the science lab and participating in food technology.

Year 8 Food Technology – this week the year 8 students made butter chicken. A few tears were shed peeling and dicing the onion. The result was fantastic and most ate their butter chicken at school.

The Year 8s made paper planes in science before testing them to see if the wingspan or length of the body makes them fly further.

Faith City School – Enrolments for 2022

Parents – don't forget to enroll your 0–4-year-old children for 2022 if you haven't already. If you have friends or family who you think might be interested, please pass on the advert below.

Faith City School Enrolments 2022 and beyond

We are taking enrolments for the 2022 year. We are a full primary (year 0-8) state-integrated special character Christian school serving families in the Whanganui area. We have a preference roll for Christian Families and a non-preference roll of 5% for non-Christian families – we have a maximum roll of 150 students. Our families come from a range of Christian denominations.

Faith City School has a strong, values-based education system. The school is a Positive Behaviour for Learning school. We also offer a Play Based Learning programme in our Junior school.

Please come in and meet with us, have a look at the school in action, and collect an enrolment pack as soon as you can to secure a place for your child in 2022 or beyond.

Contact details are:

P: 06 345 7737

E: admin@faithcity.school.nz

W: www.faithcity.school.nz

Faith City School are going to Help raise money for our local Chopper!

How: Mufti Day (no school uniform that day)

For: The Rescue Helicopter - Gold coin donation for wearing mufti

When: Friday 28 May 2021

Our school is taking part in the Westpac Chopper Appeal, where all the money we raise will go back to our local rescue chopper so they can keep saving lives.

Thank you for your support in helping raise money for this crucial life-saving service!

Paid Union Meeting – Thursday 1st of July – Please collect your students at 1.00pm

School will finish early to allow teachers to attend the NZEI PUM. If you are unable to collect them, we will be able to supervise them, please let your teacher know if that is you.



REMEMBER our KickStart
Breakfast Club is open
Tuesday and Thursday mornings
from 8.20am and everyone is
welcome to come in for a bowl of
Weet-Bix & milk!

PTA PIE FUNDRAISER

2021 pie order forms are out. Thank you for supporting our awesome school. Money raised will be going towards finishing off our extended sandpit – hopefully we can fill it up with some nice new sand.



BIG BANG SERIES **DIRT DUATHLON** NAVIGATE ON FOOT AND BIKE, DAY & NIGHT



Have you got one of those kids who loves to be outside, has a thirst for biking, loves a day out, is just an all-round outdoor enthusiast and a good egg? Well bring them along to the Dirt Duathlon adventure racing series.

June, July and August 2021 based between Wellington and the Horowhenua.

Each event is approx. 3-4hrs.

Minimum age is 10 and must be accompanied by an adult.
This is some serious fun!

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