



# Faith City School Newsletter

Edition 3 - Term 1 - 16 April 2021

Dear Parents, Friends & Students of Faith City School

In this newsletter I devote my comment to the life of Daniel Price.

Firstly, on behalf of the Faith City community we pass on our deep sympathy and love to Elizabeth, Zion, David and Sally for the loss of their husband and father.

Daniel was an experienced principal, being Tumuaki of Arahunga where he led the school through a period of outstanding growth and development. His foresight and vision for students with disability was very insightful and he had an amazing strategic ability to bring that vision to pass. He was held in high esteem by the other Special School principals in New Zealand for his knowledge and ability. Many sentiments were also discussed and passed on between the principals in Whanganui regarding his ability and vision.

Daniel had a huge impact on Faith City School. Firstly, as a student at Faith Academy where he was the only student to be awarded the Pastor's Cup – the top prestigious award at the school, twice – the only time this has been accomplished. Daniel was then to make his way back to Faith City as a teacher, before going on to principalships in other schools. More recently he was appointed as a Board of Trustees Rep and was appointed Board Chair at the beginning of 2020. His vision for the school was one of the need for a Christ centered curriculum and one where all Christian parents could bring their children to the school. Daniel was an outstanding Board Chair and a significant support to me as Principal.

Daniel is a man who walks the Christian talk, he is kind and generous. He is very intelligent and patient with it. Daniel has a creative, quirky sense of humour. He will be greatly missed.

Elizabeth has asked me to pass on her gratitude and thanks for the amazing support she has received from everybody. Your love has meant a huge amount to her and her family and she is deeply appreciative for all you have done.

I know our community are committed to Elizabeth and their family's ongoing support. We are blessed for Daniel's time with us and blessed to have a hope of eternal life with him soon.

God bless you everybody,  
Marty Bullock

## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

### End of Term 1:

Friday 16 April 2021

### Term 2:

Monday 3 May to Friday 9  
July

# Our Learning

## Room 1 – Elephant Art

Room 1 had a wonderful day last week completing our elephant art paintings and participating in a wide range of other art and craft activities. So much fun!



## Room 2 – Elephant Art

Room 2 have been busy finishing our elephant art. We learnt how to draw an elephant, looking at the different features, including the size. We used paints to complete our art.



## Room 6 – Awesome Animal Art



Room 6's theme topic for science has been, classification of animals. We have been learning the differences mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds, fish, and insects have. In art, the class chose an animal, traced it, and created design patterns. They identified 'shading' with gradually darkening of one colour using paint for their background. The pictures are examples of the art.



## Room 5 – Debating

A big timber company is chopping down lots of trees in the Amazon to help support new building projects in 3 of Brazil's best tourist cities. Local tribes, forest rangers, animal scientists, environmentalists, and the current residents of Maraba are upset with the plans. But the local mayors, builders and train drivers need to protect their own livelihoods and create a future for themselves.

Where do the cops, cafe owners, documentary makers, doctors, billionaires, and miners fit into the picture?

**This great "Rainforest Debate" has dominated our learning this week, and provided plenty of great opportunities to speak clearly, write persuasively and problem solve collaboratively.** "Judge Andy" has been tested, double crossed, and even bribed - but in the end we all worked together to create a fair and responsible outcome to this very delicate political situation.

## Room 4 – War World I Writing

Room 4 have focused their reading and creative writing on World War 1 this term. Below is an example of Writing from Sarah Hutton.

WW1

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Inhospitable trenches border the German front-line, occasionally a dull-  
coloured campaign hat flickers from them, signaling attack.  
An inferno of gunshots ring out in the valley, causing debris to shower on  
surprised men,  
getting them ready for a brutal battle.  
Medicinal products lie left and forgotten  
on the field of war.  
Who will pick them up?  
A wasteland of alluvial dirt stretches on for miles like a never-ending, vast  
desert...  
A lone, abandoned bayonet is sitting in the centre  
Glimmering in the hazy Sun.  
Variegated stones line the tops  
Of the trenches,  
Disguising the fact  
That these aren't  
Colossal rocks,  
But,  
the  
German  
Trenches

### Pasifika – Term 2

Next term we will be starting a Pasifika group for our students and we will endeavour to have a parent fono again to get together for talanoa – a good time of sharing.

### Library Volunteers

We need volunteers to open the library at lunchtime, Monday to Wednesday from 12:50pm to 1:30pm. If you can help, please let the office know.

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## Weetbix Triathlon

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This term Reegan Payne, Zachary Stynder, Jacob and Levi Price represented Faith City School in the Weetbix Triathlon in Palmerston North. It was a great event which they each completed a swim, bike and a run, while having fun! Well done, Reegan, Jacob, Zachary and Levi for participating in this event. Look out for it next year in March!



## PTA News

Thanks for all those who have been involved with our recently fundraisers. The sunhats have been given out and they look great in the playground. If you have missed out on ordering hats this time, we will be doing another order in term 3.

Thank you to the family who donated the wood to the PTA silent auction fundraiser. The wood went to the highest bid for \$350. This money will be going towards the upcoming camps at the end of the year.

Next term will be our pie fundraiser, order forms will be out after the holidays.

If anyone is available to help build our sandpit on a weekend, please see Lennie.

Our next meeting is 29<sup>th</sup> April. See one of the team if you would like to be involved.

Thanks for your support,

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***Faith City School Board of Trustees***  
***Casual Vacancy for two parent representatives***

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A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for two elected parent representatives. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Ben Broughton  
Board Chair  
Faith City School  
c/- Faith City School  
127 Springvale Rd  
Whanganui

by: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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### **New PE Uniform**

The uniform is now available for purchase from Andersons Uniform Shop, 184 Victoria Avenue.

Just a reminder that we ask that you don't purchase the old-style uniform as we will be phasing it out by 2022.

### **School Hours**

School is open from 8:30am – please endeavour to drop students off at or after 8:30am, 8:20am at the earliest please and if they are here before that they must sit and wait outside the staffroom.

### **Kickstart Brekkie**

This has gone really well. We will continue in Term 2. Parents, you are welcome to come in and eat with your child if you like.

We couldn't do it without our parent volunteers – Mrs Mazlin, Mrs Whittaker, Mrs & Mr Smith and Mr Pearce.

Please let the office know if you can help

## Thanks Harold!



As you have seen we've had Life Education Trust with us this week. Mark Keelty taught this programme, supporting our students develop life skills relating to health and wellbeing, how to make healthy choices, developing strategies for relating to others and positive self-esteem.

The kids have had a great time and got to meet Harold in assembly on Tuesday. The students really enjoyed his company.

