

Faith City School Newsletter

Edition 8 - Term 3 - 10 September 2021

From the Principal's desk

Malo e le lei

It's so great to be out of Lockdown! Thank you so much for your support during this time. I am so blessed by the way everyone went about the last three weeks. Well done parents! I know it wasn't easy! The Facebook posts and the Meet sessions were a highlight for me – being able to connect together was really beneficial and enjoyable. I have been very impressed by the way our staff have taken up the challenge of teaching from a distance – I know they worked very hard and creatively to support the kids learning – Well done FCS staff!

Lockdown and Level 2 pose issues for us in rescheduling events and activities. We have had to move some dates and no doubt some sports will stop as the result of level 2 which is always very disappointing. But we will endeavour to keep as many events as possible going via rescheduling – please check our key dates through to year's end and be aware some of these may change – we will let you know.

Camp week in Term 4 will continue under Level 2. Unfortunately, we have lost several weeks for fundraising activities. These are key to us being able to make camp week viable. If you have any fundraising ideas or can help our fundraising team, we would really appreciate it.

As I sign off, I encourage you with a blessing/prayer from scripture, Psalm 20 says...

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble!

May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

May He send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion!

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

We encourage you to keep our government, teachers, students, and the wider school community in your prayers as we navigate the days ahead. And remember that if you need support, please let us know, I am sure we will be able to help.

Tofa Soifua

Marty Bullock, Principal



UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Term 3: Monday 26 July to Friday 1 October

Cross Country: Wednesday 15 September at Faith City School field

Empowering Whanau Parenting Seminar: Rescheduled now Thursday 23 September at 6pm to 8.50pm & Friday 24 September 8.30am to 2.30pm. To be held at Faith City Church

Pasifika Day Celebration Day: Wednesday 29 November (back up day is Friday 22 October, in Term 4)

Term 4: Monday 18 October to Friday 10 December

Teacher Only Days: Monday 1 November & Friday 19 November

Cross Country Programme

Faith City students have been training hard for their cross country races this week, and before lockdown. So this year we will be holding our cross country event under Level 2 guidelines. This means that races will be staggered throughout the day on Wednesday 15th September.

You are welcome to come and watch your children race, but we need to keep the gatherings under 100. If you are coming to watch, please stay behind the roped off parent area on the Springvale Road wide of the field. You will be able to see the finish line from there.

We still have certificates for the winners but there will be no formal prizegiving this year. All students will be encouraged to race and will receive an ice block at the end of their race. Please make sure students bring a drink bottle, PE gear and sports shoes.

Races: **11 and older Boys / 11 and older Girls**

Time: 10am start

Track: once around the main track on field, behind Room 4, 5 & 6, across Cathro Road, up Tony's Hill doing full track and back around field to finish

Races: **9 & 10 year old Boys / 9 & 10 year old Girls**

Time: 11.30am

Track: once around main track on field, behind Room 4, 5 & 6, up Tony's Hill doing half track, back round field to finish

Races: **5 & 6 year old Boys / 5 & 6 year old Girls**

Time: 1.00pm

Track: Twice around main track on field

Races: **7 & 8 year old Boys / 7 & 8 year old Girls**

Time: 2.10pm

Track: Once around the main track on field, around court track, past Room 4, back around main track again to finish line



**Students
practicing their
speeches – saved
by lockdown!!**

BE KIND

**WASH YOUR HANDS
STAY HOME IF SICK**

HAVE FAITH

COVER YOUR MOUTH

STAY POSITIVE

BE KIND

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