



**FAITH**  
CITY SCHOOL

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# Faith City School Newsletter

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## From the Principal's desk

Tēnā koutou i te whanau o Te Kura Hāpori o Te Whakapono

Greetings to you our Faith City school families

**Pasifika Celebration Day** - As part of our Theme study on the Pacific, we held a Pasifika Celebration Day in the last week of the Term - it was a fantastic day for our children, and everyone involved. It certainly was a significant highlight this year. The students got to see an umu being prepared and cooked and then feasted on the Pasifika style food. They learnt Pacific action song, Pasifika Art, creative lei, Samoan storytelling, and Fijian spear throwing. The kids played volleyball. The students' presentations were outstanding. It was such a great day. Thank you to our Pasifika families who gave up their time and expertise to make the day such a success.

**Cross Country** - We also held our annual cross country – which again was a success as all the students participated and tried their best despite the lockdown interrupting their preparations. The parent support from the side-line was really encouraging despite the restrictions at Level Two. Congratulations to the 2021 cross-country year level winners and place getters.

**2021 Prizegiving** - This year, due to level two restrictions, we are going to livestream our Junior and Senior prizegivings. Many schools are cancelling their prizegiving, but we will endeavour, with support from Faith City Church, to hold ours and allow you to sign in to view the livestream. Only parents with an invite into the streaming site will be able to view the prizegiving. This is for privacy reasons. We will endeavour to allow at least one of our Year 8 parents to attend - hopefully both depending on numbers.

**Vaccine Mandate** – Shortly, schools will receive guidance as to how the vaccine mandate is going to apply to education workers. The government wrote a Public Health Order that makes the mandate law and enables them to enforce that order. At this stage, we have not been instructed by officials - we only have had basic information around when the workers must be vaccinated by and the keeping of a register. It will also likely mean that there are specific rules around who can enter the school grounds and how this is done – such as contractors and parents etc. In the meantime, please keep following our Level Two procedures.

Given the increased uncertainty we are all facing at present, it is good to remember that God is still working out His sovereign purposes. Psalm 46 is a great encouragement to us and the opening and closing verses, a comfort - I have copied them below:

Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11 *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah"*  
*"Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!" The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah"*

*Ma te wa! Be blessed!*

*Marty Bullock*

## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

### Teacher Only Days:

**Monday 1 November  
& Friday 19  
November**

### Year 1 & 2 Trip:

**Friday 12 November**

### Year 3 & 4 Trip:

**Friday 29 October**

### Year 5 & 6 Camp:

**Tuesday 16  
November &  
Wednesday 17  
November**

### Year 7 & 8 Camp:

**Wednesday 10  
November to Friday  
12 November**

### School Photos:

**Monday 15  
November**

### Last Day Term 4:

**Friday 10 December**

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# Pasifika Day

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At the end of last term the school held a Pasifika Day. It was an awesome day of learning and celebrating Pasifika culture. The photos below show some of the fun we had!





# Cross Country Competition

Our cross country was a success this year despite the Level 2 restrictions and the rain. Well done to all runners!

## Our winners were:

Senior Race:	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
13 year old boys	Mana	Achillies	RJ
13 year old girls	Sarah	Gracie	
12 year old boys	Ihaka	Jack	Tobin
12 year old girls	Mischa	Jahliyah	Akira
11 year old boys	Deacon	Xanu	Jacob
11 year old girls	Ruby B	Bailey	Reegan
10 year old boys	Cruz	Joel	Nathan
10 year old girls	Emma T	Scarlett	Lucia
9 year old boys	Zachary	Noah M	Levi P
9 year old girls	Jemima	Harlynn	Ruby P

Junior Race:	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
8 year old boys	Ethan	Nicolas	Kyle
8 year old girls	Elektra	Eva	Ivy
7 year old boys	Blair	Cooper	Nazareno
7 year old girls	Ann	Emba	
6 year old boys	Hugo	Joshua	Toby
6 year old girls	Josie	Jemima	Clara
5 year old boys	Oscar	Joseph	Aksel
5 year old girls	Indianna	Marlo	Carter



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# Speech Competition

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Last term we also held our speech competition. We had excellent speeches from our students on a wide variety of topics.

Our winners were:

## **Juniors – Year 5 & 6**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Xanu	topic was Rugby
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tasharvon	topic was Diabetes
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronwyn	topic was Princesses

## **Seniors – Year 7 & 8**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jackson	topic Lockdown
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mia	topic Anger
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Izayah	topic Why we shouldn't judge others

## Uniforms

### **Sports Uniforms:**

Now that winter sports have finished please can you return any uniforms that were issued.

### **Summer Uniforms:**

This term students will be wearing their summer uniform. Please make sure they have their sunhat at school with them each day.

# Health Lunchboxes

It is important that we fuel our students with good, healthy foods so that they can get the most out of their school day.

We are a water only school – no sugary drinks please.

Some lunch and snack ideas are:

- Fresh fruit / fruit salad
- Sandwiches – filling ideas ham, tomato, cheese, egg
- Raw vegetable sticks – carrot celery, capsicum, cucumber
- Popcorn, without caramel or icing sugar
- Fruit yoghurt
- Pikelets
- Wraps
- Pita pockets
- Bread rolls
- Left overs from previous meals – fried rice, pasta, roast vegetables
- Hard boiled eggs

Please don't bring any foods that are high in sugar, salt or fat such as chippies, biscuits or fizzy drinks etc.

Pack a lunch so good it won't come home! A lunchbox should include at least one item from each of the four food groups:

## Vegetables and fruit



## Breads and cereals

(include wholemeal and wholegrain varieties)



## Milk and milk products



## Lean meats, chicken, seafood, eggs, dried beans, peas and lentils



\*Parents of children with nut allergies should select an alternative choice. Whole nuts not recommended for children under 5 years due to choking risk.

# Sunhats

It is compulsory that all students wear a sunhat during Term 1 and Term 4 when they are outside. If they do not come to school with a hat they will be required to spend their breaktimes in the shade.

Regulation hats are available from Andersons Uniforms, 184 Victoria Avenue, Wanganui or purchase a personalised one from the PTA fundraiser (below).

## Embroidered school hats!!



### **Bucket hats:**

child 50-54 cm,  
youth 54-58, adult  
size M, L and XL  
Or.....

### **Bucket hat**

### **with tie cord:**

55cm, 57cm, 59cm, 61cm

**Order forms are available from teachers (please text them for one to be sent home) or the office.**

**Orders to be placed by Thursday 28 October 2021.**

We have found that the kids are always losing their hats and it's particularly hard to find owners and sort out who has who's (as children cannot play in the sun if they haven't got a hat on).  
**PROBLEM SOLVED!**

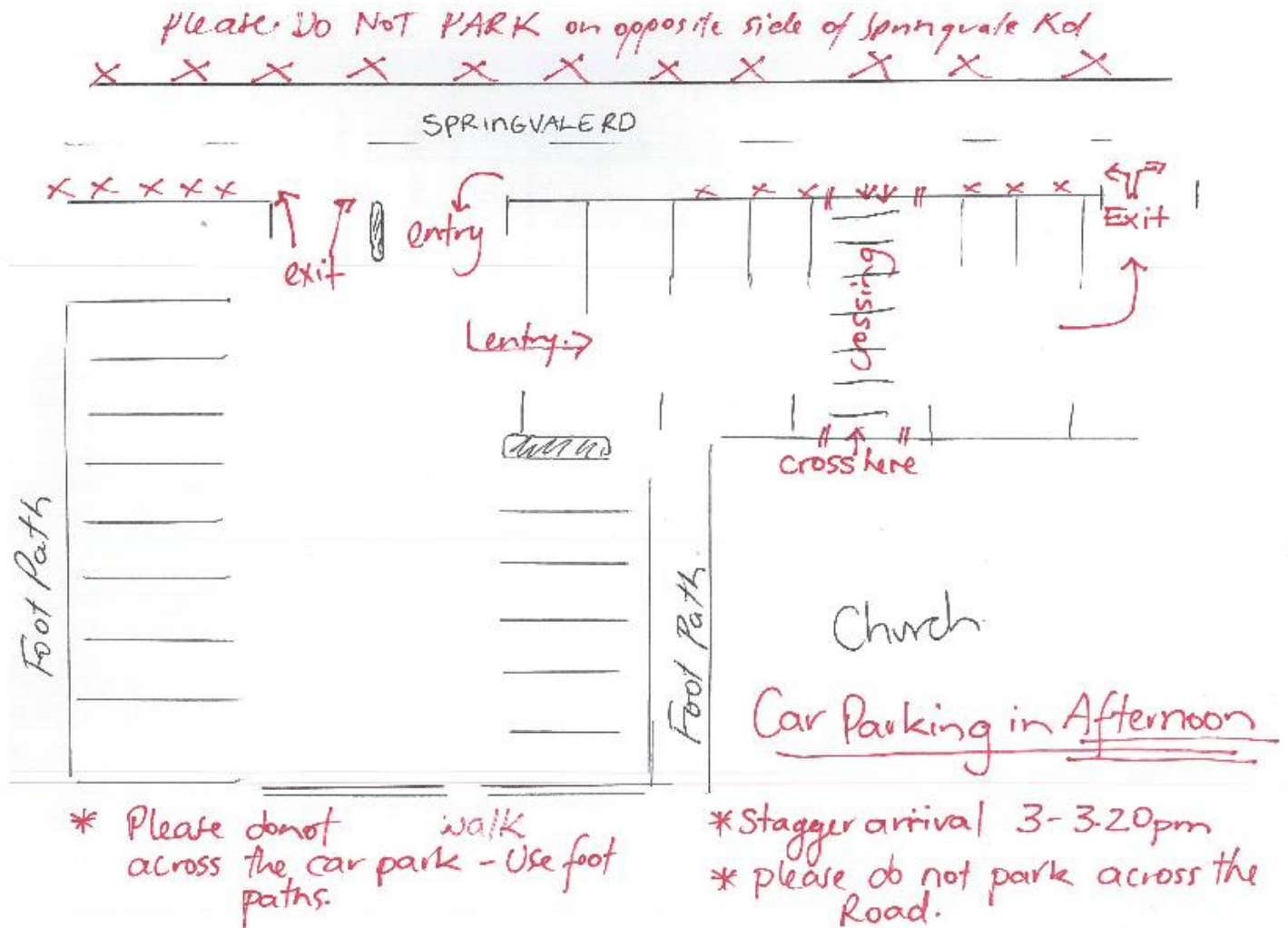
Order a new hat through the PTA **\$20** per hat and have them nicely embroidered with logo and name. Initials can be used but please no nicknames. Hats will be used on school premises and the occasional trip (camp or sporting event during school time).





# After School Pick Up

Please see the map below of the carpark with entry and exit points for after school when you collect your children.



Do You have a Young Person Starting Secondary School in 2022?

**Enrol them now!**

<https://takitinihauora.ac.nz/enrol-them-now/>

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