



**FAITH**  
CITY SCHOOL

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# Faith City School Newsletter

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## From the Principal's desk

Kia ora parents

It is nearly December – the last few weeks of school already and Christmas is on the way!

### Camps

A big thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped make our Adventure Week such a success. Without your assistance, it would have been very difficult to have made this happen. I was able to see the camps in action from Vertical Horizons to the Zoo. What a great experience for me, seeing the students excited and engaged in challenging adventures. Thank you to the teachers who organised and led the programmes – we all appreciate your enthusiasm and creative approach to your events. As you know, we have been fundraising to help with the costs of the events. If your student was on an overnight camp, please do endeavour to contribute through the donation – without that help we would struggle to put them on. Also, we have a couple more fundraisers – please do get in behind these. If you are able to sponsor some sausages let the office know.

### Prizegiving

Prizegiving will be a little different this year due to covid restrictions.

The Junior Prizegiving, Years 1-5, will be held on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of December at 10am. This will be pre-recorded and uploaded to the internet. Only parents with a password will be able to view and at a time that suits you. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have any parents attend the Junior prizegiving, but we are able to record and give you access to the event. Details regarding access to this will be emailed to you in due course.

The Senior Prizegiving, Years 6-8, will be held on Thursday at 1.30pm. We will only have the Year 6 – 8 students so that we can invite the Year 8 parents. Due to traffic light system we will only be able to have vaccinated parents at the event – you will need to bring your certificate to get in. An invite will be emailed to you soon and will have all relevant details in it. If you need support with this please contact the office. The prizegiving will be recorded and placed

## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

**Last Day Term 4:**  
Friday 10 December  
Finish time is  
12.40pm, please  
collect your children  
by 1pm

### Reports:

Tuesday 7 December

### Junior Prizegiving:

Wednesday 8  
December at  
10.00am

### Senior Prizegiving:

Thursday 9  
December at 1.30pm

### First Day of 2022:

Tuesday 1 February

on the internet for you to be able to view. Only those with a password will be able to view it – these details will be forwarded to you at some stage soon.

## **From the Principal's desk continued .....**

### **Covid Continued**

We are due to be given some guidelines around what schools will be required to do under the traffic light system. What I have been told is that there won't be a lot of changes to how schools are being asked to function at the moment. For now, we need to keep up with social distancing and parents wearing masks on site, at the gate and only accessing classrooms for students who need support, as well as QR coding in. All parents can come to the office, if necessary. You don't have to be vaccinated, but if you can phone in or email, that would be helpful. I really don't like that because having you around on site is great – however – we do have to do all we can to keep our tamariki safe. Our next piece of work will be contact tracing in the event of an outbreak at school – I will fill you in in more detail about this in due course.

### **School Volunteers**

We have had to cancel our annual volunteer morning tea. Since I have been here, I have been amazed at the level of parent and community support for the school. This continued this year above and beyond. The kids have benefited so much from your input and blessed us all. I would like to mention one person here, Mrs Melissa Mazlin. Melissa has headed up the Breakfast Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays, it's so nice to see our kids eating together before school. She has also given her time one day a week to open and man our Library, among other coaching activities and filling in on Teacher aiding. We are really sad to see them go back to Australia today. We also farewell her awesome kids, Noah (Year 4), Mikayla (Year 5) and Jazmine Mazlin (Year 7). What a blessing they have all been. May your future be as bright as the promises of God!

### **Masks**

Schools will remain under the current alert level until 1 Jan. From then yr. 4 and above students will be required to wear masks at school. Until then we will be status quo. Parents are required to wear masks when coming on the property, including outside the gates, please. I will forward more info. Regarding this as we know more.

### **To the end of year**

There is much to do before the end of the school year. Please keep us in your prayers.

I have been drawn back recently to Romans 12:2 which encourages us to not copy the ways and customs of the world, but rather allow ourselves to be transformed to think like God; thoughts which are good and loving and kind. When we do that, God promises we can know His good and perfect will for our lives. It is there that we can find comfort, stability, God's provision, and fellowship with Him and unity in His body. From this we will be a source of encouragement, not a hindrance to others during the tricky times we all face at this time.

Ma te Atua e manaaki e tiaki i nga wa katoa

Blessings of God and protection to you all



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# Adventure Days & Camps

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## Wellington Zoo Trip - Rooms 1 & 2

On Friday we finally got to go to the zoo. We had to wake up at 7am. The bus was very early. It took a long time but we stopped at Levin Playground and had a snack and a play. It wasn't even morning tea time at school. We got back on the bus. I was tired on the bus but I couldn't go to sleep. It took like 6 hours to get to the zoo. Me and Clara kept on saying to Mrs Lewis "can we go to McDonald's?". In my mind I said maybe we go to McDonalds for our next trip. I was bored on the bus but when we were at the zoo we saw the giraffes and the dingos. It was really fun. My favourite animal was the chimpanzee. Then we had to go back to the bus. I was bored so I tried to sleep. I looked at the map and we were at Whanganui.

By Esther





## Palmerston North Trip – Year 3 & 4 Students

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October, Rooms 3 and 6 went to the Te Manaua Museum in Palmerston to participate in Knex Challenges. First, we made the initial letter of our names and then we used instruction cards to make some creations. At lunchtime we went to the Esplanade and enjoyed the sun, the gardens and played on the equipment.

In the afternoon we went to the Coach House Museum and dehusked corn, ground it into flour and enjoyed cornbread at the very end. While the bread was being baked we had a turn at making rope, playing a horse-shoe game, and went on a seek and find hunt.

Our day was very enjoyable and a huge thank you to all parent helpers.





## Palmerston North & Whanganui Camp – Year 5 & 6 Students



On Tuesday we went to the most fascinating museum ever. Ancient cars sat silently collecting dust, while fragile ornaments hung from the old ceiling. Delicate tools with sharp ends lurked in the shadowy corners. The “no touching” policy came into my head as I was tempted to ring my friends on the clunky old telephone. Everything at Luttrells Museum was incredible.

By Amber

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I walk into the mysterious forest to the Burma Trail. I put my blindfold on and I grabbed the roped walk. I walked through the roots and trees, the leaves rustled under each foot I put on the ground. “Ouch!” Levi tells me to walk faster but that made me hit my head on a tree branch. “Yesssss!” I shouted with joy. I made it!

By Max

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As I go into the dark cave with my torch flashing bright like the sun, there were small pools of water everywhere. I see the rocky dark path down ahead. As I walked into the cave I knew that I was close to the glow worms, the cave weta and the koura mini-crayfish. I stopped and turned off my torch. Glow worms were everywhere like glittering stars in the night.

By Xavier

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As I walked into the ancient, dark, creepy cave I heard the water crashing against the wild rocks. As we explored deeper in the cave we switched off our lights. I could see the glow worms illuminating the cave like a chandelier.

By Emma

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The first day at camp was so much fun. Now the second day started. I knew it would be just as fun I arrive at the school at breakfast time. Cereal, muffins, bacon, wow! I'll have that. The first activity was tower building with Mr Price and we made a beautiful newspaper bunny. The second activity was an amazing Bible study with Mr Tims on the Ten Commandments where we answered some questions and read the Bible together. Onto the icing sugary sweetness activity with Mrs Cook, where my group decorated “Adam and Eve and the Slithering Snake” onto cookies. The last activity was Mrs de Malmanche and Mr Faalili doing the camp books.

By Clare

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On the Wednesday afternoon we helped the Whanganui District Council with a "Community Gardening Project". Since we can't do our Room 5 tradition of "Rest Home Christmas Services", we decided to do this to help out instead. We walked down together and were briefed by Mike from Fulton Hogan and Maureen from the Council. In 6 groups of 6 we got stuck in, mulching, weeding and tidying up from 10:30-

12:00. The students were very organised, productive, active workers, ably assisted by our amazing parent volunteers. We finished off our camp with Pizza, Chips and a well earned swim! Thank you to all of our 25 parent helpers that assisted through the camp! You were so encouraging and positive with the students. A special thanks to Jess Cook, Tim Price and Tau Faalili who stayed with us for both days.

By Andrew Marsh

## Vertical Horizons Adventure Camp – Year 7 & 8 Students

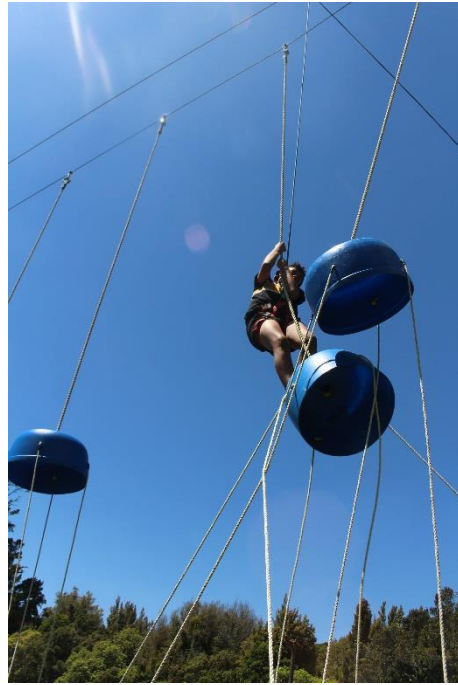
Years 7 & 8 students had a wonderful time at Vertical Horizons for their camp this year. We are very grateful to the parents who came and helped at camp. It was a fun filled adventurous 3 days. There were some amazing challenges for us. Here are some photos to show some of the activities we did.

### Horsing Around & Grass Carting





## High Rope & Confidence Course



## Flying Fox





## Swimming Pool Visits



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## Our Awesome Volunteers

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We have had awesome help from many volunteers this year, especially as we have navigated a different year. Thank you to all our volunteers for coaching sporting teams, helping with Breakfast Club, being part of our PTA, providing parent help at camps and other ways that you have support us this year.

One volunteer that has gone above and beyond in many areas is Melissa Mazlin. Melissa has volunteered with Breakfast Club, lunchtime library time, coaching sports teams and has served on the PTA. We will surely miss her and the family as they move to Australia.

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## Air Cadets

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The Air Cadets is a youth development organisation with a defence force flavour focusing on students year 9 and above.

We provide the youth with self discipline and leadership qualities to produce the leaders of the future and provide a stepping stone into the NZDF.

If any current Year 8 students are interested for next year please contact Kalib on the contact details below.



Kalib Matthews

Flying Officer, NZCF

Unit Adjutant, 9SQNATC [Kalib.matthews@cadetforces.org.nz](mailto:Kalib.matthews@cadetforces.org.nz)

# Library Grant

This year we have received \$1,000 from the Macarthy Trust to go towards purchasing books for our library. This is a wonderful boost to the books that we can have available for our students to borrow. Students - look out for some wonderful titles on the shelves next year.



## Second-hand Uniforms for Sale

Text enquiries to Bridgette 027 555 8099

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| V neck monogrammed Jerseys x 2 – Size 77cm & Size 92cm | Boys long pants - Size 8 (never worn)                    |
| Girls culottes – Size 12 (good condition)              | Girls summer blouse – Size 12                            |
| Girls winter blouses – Size 12 x 3 (good for spares)   | Summer & winter light blue school shirts – Sizes 10 & 12 |
| School bucket hat hardly worn – Size S/M               | School socks – Sizes vary                                |
| Polar fleece zip up – Size 12K & 10K                   | PE shirt – Size 12                                       |



## Be in to win!

The opportunity to professionally record a Christmas song with Nathan King, lead singer of Zed and judge from *POPSTARS*

### The grand prize

Includes return flights to Auckland for two (if you live outside of Auckland, so you can bring a grown-up), hotel accommodation and a music studio tour. The song will be broadcast on the *Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show* in 2022. Three finalists will sing live on air on Christmas morning nationwide on Newstalk ZB as part of the *Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids* radio show.

### To enter

Must be under 13 years old. Email a recording of yourself singing a Christmas carol (no more than 1 minute) to [christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz](mailto:christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz) or call 0800 843 8642 to record your audition as a voice message. Please include your name, age and telephone number. Entries close Monday, 13 December.

**NewstalkZB**



# Y-Kids Holiday Camp

## January Holidays 2022

### Raukawa Adventure Centre

**10-14 Jan 2022**  
**25-28 Jan 2022**

Programmes for kids of all ages. Tiered pricing options available.  
For more information or to book online go to [www.ycentral.nz](http://www.ycentral.nz)  
Robyn Waldrom Customer Care Y Outdoors ph 04 526 7338



## Y-Kids Holiday Programmes

Jubilee Stadium  
Whanganui

Example of Y Kids Holiday Programme Activities

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|----------|--|---|--|---|---|
| Pre Xmas | <b>20 Dec - Christmas Crafts and Games \$50</b><br>Christmas is near, create some fun crafty gifts for friends and family. | <b>21 Dec - Design a Hotdog \$55</b><br>Hotdog hotdog hot digity dog! Design your own delicious creation with a variety of toppings | <b>22 Dec - Laser Tag \$58</b><br>Run, jump and hide in a laser tag war with friends. Can you beat your personal best?           | <b>23 Dec - Christmas Party \$50</b><br>Ho ho ho! Two more sleeps till Christmas. Join us for a festive themed party! | <b>24 Dec - No Programme</b><br>No programme today.   |
|          | <b>03 Jan No Programme</b><br>No programme today.  | <b>04 Jan No Programme</b><br>No programme today.   | <b>05 Jan Creation Station \$50</b><br>Get creative crafty juices flowing with over 10 crafting stations of fun and exploration! | <b>06 Jan Pizza Party \$55</b><br>Ykids love a good pizza party! How creative can you get with your toppings?         | <b>07 Jan Indoor Hockey and Ball Games \$50</b><br>Can you keep up with our Ykids staff during a day of active play? Every ball game you can think of, lets get creative! |

### Y Kids School Holiday Program Dates

Pre Christmas 20th - 23rd Dec

New Year

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| Week 1 | 5th - 7th January       |
| Week 2 | 10th - 14th January     |
| Week 3 | 17th - 21st January     |
| Week 4 | 24th - 28th January     |
| Week 5 | 31st Jan - 2nd February |

Bookings: [www.ycentral.nz](http://www.ycentral.nz)

Enquiries: Simon 027-477-761

## About

YMCA holiday programmes are the perfect way for your kids to get out and about with their friends over the break. Our friendly, fully trained staff can't wait to have your kids on-board.

For those of you with busy schedules, our site operates from 18.30 - 18.00 for one inclusive cost.

Our holiday programmes run Monday to Friday and all children must be on site by 8.30.

Alongside our holiday programmes we also run a selection of holiday camps at Raukawa Adventure Centre. For more information on all holiday programme sites and full T&Cs please head to our website [ycentral.nz](http://ycentral.nz)

You may be eligible for a WINZ subsidy which you can use towards the cost of our programmes. Visit the Work & Income website for more information.

This programme is funded with support from the ministry of Social Development.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we may need to amend our programmes at short notice.

## What to bring

- Water bottle
- Sunscreen and hat
- Warm waterproof jacket
- Enough food for morning and afternoon tea plus lunch
- Appropriate clothing and footwear for an active day

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