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# Faith City School Newsletter

**Edition 5 - Term 2 - 8 July 2022**

## From the Principal's desk

What a great term we have had! There have been many highlights, which have been encouraging for everyone at Faith City – from Puanga, to sports events, and Jumping June to name a few. Many of these events rely on and involve the support of our parents and wider community. A huge thank you to all our volunteers!

We have also had several new families start our school this term. A huge welcome to the O'Keefe family, the Payne family, the Gray family, the Rossiter family, the Correa Cerón family & the Rocha Girão Viana family.

### Puanga/Matariki

The Puanga Celebration Breakfast was the first time we had been able to meet as a full school community since the pandemic hit, and what a great time it was just to be together and enjoy one another's company. For me it signaled haere rā to the woes of the pandemic and the beginning of a new year where we can move forward together as a community. There were so many positive comments about the Puanga Breakfast - what a great time to reconnect and just be together. I really want to thank those people who did the preparation and work behind the scenes, Jordan and Henare Whittaker, Les and Liana Kiriona; Nadia and Dave Puaha, and of course, our staff who worked behind the scenes.

We also have other Puanga celebrations lined up – a memorial garden and the planting of a native tree grove. The students continue to do activities based around Puanga/Matariki.

### Mufti Day

As part of our Puanga celebration, we held a mufti day fundraiser. We raised \$240.00. This will be donated to Hospice Whanganui to thank them for their invaluable support of our gorgeous teacher Helen Puaha-Daley and her whanau.

### The School Production – The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe

Preparations are well underway for this. We have a final script and auditions have been completed for the acting and dancing parts. The story by C.S Lewis and the depiction of the characters and events in the novel, reflect biblical ideas of Christianity. The lion, Aslan, is one of the clearest examples, as his death is very similar to that of Jesus Christ.

A huge thank you to Caleb Rowe who wrote the script and is directing the production along with Esther Dowman who is overseeing dance and choreography. All our students will have a part to play in the overall production. Congratulations to all those who gained speaking parts in the play.

We are going to need parent support with costumes, makeup, and props. If you can help with sewing or one of these other areas, please let us know ASAP.

## UPCOMING DATES TO

### Term Two:

**Monday 2 May  
to Friday 8 July**

### Term Three:

**Monday 25  
July to Friday  
30 September**

### Term Three Events:

**Cross Country**

**Tuesday 30  
August**

**The Lion, the  
Witch & the  
Wardrobe  
Musical**

**Tuesday 20  
September,  
Wednesday 21  
September,  
Thursday 22  
September &  
Sunday 25  
September**

### **Enviro Friendly School**

You will have received an email with a request for you to complete a survey to help us set direction so that we can become more environmentally friendly as a school. The survey results are included in this newsletter. In Term 3 we will be actioning some of the recommendations and findings. For them to work, we will need your support. We will notify you of the things we'll be doing to reduce our waste and improve efficiency of resource use in our next newsletter with the date when the changes will start.

### **Bike Start Programme**

This has been another highlight this term. The students have really enjoyed the activities and learning about bike safety. It has been awesome seeing some of our students taking their first bike rides. The looks of joy were so cool. Thank you to The Bike Start team - they were so good!

### **Kick Start Breakfast – Three Days a week**

Breakfasts have been such a great blessing in the mornings. We have decided to extend the days to include Wednesdays starting in Term 3.

Thank you so much to Jordan and the team. Jordan will be taking a maternity break and so we wish her and her whanāu our richest blessings. If you would like to help in the kitchen, please let us know.

### **Jumping June – NZ Heart Foundation**

What an outstanding programme this was. The kids loved the skipping. Mr Marsh worked hard to get us included in the programme, which only allows for 300 schools nationwide. We were so impressed with the fundraising efforts of many of our students. They raised over \$7000.00 for the Heart Foundation – an organisation that is close to many of us. Well done, students!

*Have a great break everyone. Stay safe and be blessed!*

Mā tē Atua e manaaki e tiaki i ngā wā katoa

Marty Bullock

Principal

**Student Accounts have been sent out this week, please check your inbox.**

**We appreciate these accounts being paid promptly.  
Please contact Abbie if you would like to set up a payment plan.**



**We raised a massive \$7,238.25.**

**Thank you to Andrew Marsh for organizing an event that was supporting a great cause and awesome fun. Also lots of thanks for the wonderful parents who came in & helped (and took great photos, see below!!).**









# *Let's Go Biking*

For the last couple of weeks of Term 2 we have had Let's Go Biking instructors at school. These great ladies have been helping our students develop biking safety and skills. The younger classes have been practicing on the concrete/playground area at school and the older students have been on low-traffic roads utilizing the knowledge that they have learnt of road rules and safety.







## Principal's Award



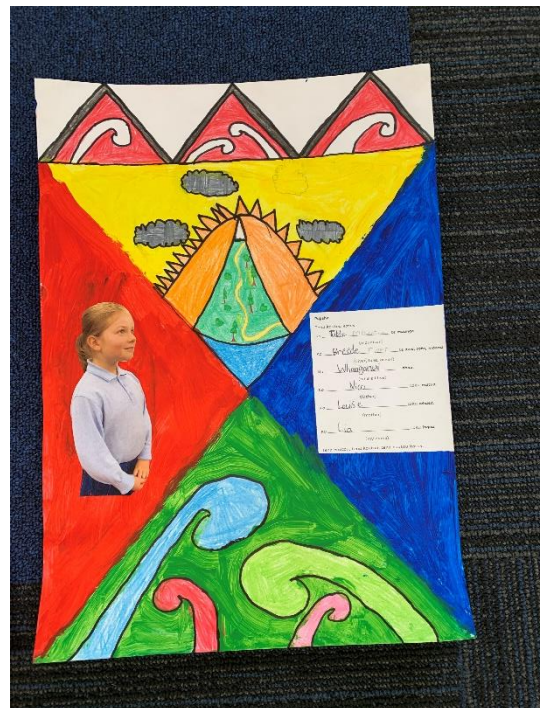
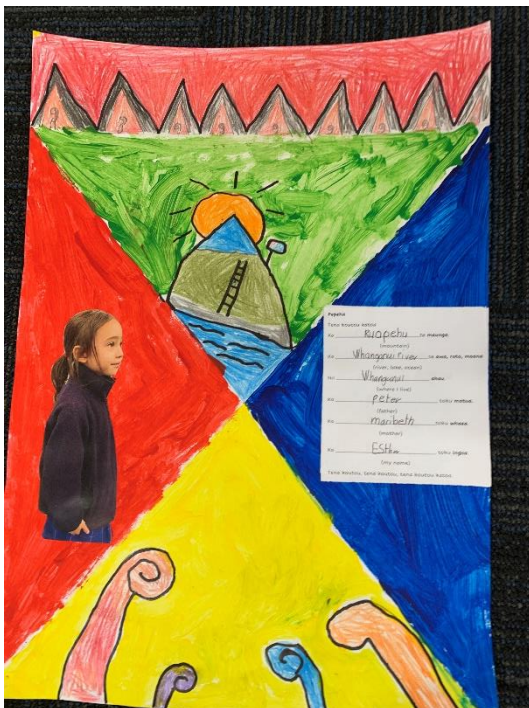
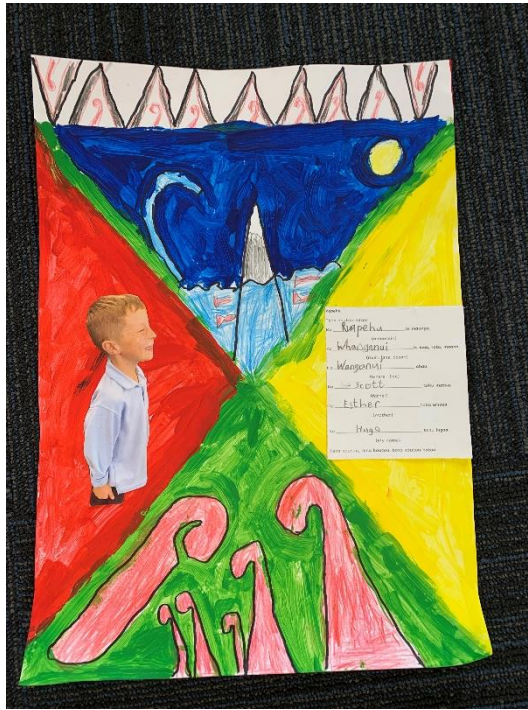
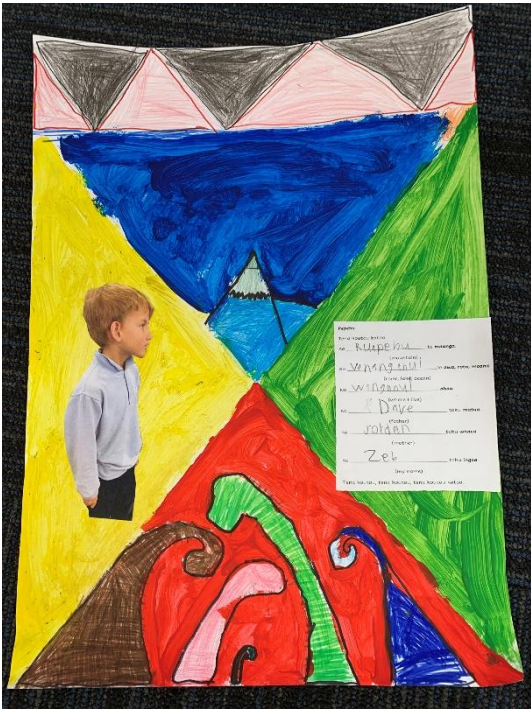
Well done to Isaac, he received a Principal's Reward for his creative Matariki star.



## Room 3 - Pepeha

Room 3 have been learning about the significance of a pepeha and learning what the Maori words mean and to pronounce the Maori words, as well as that they have been sharing their pepeha to others to practice saying their pepeha.

For art, the students draw their mountain, included their pepeha and the koru shapes at the bottom of the poster represent their family members. The top of the post is their own design based on Maori designs and the specific colours that are often used.



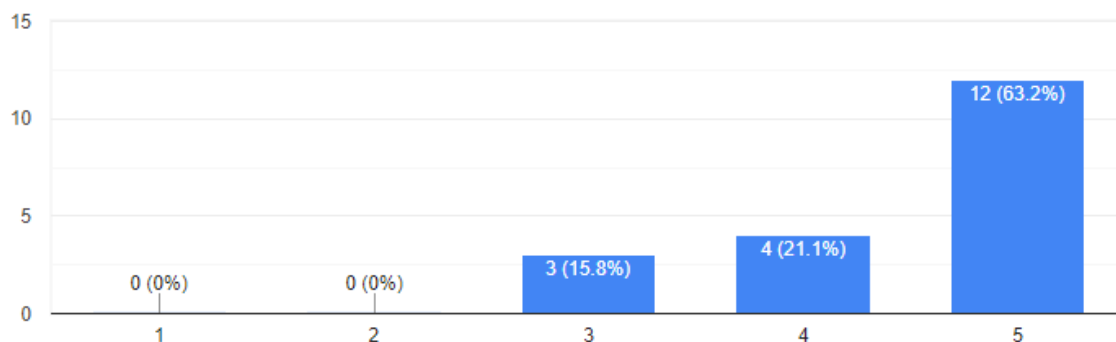


# Results from the Enviro Survey for Faith City School

One of the four school Respect Values is Respect for the Environment. How important is protecting our environment to you as a family?

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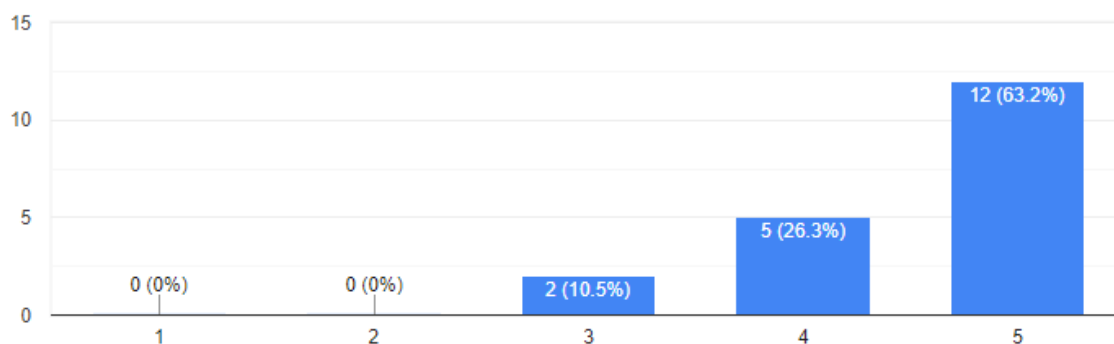
19 responses



How important do you think it should be to reduce waste and pollutants at the school?

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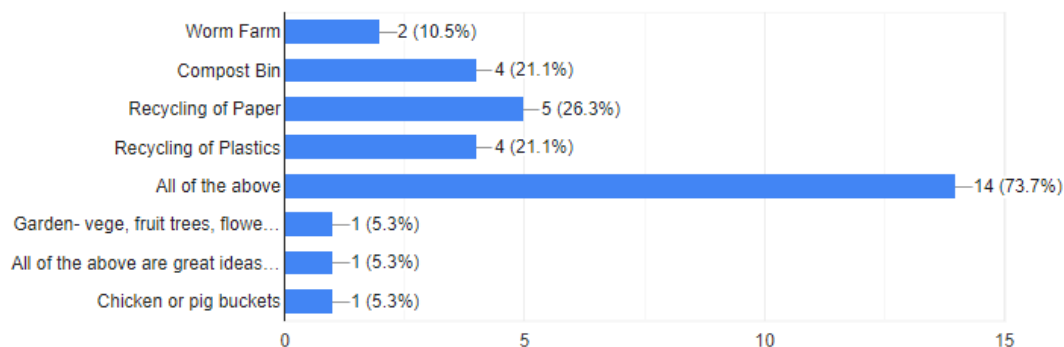
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To help manage pollutants to the environment we could put in place the following responses. Which ones do you think we should develop?

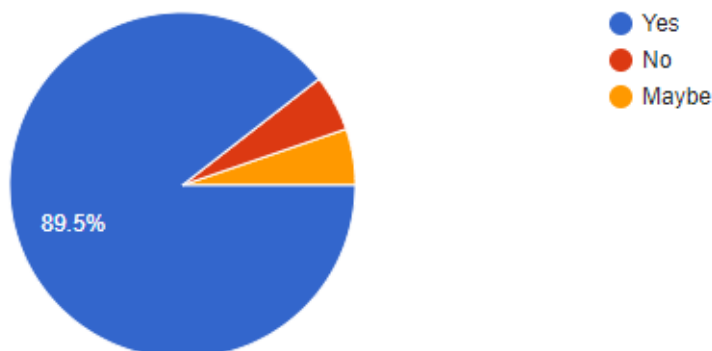
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To achieve zero plastic waste at Faith City School would you be prepared for your student to return packaging in their lunch boxes to your home?

19 responses



## Edge App

Thank you to the parents who have downloaded the Edge App.

It's great to see you using it. If you haven't already downloaded the App please do so.

If you need any help please don't hesitate to contact Abbie or Robyn in the office.

Also a reminder to please let us know in the office if you change address or have a new phone number. It is really important that we hold up to date information so we appreciate your help with this.

## PTA Update

### Pie Fundraiser

Next term we will be doing a pie fundraiser. Order forms will be coming home with students this week, this will give students the school holidays to get orders. We would like completed order forms back on Monday 25 July, the first day of next term.

### PTA Committee

If you are free on Thursday 14 July at 7pm and are interested in getting to know about how you can be involved with fundraising at school then come to Mint & hear about what the PTA is currently doing. We would love to see you there!



# Y-Kids Holiday Programmes

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# RACKET SPORTS ACADEMY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

WHO: Children aged 9 – 14 (or older on request)

WHEN: Mon 18 - Fri 22 July 2022

TIME: 8:45 - 12:00 Cost \$15 \$5 for squash and tennis junior members

VENUE: Wanganui Squash Club 3 Bassett Street behind City College

SPORTS PROVIDED:

Tennis, Squash, Badminton, Racquetball, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Padder Tennis.

ORGANISER/COACH: Alastair White

Past Principal Kai Iwi School for 12 years

Past President Wanganui Squash Club

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The emphasis of this programme is to enjoy learning new sports, developing new skills particularly hand-eye coordination and be part of physically challenging activities.

Each session consists of 3/45 minute periods, with a 10 – 15 minute break between, where all children are expected to be actively involved. Although the activities aren't particularly strenuous taking part in activities over a long period of time are physically challenging.

Parents are most welcome to watch the programme in action. I look forward to any feedback from parents at the end of the programme.

We will provide all the sports gear required but players will need suitable shoes and warm clothing as the squash courts can be quite cold.

Participants provide their own snacks for between activities. There is a water fountain.

Gather upstairs, in the lounge, by 8.45 so that we can go over the organisation for the day and give out notices.

Please contact me on 0274 701 634 if you have any questions.

## ADMINISTRATION – HOW IT ALL WORKS

Once you have read the information about the programme and decided on what days you would like you child(ren) to attend email me back at [racketsportsacademy@hotmail.com](mailto:racketsportsacademy@hotmail.com).  
I will book them in for the days chosen.

Please make payment by the Friday before the holiday programme starts to the Racket Sports account 02-1242-0311797-002, include your child(ren) name(s) in the reference field.

## REFUNDS

If, for some reason, your child(ren) is unable to attend a session, that they have booked in for, a full refund will be reimbursed.

## PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS FOR EACH CHILD ATTENDING:

# child(ren) name and age

# emergency contact number

# any medical issues that I should be aware of