

Faith City School Newsletter

Edition 8 - Term 4 - 10 November 2022

From the Principal's desk

Greeting Everyone

Term four is away and flying! There is lots going on - swimming on Fridays, music on Mondays. We have gone to four days a week for Kickstart Breakfast club; Mon - Thurs. It is certainly nice to see a few parents popping in for breaky too. Summer sports are well underway. The Year 7 and 8 team finished second in the Super 6 touch rugby last week.

Congratulations to Deacon Williams and Ruby Bullock who were selected into the Whanganui Police Bluelight PCT Challenge Team event. The PCT challenge involves running the NZ Police recruit obstacle course, which is physically very demanding. Ruby and Deacon will be competing in the National PCT competition in Auckland and will get to watch the Black Ferns play England in the Women's Rugby World Cup Final. Deacon placed 1st equal and Ruby 2nd across the Whanganui region for their respective times.

The school has just sat in on a week-long set of Enviro lessons provided by Hadi at the WDC– teaching about waste, pollution, and good environmental practice. Thank you everyone for the smooth transition to rubbish home in the lunchboxes. We have also just recently been accredited as a SunSmart School.

Back Field

We opened our back field for the kids to play on last Friday. We planted some trees, prayed, and sang a waiata of thanks. A huge thank you to Scott Dowman of *Dowman Contracting* who did much to help us get the field ready, along with Chris Davison who prepared and sowed the grass. The field looks great!

Lion, Witch, Wardrobe Video

We have an awesome video of the school production ready to go – it really does look great! If you would like a copy, please let the office know ASAP. Thanks to James Cooper for producing it.

School Roll

Our school roll is almost full for 2023 and filling up for 2024 too. If you have younger children or family and friends who are thinking of enrolling, I recommend you get enrolments in as early as possible for future years.

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Term Four:

Monday 17 October to Wednesday 14 December

Swimming:

Every Friday during Term 4

School Photos:

11 November

Junior Prizegiving:

Monday 12 December at 1.30pm

Senior Prizegiving:

Tuesday 13 December at 6pm

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I am also pleased to congratulate and introduce our new Board of Trustees members who will govern the school for the next three years: Scott Dowman (Presiding Member/Chair and Parent Rep); Anthea Stynder (Parent Rep); Paū Malō (Parent Rep); Tim Price (Parent Rep); Reece Sievwright (Parent Rep); Tasha Bullock (Proprietor's Rep); Ben Hoyle (Proprietor's Rep); Sue Little (Staff Rep); Marty Bullock (Principal). I look forward to working with the Board team who I know will work hard for our children and the betterment of our school.

God Bless!

Marty Bullock

Principal

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Room 1 - Moses

We did a bible study about Moses, Room 1 children wrote about the story. Here are a couple of our stories.

Retelling by Joel:

A long, long time ago Israelites had to work for the new king Pharoah. But the Israelites got bigger and bigger. The Pharoah had a plan and it was a horrible plan. The Pharoah said kill all the baby boys. In a little house there was a girl called Miriam. And Miriam's mummy had a little baby called Moses. One day the soldiers came to Miriam's house. The mummy was worried so she hid him into a little basket. The next day she put him in the river and said goodbye. He floated and floated and the princess saw him and decided that she would look after him in the palace.

Retelling by Rosalind:

A long time ago there was a town called Egypt. There was a family called the Israelites. But the king called the Pharoah he was a mean king. He's very mean. He makes the dads carry heavy rocks day and night. He made any of his helpers kick the dads until they got bleeding on their heads. He said "all the new babies must be thrown into the muddy river". The king is mean. He said "soldiers kill the baby boys". He is so mean he makes the soldiers thrown the babies in the river. The mums are sad. Moses got saved.

Room 2 - Symmetry

Room 2, learning about symmetry with Mrs. Menges.





Room 3 – Reducing Rubbish & Steam

Ruma Toru (Room 3) had two visitors recently. Hadi taught us the importance of reducing rubbish, and Tracey introduced us to STEAM.

Below are some comments on what Hadi from the Wanganui City Council taught us: Lia - all the different things we make rubbish with, and we have to stop making rubbish. Damen - the more rubbish we make, the more we are destroying the earth.

Hugo - we learned about bauxite.

Toby - bauxite is what we use to make aluminum.

Cleo - bauxite is mined from the ground. There is a place in Australia they get it from.

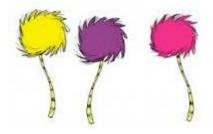
Below are some comments on what Tracey from the Digital Circus taught us:

Lucas - she taught us what STEAM is. It is S- science, T- technology, E- engineering, A- Art, M- machines

Willaim - it doesn't matter what you draw as long as you can label it.









We have been using images from the Lorax's Truffula Forest to inspire our descriptive writing!

Katie:

I fell through the glorious thick white clouds and landed on fluffy, colorful, magical trees. I bounced off the beautiful warm tree, and landed on the luscious, glimmering green grass. I looked up and saw a pinch of warm sunlight, like someone sprinkling salt over me. I found myself at a transparent river where sleeping, colossal mountains were watching over.

Tatum:

I fell through the thick white clouds and landed on a tree as colorful as a rainbow and as fluffy as cotton candy. Beneath me was grass shining like a shooting star and a shimmering lake as big as a mansion. The mountains protected the shimmering water from the volcanic sun bursting warmness like a cookie going into steaming milk.

Michael:

As I peered out from behind the rocks into the misty moonlit forest, I saw a big field of wooden stumps going for miles. It was dark and dusty painted on the sky with thick clouds cutting through the moonlight. Big machines filled the fields with bad rust spots. This is nature's nightmare.

Hannah:

The moving water was hit with the sun's ray of light, and the tree's leaves were as soft as a blanket. A bundle of beautiful brown fur as soft as cotton candy appeared from behind the trees. Around the river were boulders with so much moss you'd think it was grass! As the water waved and swished around, the fish bathed in the sun.

Nazareno:

I fell through the thick white cloud and landed on a bright yellow tree as fluffy as cotton candy. The glittering water leaked out of the colossal mountains. Flushing water surrounded a glimmering island. The sunlight crept through the dark mountains and shone on the fresh new grass.

Room 5 - Habitats

Room 5 students drew a habitat for a character they created. Characters were a combination of an animal head, a human torso, and the wheels/tracks of a non-living transport. The students worked in groups of 3 to design their character and had to decide on the habitat for their character. They had to use 1 primary colour with 2 related secondary colours. There were a lot of colourful habitats for their individual characters.



Policies and Procedures

Faith City School policies and procedures are available for you to read through. There is a link that is accessible on the Faith City School website. Please click on the address below to go to our website page: https://faithcity.school.nz/about/policies-procedures/

Covid Advice

As we start to have a few more cases among our students we would like to remind you of the following government advice.

If you test positive for Covid then you must self-isolate for 7 days while you recover.

The first day that you have symptoms or have a positive test becomes your day 0 and then you isolate for 7 days following.

Household contacts do not need to isolate. They should test daily for 5 days. If they test positive, then they need to begin 7 day isolation.

School Photos

Our photo day this year is Friday 11 November. An info form has gone home with all students with information on ordering and also sibling photo forms. Please return the sibling form to us before Friday 11 November.

Students need to be dressed in correct summer uniform, footwear is to be socks and covered in shoes or sandals. Please have long hair tied up.

PTA Fundraiser - Family Photos

If you haven't returned your booking form please do so. Esther is a fabulous photographer and this is an opportunity not to be missed.





We now have breakfast available for our tamariki Monday to Thursday mornings, this is thanks for our awesome volunteers who are willing to turn up an extra day and serve up weetbix & milo.

This has turned into a great social time for students to connect across all year levels of the school and start the day with a nutrition breakfast.



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