

# Faith City School Newsletter

Edition 5 - Term 2 - 9 June 2023

## From the Principal's desk

Malo e le lei

The colder weather has finally caught up with us again. And winter sport is well underway. I have found myself coaching the Year 3 and 4 netball team known as Faith City Lions. It has been a little out of my comfort zone trying to coach 7-year-old girls netball despite them being quite delightful and being a good little group of girls. I think though that I may be better suited to a large group of rugby players whose language I can speak. Please keep me in your prayers as I freeze my way to Laird Park at 8am every Saturday through this winter season!

I was really blessed to see so many parents attend the parent info session on Keeping Ourselves Safe. Your support has been a real blessing as we navigate tricky ground around abuse. The stats on abuse of children in NZ is horrific. This course will certainly give our kids tools that they can use to help themselves and others if needed. If just one is helped, then I think us doing the programme is well worth it. I have sat in on several of the sessions and I have been amazed at how our students have participated and have picked up the ideas around how they can keep themselves and others safe. One of the messages in junior school has been, "My body is mine and I am in charge of my body." I liked what one of our little FCS fellas said to his mum when she said it was bath time. He replied to her, 'My body is mine and this body doesn't want to have a bath!' Out of the mouth of babes!

Parent interviews are coming up quickly. Please ensure you get in soon and book a prime time for your interview. The interviews are very important as you will receive specific information about your child's progress this half year and get information about what they need to be working on etc. Please do bring your student with you to the interview - especially in Rooms 4 - 6 where our students should be present in the interview.

In the last week of Term, we will hold our Cultural Celebration Day. We will open the classrooms for parents to come and see the student presentations. Our students are thoroughly enjoying preparing this for the day and would appreciate seeing you all here. We will have a shared lunch together as a school. Students will get the opportunity to try a range of cultural dishes prepared by some of our parents who come from other countries. The kids will also be competing in some cultural games during the day such as Ki orahi. Thank you to all the parents who are preparing food for the day.

Psalm 29:4 says, 'The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic'. God set the universe in motion with His words. Likewise, he gave us words and with them we have the power to shape lives. We need to be careful about the words we use and listen to.

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## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

### Term Two:

**Wednesday 26  
April to Friday  
30 June**

**20 & 21 June  
Parents  
Teacher  
Interviews**

**Tuesday 27  
June  
Cultural  
Celebration  
Day**

### Term Three:

**FCS Puanga  
Breakfast  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
7am-8.45am**

Are they shaping us and others to be like Christ? If the words spoken and heard do not align with Jesus, they are probably not worth listening to. I am so blessed with the teachers here at school who speak words of life over our children on a daily basis. I am pleased that our teachers have found agreement with the Government on pay and conditions. They have been clear about what they saw as important for our tamariki and very soon, our teachers will gain much needed extra release time that they can use for the myriad of tasks that they perform, many of which are done in their own private time on weekends and such. Well done to our Faith City teachers, you deserve it.

Tofa soifua

Marty Bullock



Room 6 learning about Keeping Ourselves Safe with Constable Ben.

## Parent/Teacher Interviews Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 June

Please note school finishes early on both of these days, children are to be collected at 12:30pm.

If you are unable to collect them until 3pm please advise the office.

Interview bookings can be made on Skool Loop. If you don't currently use Skool Loop you can easily download it from the App Store.

Once downloaded just search for "Faith City School" and enter our password "July2020." Click on **Bookings** and then select the day and time that suits you, each interview is 15 minutes long. Please note that if you have more than one child at school it is advised that you leave a gap between bookings.

If you have any trouble making a booking, please call the office on 06 345 7737, Sarah and Robyn will be happy to help you.

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# Room 2 - Our Culture

In Room 2 we have been writing about our culture.  
Here is Kara's writing about South Africa

Hallo, my naam is Kara. I am from South Africa but I live in New Zealand. I speak English and Afrikaans. I eat droewors and biltong. Springboks is special in South Africa and the special bird is hadeda. It is like an alarm clock because it goes haha! haha!-like someone laughing. People litter in South Africa. I go to Faith City School. I like South Africa.

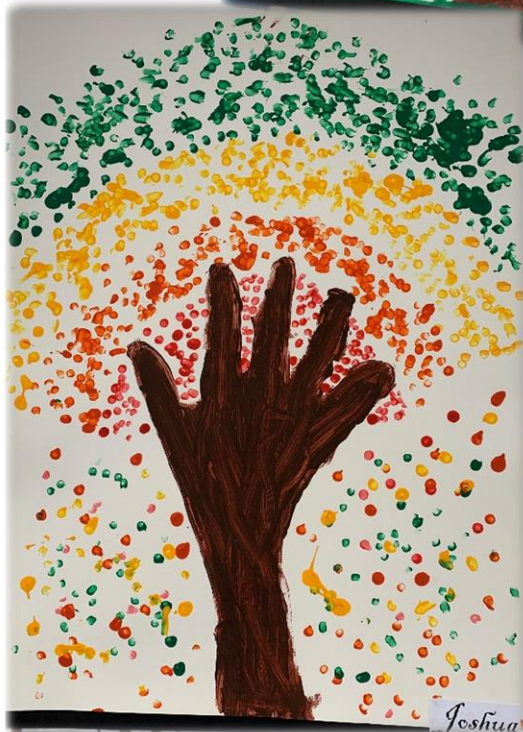
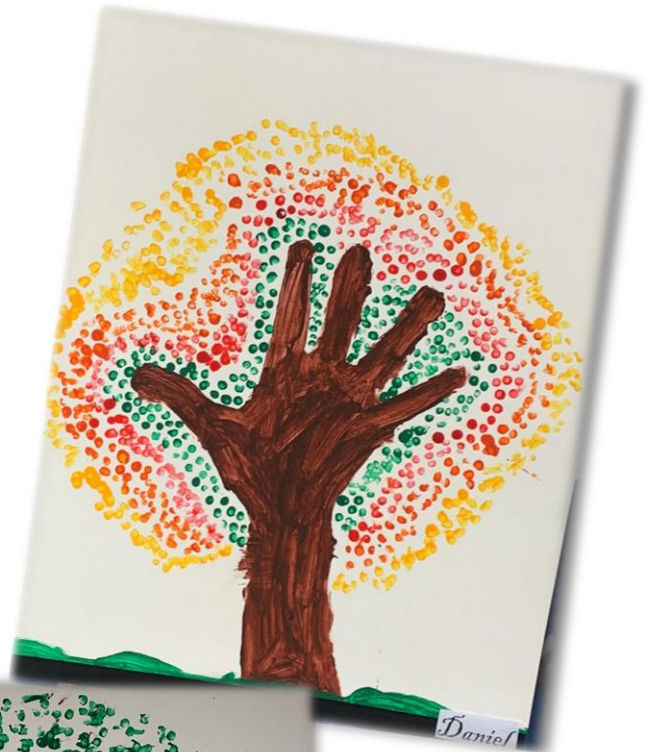
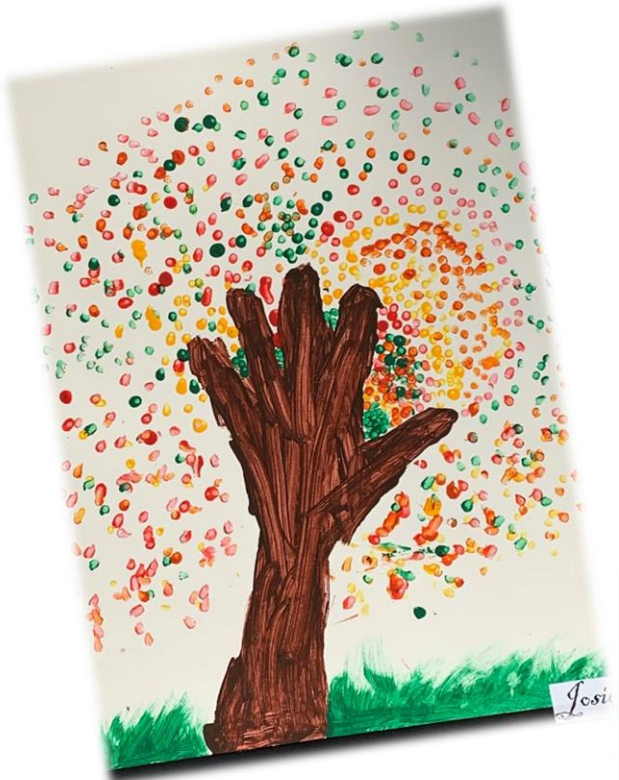
-By Kara



Cool writing, Kara!  
well done!  
mr Bulbeck. 9/6/23

## Room 3 - Autumn art

Room 3 created an autumn tree scene. They had to carefully trace around their hand to make their tree trunk and branches. While painting, the class needed to paint in one direction so their trunk and branches looked realistic. They chose the shape of the outside of the tree so the leaves around the tree looked like a shape they had seen in real life. They also decided whether their leaves were on and around the tree or falling.





# Room 4 - Term Highlights

On 8 May, five of our senior students attended the World Vision Junior Youth conference in Lower Hutt.



Our class also competed in the Super 6 Netball Competition. The students had a great time!





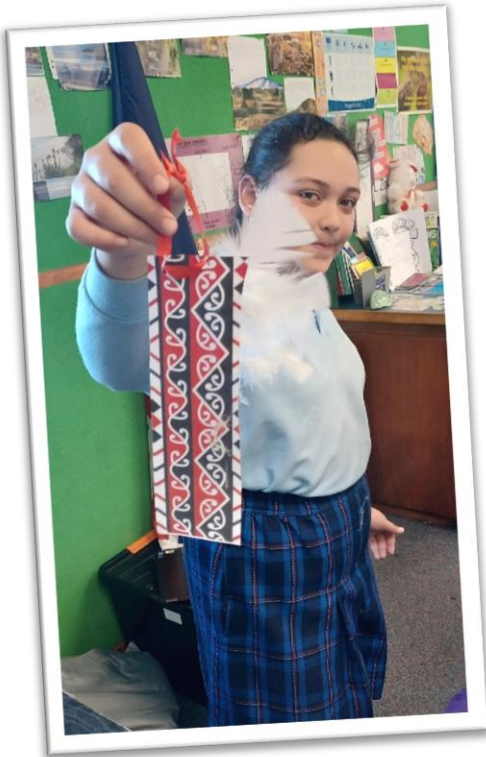
Our Year 8 students attended the National Young Leaders Day in Palmerston North.





# Room 5 - Discovery Time

The students in Room 5 have been planning and preparing creative, thoughtful learning activities for their zones. Some recent highlights have been...



Sofia created Kowhaiwhai pattern bookmarks and introduced new kupu in the Te Reo Maori zone.



Isaac started up a Pacific Zone celebrating the language and cultures of Fiji, Tonga and Samoa.



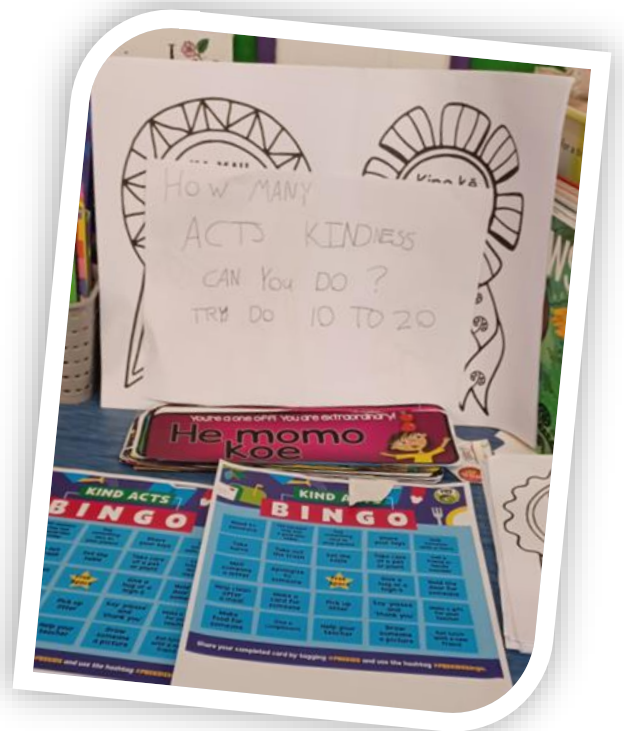
Levi created lots of geography challenges involving flags and countries for his awesome, colourful Geography Zone.





Mia constructed a New Zealand History cave with her customers. Inside were some activities and information on Early New Zealand life.

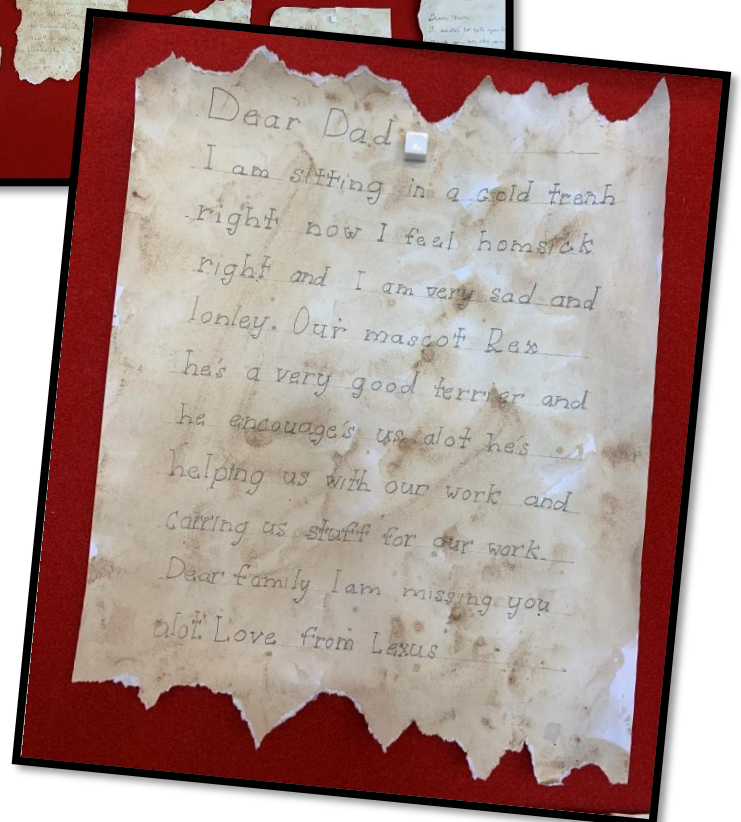
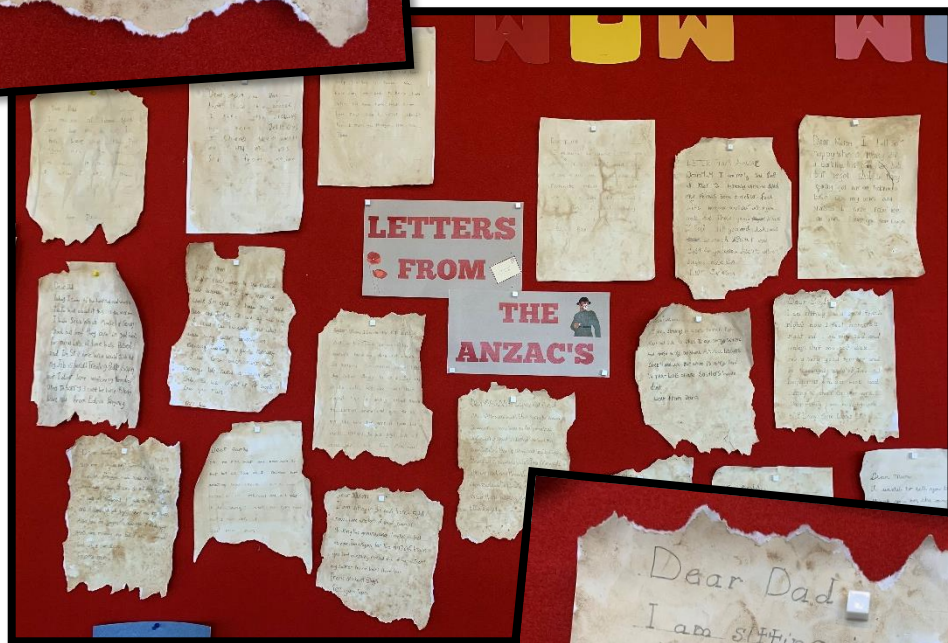
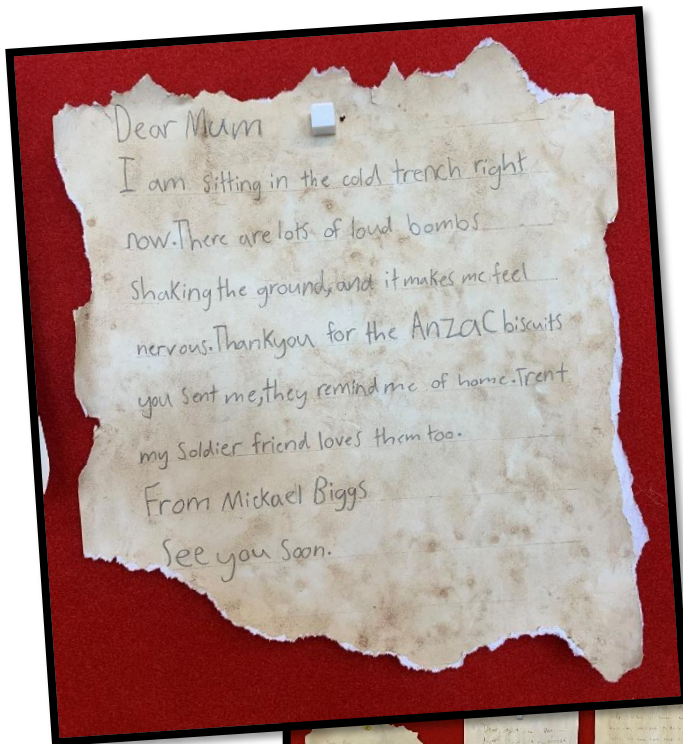
Eli reorganised the PB4L Zone, creating meaningful activities on friendship, kindness and respect.



Tamara, Sally and Ruby ran a craft in the Bible Zone where students had to create tinfoil sculptures of their favourite Bible characters.

# Room 6 - Anzacs

Early this term Room 6 explored the many different aspects of the ANZACs. We read about the ANZAC biscuits sent to the soldiers, the animal mascots that served alongside soldiers, and the stories from the New Zealand nurses who served in Gallipoli. Using the information, we had read, the students wrote a short letter back home from the perspective of a NZ soldier fighting in Gallipoli.





# Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that our KickStart Breakfast Club runs Monday – Thursday, 8:20-8:45am sharp in the Faith City Church Lounge.

We have both Weetbix and Milo available.

Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers who make this possible! We really appreciate you!

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sarah or Robyn in the office.



**Breakfast  
is ready.**

**Come on in.**

<b>LOCATION:</b> Faith City Church Lounge				
<b>TIME:</b>	FROM	8.20am	TO	8.45am
<b>DAY:</b>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday



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The position is 20 hours per week.

Applicants would ideally have experience in office administration, effective communication and listening skills, computer skills including MS Office suite, the ability to work alone as well as part of a team, and planning and organisational skills including the ability to prioritise tasks.

Application forms and CVs should be sent to [rachel.montgomery@salvationarmy.org.nz](mailto:rachel.montgomery@salvationarmy.org.nz) by 19th June 2023.  
Further information including an application form and a Job Description can be obtained from The Salvation Army Worship and Community Centre, 6 Indus St, Whanganui.

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