

# Faith City School Newsletter

Edition 6 - Term 2 - 30 June 2023

## From the Principal's desk

It is the end of Term 2 already! It has been a time of growth, learning, and we have all been blessed by our students, teachers, and parent community.

The recent Parent Teacher interviews were very positive, with our student's demonstrating dedication to their studies; their hard work yielding pleasing results. An example of this was seen during the student presentations during Cultural Day Celebrations. The inquiry, research, teamwork and learning they did through that process was quite something.

What an amazing day Cultural Celebration Day was! The colour and togetherness we experienced was so encouraging. Thank you to our parents who helped and who cooked dishes of food, which were exquisite.

Beyond the classroom, I have seen our students actively participating in a wide range of extracurricular activities. They have represented our school with enthusiasm and demonstrated sportsmanship and teamwork. Thank you to all our coaches and supporters for giving our kids the opportunity to participate in their various chosen sports. Our parents' commitment, from volunteering for class trips and library and breakfast club, and organizing fundraisers etc., has played an integral role in creating a really positive environment for our students.

Now we look forward the second half of the year. We have speeches and cross country coming up in Term 3 and school camps in Term 4. We will continue to focus on academic excellence.

In Ephesians 2:8-9, the apostle Paul reminds us, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." This verse emphasizes that our salvation and relationship with God are not earned through our own efforts or good deeds, but through the grace of God, received by faith.

God's grace also extends beyond salvation. It sustains us in our daily lives, offering forgiveness, strength, and hope. It is a reminder that we are not defined by our mistakes or shortcomings but are embraced by God's unconditional love. Grace invites us to extend the same compassion, forgiveness, and kindness to others as we have received from God. As a school we endeavour to teach our kids to live with gratitude, kindness, and a heart willing to extend grace to those around us so that we reflect the character of Jesus, who was an example to us of love and kindness, even when we do not deserve it.

Have a safe, restful, and enjoyable holiday break! Marty Bullock

## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

### Term Three:

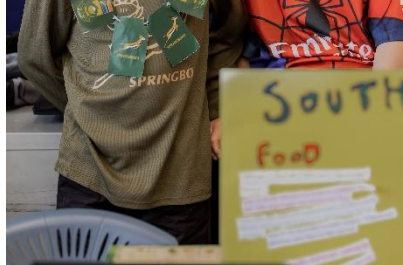
**Monday 17  
July to Friday  
22 September**

### During the Term:

Speech  
Competition  
(Faith City and  
West Country)

Cross Country  
(Faith City and  
West Country)

# Cultural Celebration Day Photos





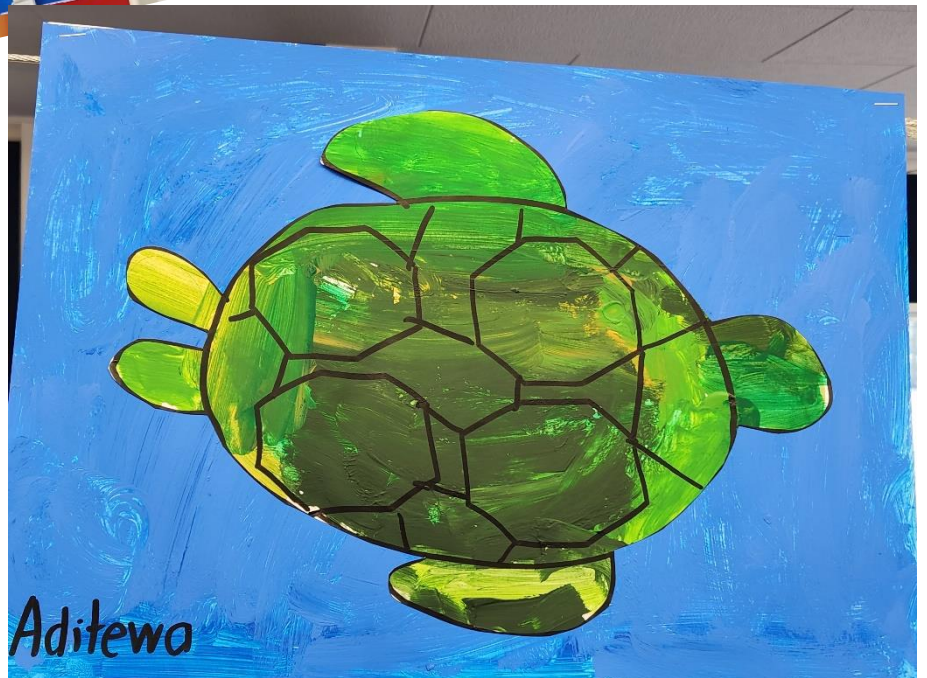
# Room 1 - Cultural Day & Turtles

"I went to a Celebration Day. I really liked the new food to eat. It was fun. My Nan came in my classroom. We did our Culture studies. I liked the chop suey because it was so yummy to eat." Written by Grace

"At the Celebration Day we had food from different Countries and we saw a concert and after that I liked the cookies from Argentina. They tasted good."

Written by Arav

We have been learning a bit about Mrs Lewis's favourite animals this term; sea turtles. We painted turtles using all the different colours we discovered on their shells.





# Room 6 - Cultural Day Experiences

On Tuesday this week, all the children could write about any culture they wanted. At lunch everyone could try all kinds of foods. There was a milk tart from South Africa and chop suey from Samoa. The children had so much fun dressing up, making their posters and seeing all the people come in.

- Lia, Rm 6

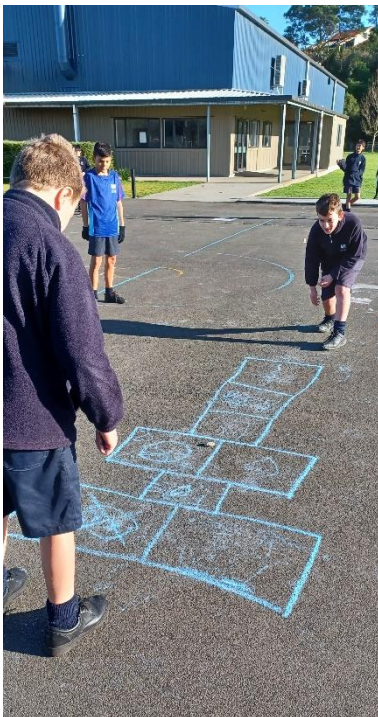
Cultural Day was well played. I loved the chicken noodles and biltong. The kapa haka group that came was very cool. I loved how kind customers were at our station, and I learnt lots about South Africa. Did you know South Africa has 11 languages?

- Cooper, Rm 6

My favorite part of Cultural Day was the shared lunch, it was super yummy! I learnt about South Africa, Holland and Colombia. My favorite foods were milk tart, chop suey, speculaas and empanadas. My second favorite part was showing the posters to the parents. At the start of the day we went to the church and sang songs, it was amazing.

- Isabella, Rm 6

# Room 5 - Hopscotch



In Room 5 we have been playing Bible games to help us learn and apply Biblical concepts. These concepts have been "Rescue and Freedom" (stuck in the mud), "Repentance and Forgiveness" (partner tag), "God's Power to Save" (powerball), "Eternal Life" (finding the gift blindfolded in teams), and "Sharing our Faith through Memorising Scripture" (good news hopscotch).

Yesterday students had to make their own hopscotch grid based on John 3 vs 16, reciting the main ideas from memory and transferring them into visual symbols. They then played each other's game and shared their thoughts based on the symbols drawn. We talked about the importance of having Scripture ready to share with anyone at any time, so they can learn more about the good news of Jesus.

# Room 4 - Technicraft

The year 7 & 8 students have had fun, hands on learning at Technicraft this term. Areas covered have been cooking, science, art and woodwork. The photos below show some of their work.

**Dissecting a cow's eye and looking at the function of different parts of the eye**

**Cow's eye  
dissection**



**Artists**

**Science**





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