

Faith City School Newsletter

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From the Principal's desk

Malo e le lei, Kia Orana, Bula, Buenos Dias, Howzit, Annyeong Haseyo, Kia ora!

Spring is just around the corner now. It will be a relief to have a reprieve from a cold and wet August!

We have had an awesome last few weeks with a number of highlights. Just this Wednesday we hosted Cornerstone Christian School for our second annual sports exchange. The day started with a Whakatau – brief Māori greeting – with our Kapa Haka team leading along with our Kaumatua, Nare Whittaker and Whaia Nadia Puaha who takes our Te Reo and Kapa Haka programme on Fridays. Thank you for the great work that you are doing with our ākonga. The teams then met and played several games. Our Years 5/6 netball team played and beat Cornerstone's Years 5/6 team. They also played Cornerstone's Years 7/8 team and beat them too, and just went down to the Faith City's Years 7/8 team by 6 goals. Our Years 7/8 Basketball team also won their game well. Our Years 7/8 hockey team went down in a hard-fought match and our Years 7/8 netball team also beat Cornerstone A quite convincingly. The games were hard fought but always played with kindness and the Spirit of Christ coming to the fore. That is the second year in a row that we have beaten our bigger sister, Cornerstone, in the exchange. So, well done everybody.

We recently held our Faith City School speeches. They were a real highlight. The quality of the speakers was very high. One of the topics by Bronwyn was very amusing – Should Christians go to Hell...Pizza? Certainly, a topic for debate! The looks on some of the non-Christian school teachers were priceless. I was able to invite one of the Principal's to Church so he could avoid that demise. Another of our students lost her words part way through her speech – she took a little break and when she retook the stage, the whole school cheered her on and gave her the best applause and cheer at the end. Her resilience to come back and try again was so good! That was a real highlight of the year!

The top students went through to the prestigious West Schools Competition. They were Nicolas Cloete, and Ivy Pound in the Juniors and Xanu van der Bank and Bronwyn McLean in the Seniors. Xanu placed second with a speech about his grandfather and Nicolas won the Junior Competition with his speech. That is an outstanding result for Faith City among seven schools!

The recent cross-country race was also a great highlight. The parental support was so good, and the kids ran their best on a heavy track. I saw Clara Biggs lose her shoe in the mud when she was out in front. She calmly went back and retrieved her shoe and put it back on while several students shot past her. On it went, off she went, and before too long was back out in front and winning her race. Not bad for a Year 2 student!

Thanks to all our parental support over the last little while with these and other events – we literally could not do it without you.

Next term, we will be preparing for our Camps and Adventure days. To help with the expenses and to keep costs of the camps for parents as low as possible, we will be completing some fundraising events, namely Friday lunches and some church sausage sizzles. Please do try to get in behind them so we can help keep your costs as low as possible.

Ma te wa

Marty Bullock

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Term Three:

**Monday 17
July to
Friday 22
September**

**Saturday 16
Sept
Kapa Haka
Noho
(for Kapa Haka
students)**

**Sunday
17 Sept
Faith City
Church Service**

Sports Exchange with Cornerstone School



Our Kapa Haka group welcoming Cornerstone Stone school with a Waiata.

We competed against Cornerstone students in netball, basketball and hockey. Below is a picture of our netball girls.



Room 4 & 5 - Flight Academy Visit

Our Year 7 & 8 students from Room 4 & 5 recently visited the New Zealand International Commercial Pilot Academy as part of our careers study. The students had lots of fun exploring the hangars, the planes, the simulations, and the other elements of the pilot school. They learnt lots and asked excellent questions during the visit. We are studying careers in depth for the rest of the term.

Xavier won a competition held on the day and a voucher for a free flight over Whanganui. Congratulations Xavier!



Faith City School Speech Competition

Congratulations to all our Year 5 – 8 students for the wonderful speeches they presented this year. There were some amazing and varied topics chosen.

Senior School results: 1st Xanu, 2nd, Bronwyn, 3rd Nathan and Jodie

Junior results (Yr 5 & 6) 1st Nicolas, 2nd Ivy, 3rd Caylee

Our 4 finalists (Xanu, Bronwyn, Nicolas and Ivy) competed in the West Country School Speech competition and all of them did very well.

Nicolas won the Junior competition and Xanu came second in the senior competition.



West Country Cross Country

Congratulations to all those who competed and represented Faith City at the recent West Schools Cross Country competition.

Here are our top 5 finishers:

Mason Payne – 1st - yr 8 boys

Lucas Hamilton - 3rd - yr8 boys

Esther Beer – 5th- yr 8 girls

Leo Biggs – 4th- yr 9 boys

Elektra Hubsch – 2nd- yr 10 girls

Eva Bullock – 3rd – yr 10 girls

Zachary Stynder – 3rd- yr 11 boys

These will go on soon to compete in the Whanganui Cross country event.

Coming Up.....

School Lunches – Upcoming Fridays

Our first school lunch will be next Friday 8 September. Please keep a look out for lunch order forms. All proceeds will go towards our Camp/Adventure Days.

Working Bee – Moving School Sandpit

We are having a Working Bee on Saturday 9th Sept from 9:30am to 11:30am to shift our sandpit.

We would really appreciate anyone who is able to come along and give us a hand.

It won't take us long and it's usually a bit of fun, we'll provide the donuts, and coffee.

Thanks for those who have already volunteered, if anyone else can help please let the office know.

Kapa Haka Noho

Nare Whittaker, who has been tutoring our Kapa Haka will be holding a Noho on 16th September 2023 from 2 to 6pm for all the Kapa Haka students.



The purpose of this noho is to:

- Sharpen up waiata already learnt
- Kupu – words
- Mahi ā-ringa – actions
- Oro – singing and harmonies
- Make poi
- Promote some whanaungatanga in the roopu

This will be held in the gym. Dinner will be supplied – pizzas!!

Church Service – Faith City Church

Faith City School Church Service Sunday 17th September starting at 10am

We will need all students in their uniform lined up on the court at 9.45am. It is expected that all students attend the service.

Parents are welcome to attend also. The service will finish at about 11.30am.

Afterwards we will hold a sausage sizzle to fundraise for camps/adventure days, please bring some cash.

Can you help.....

Breakfast Club – We Want You!

Our Breakfast Club is looking for another wonderful parent helper to serve breakfast to our tamariki on Wednesday mornings. If you can help please see Sarah in the office.

School Lunches

To fundraise towards our school camps/adventure days we will be having lunches that are available for students to purchase on the upcoming Fridays. If you are able to help us out by preparing and/or serving, we would love to hear from you. Please see Sarah or Robyn in the office if you can help.

Breakfast Club



A green circular sign with a white line-art illustration of a cereal box and a bowl with a spoon. Below the illustration, the text "Breakfast is ready." is written in white. Below the circle, the text "Come on in." is written in blue.

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

Just a reminder that our Kick Start 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.

Faith City School Yarrows Cookie Fundraiser



Frozen ready-to-bake cookies bag (20pk) \$10 each

Mini Bites bag (6pk) \$3.50 each

Orders need to be in before 23rd Sept

It's simple; all you need to do is register at

www.lunchonline.co.nz

1. Register an account (if you are not already registered for school lunches)
2. Add member/s including your name and delivery location
3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order
4. Select "School Items" and buy cookie bags / mini bites

The new look Lunchonline now has Lunch Orders and School Items separate: Go to School Items (now below School Lunches) – Select Member- Start Order

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In 2022 & 2023, NETFIT have been lucky to visit a range of locations across New Zealand, providing the community with a range of different products over our time here. Following the success of these programmes, we are proud to announce we are coming back to Whanganui with our most successful programme - school holiday clinics!

This 9am - 3pm session includes skill progression, a limited edition NETFIT clinic t-shirt, personalised feedback and lots of FUN!

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