



**FAITH**  
CITY SCHOOL

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# Faith City School Newsletter

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## From the Principal's desk

Dear FCS Community

Last week we took a selection of students from our kapa haka team and our dance team to Broadview Rest Home to perform. I was so blessed with the way our students performed. The students then took the time afterwards to interact with the residents at the rest home. There were some lovely connections and reunions that happened. It was very heart warming. While we were meeting the residents one of our students approached me and asked if, before we left, she could pray for all the elderly folk. It was an amazing time of outreach.

As you can see, we have new buildings on site at Faith City. The building at the back of the site will become a classroom and a library. We intend that the classroom and library building to have been renovated and open for the start of 2024. The building at the front when renovated will become the administration and staff room block and house a new sickbay. It will have a nice entrance and look more aesthetically pleasing, I am sure. We hope the renovation will be completed before the end of Term 1 next year. The current admin block will then be decommissioned. To help get the work across the line we would like to hold a working b to remove some walls and gib board. If you are able to help on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> Nov at 9am, please let the office know you are available.

The end of the term is going to be very busy, with class swap, athletics competitions, whanau hui, leavers dinner, volunteer morning tea and prizegiving's, etc. Please keep an eye on the calendar so you don't miss out.

It's going to be a great term – but hold on to your hats – we'll be flying!

I'll leave you with Psalm 9 which states in vs 1: "I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart; and tell of Your marvelous works..." This is the Psalmist's response, one of praise, despite the turmoil he and Israel are facing. It is a relevant psalm right now given the awful loss of life in the Middle East. Likewise, we too gain strength from God when we focus on all He has done for us, despite the difficulties we face. We can have positive hope and share that hopeful outlook, which comes from God's hand in our lives, with people who need to know the amazing work He has done through Christ our Saviour – the answer to all conflict and problems!

God Bless

Marty Bullock

FCS

Principal

## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

### Term Four

Monday 9 Oct  
to  
Friday 15 Dec

Teacher only  
days  
9 & 10 Nov  
  
17<sup>th</sup> Nov

School Photos  
Wed 15 Nov

Leavers Dinner  
Tue 12 Dec  
6:30-7:30  
(details TBA)

Junior  
Prizegiving  
Wed 13 Dec  
1:30pm -2:30p

Senior  
Prizegiving  
Thurs 14 Dec  
6pm-8pm

# *Important Notices...*

## *From the Office...*

### **Teacher Only Days**

We have a Teacher Only days coming up on the **9th and 10th November**

and the following week on **Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Unfortunately we are unable to provide any supervision for children on these days.

### **Lost Property**

Our lost property boxes are overflowing with items! Please come and have a look and see if you can find any of your children's belongings.

### **Working Bee**

New block Working Bee – 18<sup>th</sup> Nov  
9am-12pm (probably finish before then)

Demolition of walls plus gib in new classroom.

Please bring hammer, chisel, safety goggles, sledgehammer if you have one.

Coffee and donuts will be provided.

Please come along and give us a hand, will be good fun!

Unsuitable for children.

RSVP the office please.

Mr Bullock in his natural habitat!



*From the PTA...*

**FAITH CITY SCHOOL PTA FUNDRAISER**

# Clothes Swap

**With the end of 2023 in sight, why not make it  
your goal to give your wardrobe a good cull  
before the new year sets in!**

Our School PTA will be holding a Clothes Swap fundraiser early in 2024 and we are taking donations of any good quality women's and children's clothing and shoes for this event.

Please contact Aroha on [arohahammie@gmail.com](mailto:arohahammie@gmail.com) or Sarah on [sarah.h@faithcity.school.nz](mailto:sarah.h@faithcity.school.nz) to organise clothing donations.

*More information for this event including tickets will be available in the new year. Thank you for supporting our school PTA*





# Room 1, 2 & 3 – Smartie Faces

Today Room 1, 2 and 3 read the Smartie-pants book.

Then they designed and put their work together icing biscuits. It took some perseverance to get it to work! We learned about all the different shapes along the way and ended with a yummy treat!









# Room 2 - Giraffe Art

Rooms 1 & 2 have been creating beautiful Giraffe art inspired by the book "Giraffes Can't Dance."





# Room 3 – Robot Creations

At the end of Term 3, after experimenting with playdough to design and make robots we used clay. Room 3 enjoyed using clay more than playdough because they liked the texture of the clay, and it held their design together better. We found out that it is best not to touch this type of clay until it is completely aired dry. We also wrote about a robot that was designed especially to do what we wanted it to do. Ezekiel's writing is a sample of our writing.









Ezekiel's Robot writing:

In Room 3, I have the coolest robot in my class. I have programmed it to make friends. It has made me a secret base. We like to play video games and also basketball. We had lots of fun but suddenly some of my drink spilt on the robot's chair. Then it malfunctioned so I had to reprogramme my robot. This time I programmed it to make me pancakes and to play basketball, but the best thing it can do is tell jokes. If my robot tells you a joke you will end up cracking up so much that you might be stuck that way forever, even when you are sleeping, also when you are eating cereal but not when you're with your friends, and obviously not when it is your birthday, and when you are in heaven.

By Ezekiel

## Room 4 – Charcoal Art

Room 4 students have been practising the skill of sketching and shading with charcoal.



By Kaia



By Clare

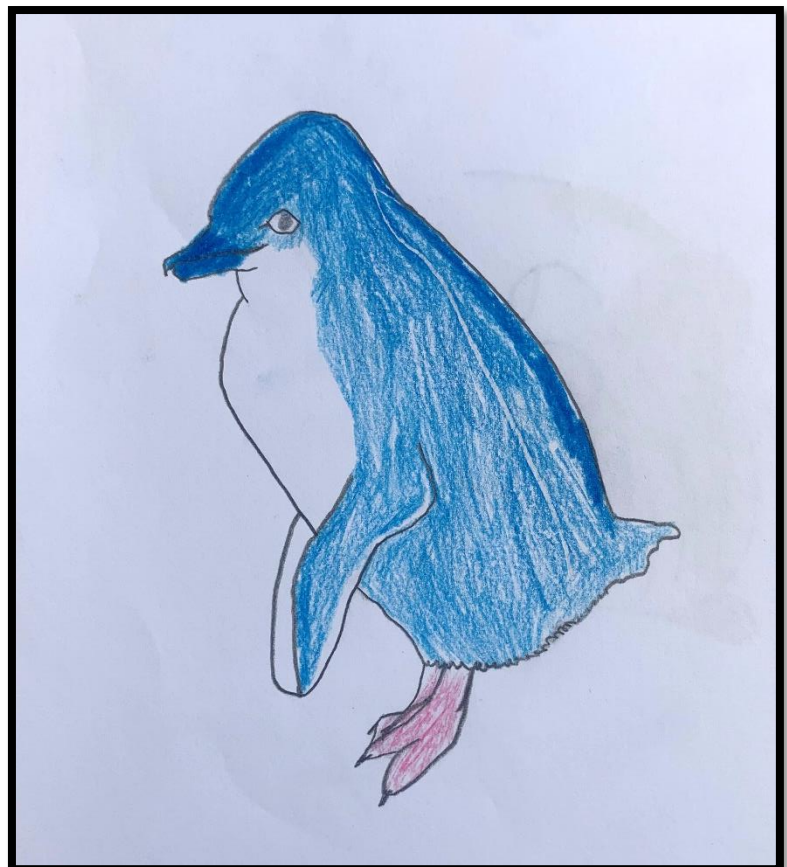


## Room 5 – Mining Debate

Room 5 recently embarked on a very cool whole class learning journey, which took at least 12 hours from start to finish. It involved reading, writing, acting, researching, speaking, drawing, mapping, dancing, and lots of problem solving. We created a whole class debate about a fake mining company who was planning to build a new gold mine in protected land in the Northern Territory of Australia. Every child became a character, ranging from city mayors to camel tour operators, environmentalists to "Eagle Rock" cafe owners, sugar refinery owners to safety experts, truck drivers to townsfolk, First Nation leaders to female mining union reps. Along the journey we planned, argued, helped each other, formed alliances, uncovered secrets, and created compromises. The tension between the financial benefits and the environmental impact was huge. However, we did come to a very good balanced plan by the end. Everyone was satisfied that the plan would benefit the town while still preserving nature and bird life. Sally Price, who played the Police Chief, came out as the overall winner of the debate with a total of 24/30 points for her well-organised, powerful speeches.

## Room 6 – Native Birds

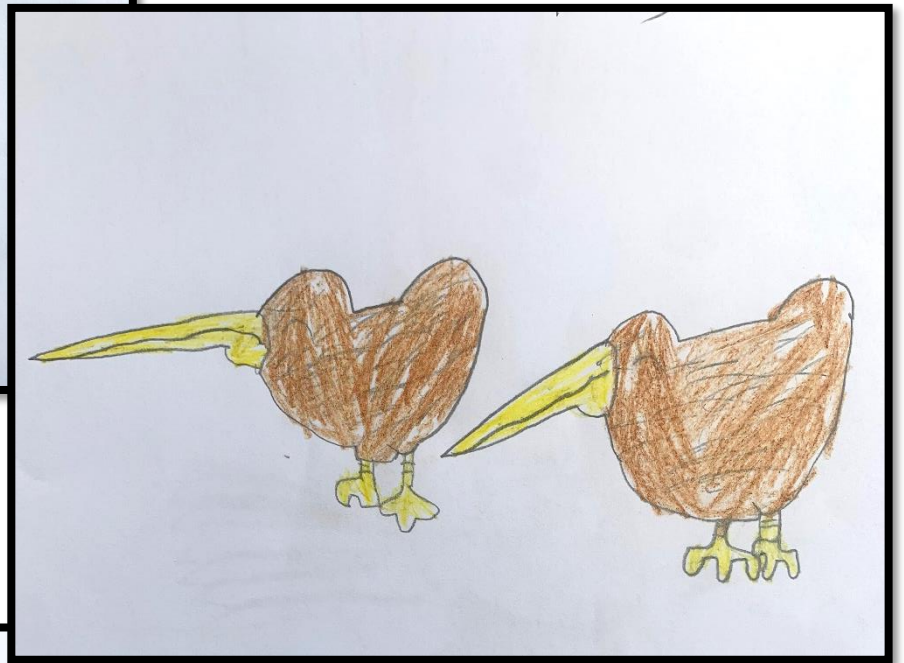
Room 6 have been learning about animals all around the world, we have also carefully observed and researched some of our own native birds right here in New Zealand. Our Year 4's were challenged to choose a native bird and draw them - I think they've done an amazing job!



Blue Penguin – Leo



Kakapo - Myles



Kiwi - Toby



Wrybill – Lia



# Broadview Rest Home Visit



Kapa Haka performs for the residents



Olivia Montgomery with her Great Nan Ellen