



# Faith City School Newsletter

**Edition 3 - Term 1 - 12 April 2024**

## From the Principal's desk

Kia ora i te whanau

As we farewell the first term of the academic year, I am pleased to share with you our End of Term 1 Newsletter. It has been a term time filled with achievements, growth, and memorable moments for our school community. I think of Shine Girls, Grow Boys, Life Education Trust, fun at Breakfast Club, Junior Tabloids, Swimming etc.

**Celebrating Academic Excellence:** I have noticed that our students have exhibited remarkable dedication to their studies, and their hard work has been reflected in their academic achievements. From outstanding performances in examinations to innovative projects and presentations, our students continue to excel academically. I extend my congratulations to all our students for their commitment and perseverance. I also congratulate Mrs Akkerman who has become a fully Registered Teacher after 2 years of provisional registration. She is well on her way to becoming an outstanding teacher.

**Extracurricular Success:** Beyond the classroom, our students have shone brightly in various extracurricular activities. Whether it be on the sports field, in the Arts, Drama and Kapa Haka, their passion and talent have been truly inspiring. A big highlight for me was our Kid's Literature Team gaining a second place out of near on 50 teams from the central region. I am immensely proud of all their achievements, winning the U8 Whanganui Cricket Competition and FCS Storm winning their pool of the Touch Competition. What a positive impact all the teams have made within and beyond our school community.

**Cultivating a Culture of Excellence:** At Faith City School, we are dedicated to fostering a culture of excellence, respect, and love for God. Throughout this term, our staff members have worked tirelessly to create a nurturing environment where every student feels valued and supported in their learning journey. The work they have done around the Sea learning this term has been great. I extend my gratitude to our dedicated teachers and staff for their commitment to our students' success.

**Looking Ahead:** As we reflect on the successes of this term, we also look forward with anticipation to the opportunities and challenges that the next term will bring. Term 2 will begin preparations for our 2024 School Production. We have also been notified that ERO will be starting their review process of the school, Mid-Year Parent interviews will take place and the Lower Nth Island Interschool Sports Competition will happen. With the continued support of our school community, I am confident that we will build upon our achievements and strive for even greater heights in the coming months.

**Thank You:** Finally, I want to express my sincere gratitude to our parents, and families for their ongoing support and partnership. Your involvement in your child's education is invaluable, and we deeply appreciate your collaboration in creating a positive and enriching learning environment for our students. As we break for the term, I wish everyone an enjoyable break. Come back safely!

Manaaki te Atua, God Bless you

Marty Bullock  
Principal

## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

### Term Two Dates:

Monday 29  
April

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Friday 5 July

Monday 3 June  
King's Birthday  
(School Closed)

Teacher Only  
Day:

Thurs 6 June  
(Curriculum  
Refresh)

Friday 28 June  
Matariki  
(School Closed)

# Key Dates for Term 2 2024

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Contributing Schools Hockey Yr 5 & 6**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - King's Birthday – (School closed)**

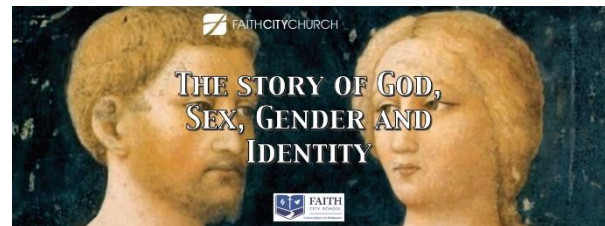
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Contributing School Netball Yr 5 & 6**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Teacher Only Day (Curriculum Refresh)**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Matariki - (School closed)**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Super 6 Soccer**

FCS parents - You are invited to



On **Thursday 18th April** we will have Dr Sean du Toit here at school to speak to us about the **topic of sexuality and how Christians can approach these complex issues. Special attention will be given to a biblical framework within which we can understand sex, gender, and identity.**

As a Christian school and community, it has become important for us to understand concepts associated with gender diversity. We know that this is a significant issue of our day. Being informed from a Christian perspective on these issues will help all of us navigate these tricky waters. As a school, we will need your support and understanding on these issues also.

Dr. Sean comes to us highly recommended in this field. I know Dr Sean very well and commend him also. He is a New Testament Lecturer at Alphacrucis University and a member of Connect Church in Timaru.

The **Faith City School Meeting is scheduled for Thursday the 18th of April at 6.30pm at Faith City Church.** There will be a children's programme at the FCS gym if you require childcare. Other members of your whanau are invited such as grandparents and aunties etc.

**Please RSVP the FCS school office if you require childcare.**

# Breakfast Club Volunteers Needed Urgently

We desperately need more volunteers for Breakfast Club, even if you can only help on a casual basis, we would really appreciate it! Without parent volunteers we aren't able to run otherwise.

A big thank you to the amazing parents that help every single week, we (and the kids) are so grateful for you!

Please contact Sarah in the office if you can help ([sarah.h@faithcity.school.nz](mailto:sarah.h@faithcity.school.nz))

## Room 1 – Wainu Beach Trip

We had an exciting time at the beach a few weeks ago after spending time learning about the beach, tides, and rock pools. We made sandcastles with our Big Buddies and hunted for treasures on the beach. We found squishy seaweed and crab pincers.



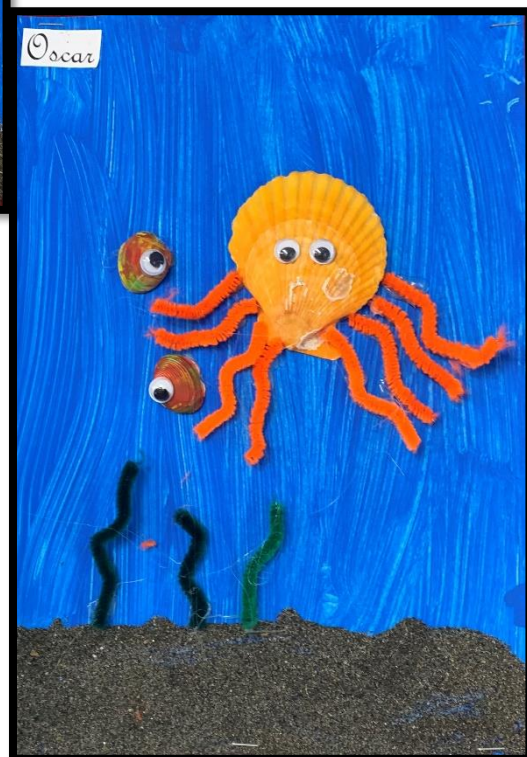
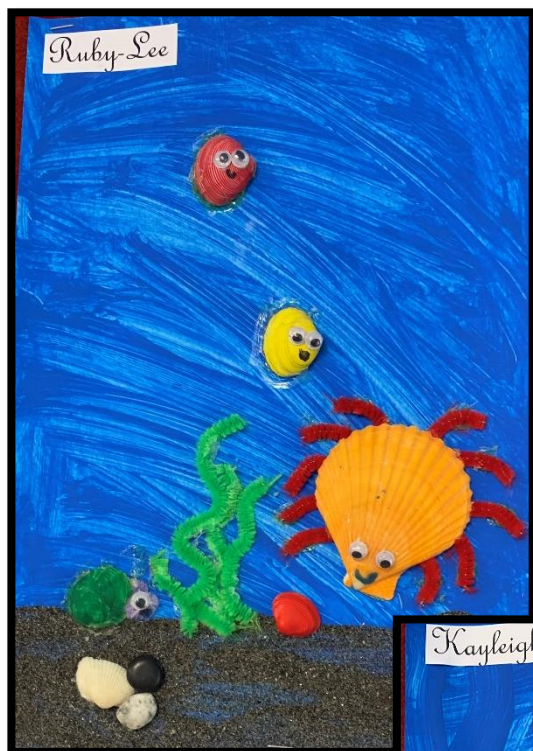
# Room 2 - Boat Building

This week Room 2 designed and built boats with their Big Buddies from Room 4. The children tested their boats to see if they would float. It was lots of fun!

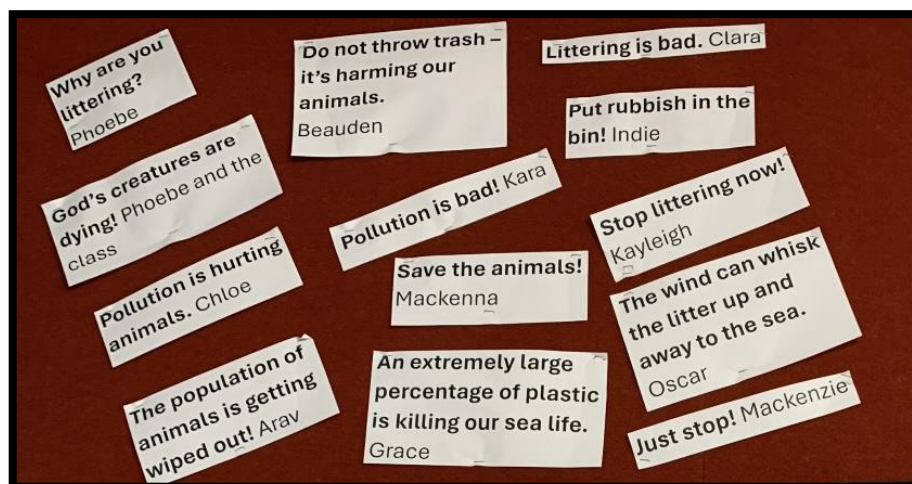
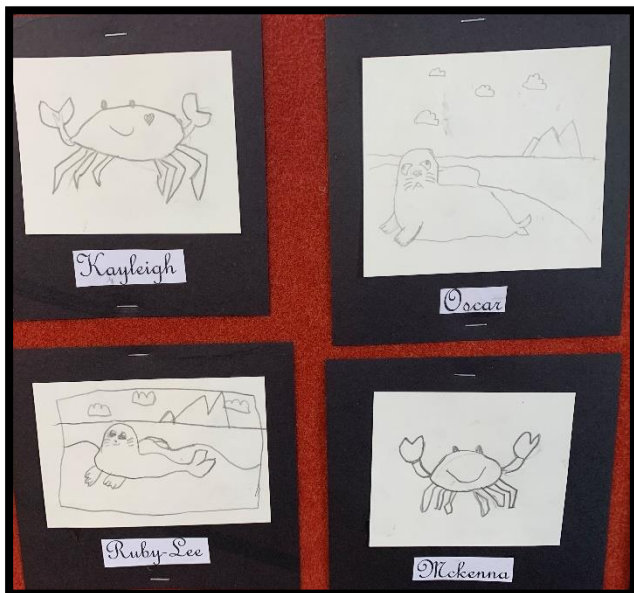


# Room 3 - Ocean Art

Room 3 enjoyed using mixed media (paint, sand, shells, pipe cleaners) to create beautiful sea creature posters.



For our class poster, we worked together to show what it is like in the ocean because of people littering.



# Room 4 - Strength and Shine

Room 4 Strength and Shine celebrated their 10 weeks of learning with a fun afternoon, presentation of certificates and afternoon tea.



# From the PTA...

Thank you to our parents and school community for all the support with our fundraisers this term.

Our Clothes Swap evening was a great success, it was a fun night welcoming ladies from our school and wider Whanganui community along for the evening.

Nga Mihi to everyone who contributed towards the night!

Special mentions: Lisa Pearce for her amazing contribution to catering for the evening, so many comments from our guests about the delicious Kai!

A big thank you to Kuljinder Singh from Springvale Superette/Cliff Pizza and Victoria Dental for their generous donation of funds towards catering, we really appreciate your support!

A special thank you to all the businesses that supported our evening with the contribution of spot prizes and goodies for the night: Local Artist Ruby Duncan (A Mother Potter), Unichem Whanganui Pharmacy, Antipodes nature shop, Ecostore, Frankie Apothecary, Solomons Gold, Pepper & Me, Pokeka Gold and Ropeandco.

Thank you to Georgina from Frankie Apothecary who has also provided our school with a discount code for any online orders: FAITHCITY15 to save.

We are deeply grateful for all the support this term!

Nga Mihi Nui, PTA team







Te Ope Whakaora

# Community Ministries Programme Facilitator

## JOB VACANCY

We are seeking a new Programme Facilitator for our Community Ministries Team to facilitate The Positive Lifestyle Programme—an 8-week individualised programme to increase self-awareness and life skills.

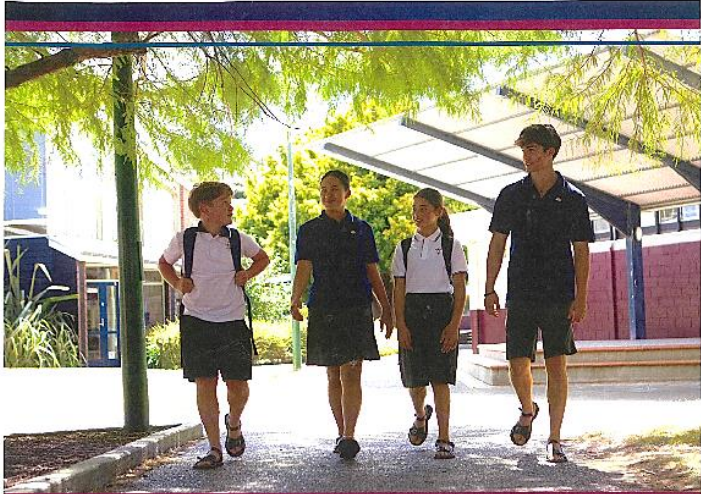
The applicant will have:

- good listening skills
- an ability to journey alongside the participant in a strength based manner
- computer skills for casework notes
- an ability and confidence to promote the programme in the community.

This position is 10 hours per week.

The successful applicant must be committed to the values of The Salvation Army.


If interested please email Rachel Montgomery at [rachel.montgomery@salvationarmy.org.nz](mailto:rachel.montgomery@salvationarmy.org.nz) to receive a link for applications.



CULLINANE COLLEGE

# OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 21st May, 2024  
Starting at 5.50pm in the Performing Arts Centre



WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING ALL  
YEAR 8 PUPILS AND THEIR PARENTS

BE PART OF OUR CONTINUING SUCCESS

**SERVICE**   **OPTIMISE**   **UNITY**   **LOVE**

## Free Pickleball Lessons

RiverCity Pickleball Club are now offering pickleball for juniors.

It's free, kids just need to bring their drink bottle.

We start Thursday, 4.30-6pm at the Jubilee Stadium.

No registration required; kids just need to turn up.

Pickleball is a fast-growing sport all over the world and is a cross between tennis, badminton, and table tennis.



## CAPE EGMONT VIRTUAL HALF MARATHON 2024

Want to walk or run in your own time, but also be part of a fantastic event? Then we would love you to join us.

The Cape Egmont Virtual Half Marathon offers three distance options - 5 km, 10

km and 21 km. Which can be completed any time anywhere from the 1st to the 31st of July 2024. Simply record your time via Strava, Map my run, Fit Bit or screenshot and upload through our website. Every finisher receives a medal and all money raised goes to the Taranaki Cancer Society and the Taranaki Men Can Exercise Group. To help those in our province affected by cancer.

**ENTER AT:** [www.capeegmonthalf.com](http://www.capeegmonthalf.com) **ENQUIRES** [capeegmonthalf@gmail.com](mailto:capeegmonthalf@gmail.com)



## FCS Board: Casual Vacancy for a Parent Representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the School Board for an elected parent representative.

The Board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Presiding Member (Chair)

Faith City School

Whanganui 4501

By Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June



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## A letter from our Public Health Nurse

My name is Stephanie, and I am the Public Health Nurse for your school. I provide free, confidential support, advice, and referrals where appropriate with any health-related concerns that parents/caregivers/teachers may have for children in their care.

These include

- Bedwetting
- Daytime wetting and soiling
- Immunisation queries
- Nutrition concerns
- Vision and hearing problems
- Growth and development
- Head Lice support

I can be contacted at the Public Health Centre by phoning 021 902 896 or email [stephanie.whiteman@wdhb.org.nz](mailto:stephanie.whiteman@wdhb.org.nz).

Stephanie Whiteman

