

Faith City School Newsletter

Edition 8 - Term 3 - 27 September 2024

From the Principal's desk - Celebrating Our Amazing School Production! The Prodigals!

Kia ora koutou e te whanau.

Term three has been a really positive term for us, particularly due to the school production, where I focus my message to you now.

I am still filled with gratitude and joy as I reflect on the incredible success of our recent school production – The Prodigals! What an outstanding achievement it was, showcasing the immense talent, creativity, and hard work of our students, teachers, staff and volunteer support team.

We had around 1500 people come to the production. Eight schools attended. The positive comments were encouraging. However, it was the powerful message of the Father heart of God being sown into many people's lives that has been a great privilege to be a part of.

To every one of our students who performed, whether you were on stage, behind the scenes, or part of the technical crew, you were simply fantastic. Your dedication to rehearsals, the courage to step into the spotlight, and the way you brought the story to life left us all in awe. You have truly made Faith City School blessed!

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing Choreographer, Esther Dowman, and Director, Caleb Rowe, you both worked tirelessly to bring this vision to life. Your guidance, patience, and passion for fostering creativity in our students is inspiring. You not only helped our children shine but also helped create a beautiful community moment that brought us all closer and will be remembered for many years.

To the parents and families, thank you for your support throughout this journey – from helping with costumes, hair, makeup and cheering on your children. This production wouldn't have been possible without your encouragement and involvement.

A special mention to Hayden Brown and Marlen Stynder who took on the mammoth task of sound and lighting. You guys were awesome and so much fun to work with, in what can be a high stress zone. Bless you guys!

Lastly, a big thank you to our community and everyone who attended and supported our production. Your enthusiasm and presence made the performances even more special for the children.

Our production was a wonderful reminder of the unique talents we have in our school, and I couldn't be happier with every one of you.

Manaaki te Atua. God Bless.

Marty Bullock Principal



UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Term Four:

Monday 14 Oct

Friday 13 Dec

<u>Teacher Only</u> <u>Day</u> Fri 25 Oct

Labour Day (School Closed) Mon 28 Oct

> Junior Prizegiving Wed 11 Dec

Senior Prizegiving Thurs 12 Dec

Key Dates for Term 4 2024

Teacher Only Day (Curriculum Refresh) – Friday 25 October

Labour Day <u>(School Closed</u>) - Mon 28 Oct Super 6 Touch - Thurs 7 Nov Teacher Only Day – Fri 25 Oct

End of Year Dates

<u>Leavers Dinner</u> - Tues 10 Dec – Details to be advised <u>Junior Prizegiving</u> - Wed 11 Dec 1-3pm in the Faith City Church auditorium <u>Senior Prizegiving</u> - Thurs 12 Dec 6-8pm in the Faith City Church auditorium <u>Last Day of Term 4</u> - Fri 13 Dec – <u>Please note pick up is early at 2pm</u>

Sports Sign Up

Term 4 Summer Sports email sign up has been sent out earlier this week so please fill in to get your children involved in a team sport next term. Please submit your registration form by Tuesday 1 October.

Summer School Uniform

We go to Summer uniform in Term 4 and Term 1 2025.

All students are required to be in correct school uniform at all times. Correct shoes/sandals, socks, and shirts etc, must be worn before, during and after school.

2025 Enrolment Applications

Faith City School operates an enrolment scheme as we only have limited places available on our roll.

If you wish your child to be enrolled in 2025, please ensure that an enrolment form is submitted. The close off date for 2025 spaces is Monday the 14 October 2024. All applications need to be received by then.

Please call into the office to collect an application pack.

PCT Challenge 2024



Police Recruits and members of Police force complete a PCT (physical competency test) obstacle course.

5 of the Whanganui Primary Schools compete on time. This year Joel Malcolm, Harlynn Faalili, Zac Payne and Eva Bullock made up our team and won the competition with a very fast time of 2.49.14!

West Country Schools Speech Competition

We had 4 finalists in the West Country School Speech Competition, Sofia Sione, Nicolas Cloete, Estian Cloete and Arnav Bibin.

Arnav placed 3rd in Year 6. Sofia placed 3rd in Year 7/8, and Nicolas won the Senior Speech Competition.

Well done team!



Prodigals

Our 2024 all school production was amazing. It was wonderful to see the talent emerge from some many of our students. Thank you to students & teachers for their hard work and to family and friends for their awesome support.

Please see photos below of some of the highlights. USBs of The Prodigals and/or photos can be purchased for \$10 from the office. Please email your order to sarah.h@faithcity.school.nz

























Photos courtesy of Esther Dowman

Room 2 - Let's Go Biking!

This week Room 2 has really enjoyed biking. We have been learning how to correctly wear our helmet, using our brakes correctly and playing games to practice biking skills. Thanks to the bike team that have helped us this week!









Room 3 – Biking Skills

Room 3 enjoyed the cycling challenges and practicing cycling skills such as maneuvering corners, leaning forward, standing up and peddling, as well as taking one hand off the handle bars. They have gained an understanding of why these skills are helpful.







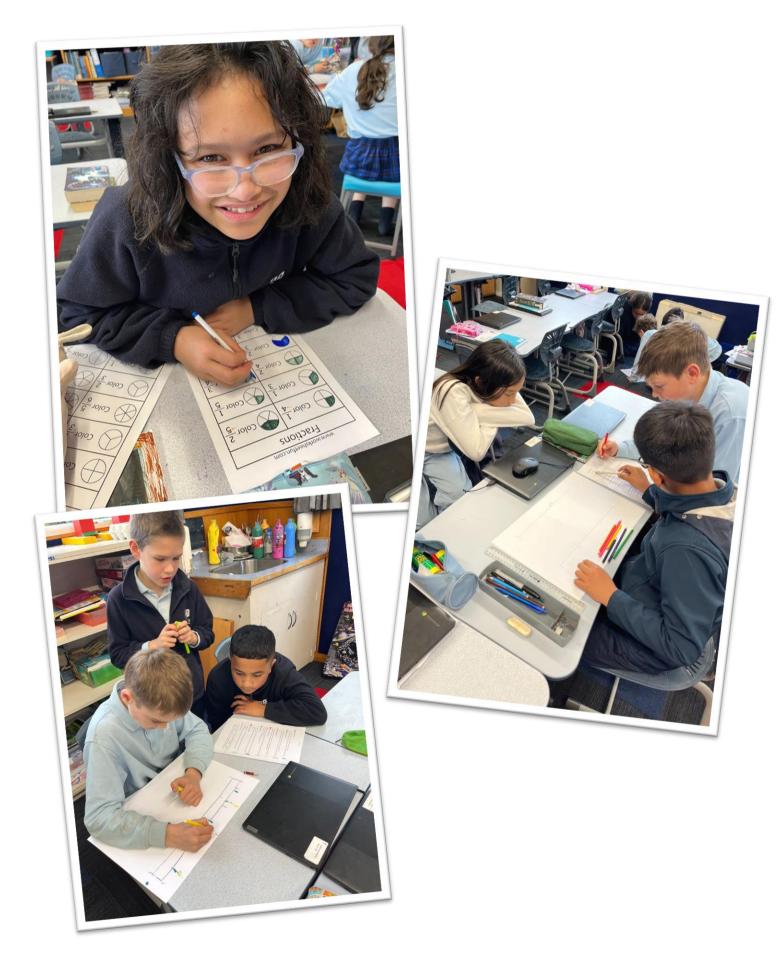






Room 6 - Fractions

We have been delving into all things fractions this term! The students took on a fraction problem solving task in groups based around number lines - was great to help them visualize fractions as a measurement and investigate fractions that were equivalent!







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