



Faith City School Newsletter

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From the Principal's desk

Tēnā koutou i te whānau

I thought today that I would share something I came across recently that will encourage your child to give you helpful feedback on how their day went at school. It is pretty important, given that it's six to seven hours of their day away from you their parents, that we know what our children are up to at school. Many of us will ask our kids, "how did school go today?" The response we get is invariably a simple, "ok" or, "good". In my teenager's case it's a grunt sound that I then have to decipher as an "ok" or a "dumb day". No doubt that sort of reply leaves us a little deflated and still in the dark about their day. Finding the right time to ask is crucial too, definelty not when they have just got home and are a bit over it all and hungry.

Finding out how they are going is really important as they might be feeling stressed or anxious about their school work or something not going well with other students or a teacher. You knowing about it means you will be able to pick up if they need extra support and advice or if you need to talk to the teacher. Also, your interest in knowing about their day shows how interested you are in them, how important their schooling and happiness is to you, and it allows you to encourage them and tell them how awesome they are.

Here are some questions that you could use that might help you open the lines of communication and help you connect with your child about their school day:

- 1. Did you try something new today?
- 2. Who did you play with at break?
- 3. How did you help someone or how did someone help you today?
- 4. If you got to be the teacher tomorrow what would you do?
- 5. Were you sad or unhappy at all today?
- 6. What made you laugh today?
- 7. What are you looking forward to tomorrow at school?
- 8. Tell me about three different things you used your pencil for today.
- 9. What was great about school today? What was not?

Finally, a quick update on teaching positions for 2025. As you are aware we are looking for four new teaching staff members. To date we have just appointed two excellent teachers. This is really reassuring and encouraging. I will announce those appointees details when they are finalised. We are waiting on final applications for Room 5 (year 6/7 teacher) and also waiting on the Deputy Principal and yr7/8 position. Both application periods close next Friday after which I'll be able to fully notify the school community about our new teachers. Please do keep praying for us on that front.

Manaaki te Atua God Bless

Marty Bullock Principal FCS

What's Coming Up....

November 2024 Events

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Let's Go Biking	Let's Go Biking	Ohakea Visit –	Let's Go Biking	Let's Go Biking		
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December 2024 Events

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			Morning Tea at	New Entrant						
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	Year 8 Leavers	Junior	Senior	Last Day of						
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		to 3pm	to 8pm	finish at 2pm						
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Happy Holidays Everyone										
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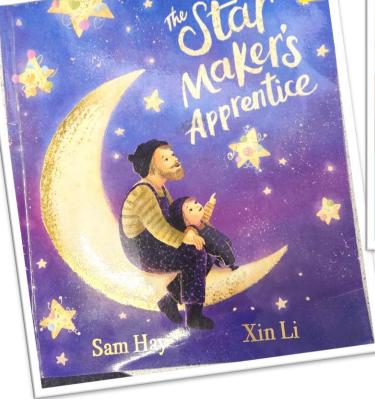
First Day of School for 2025:

Monday 3 February

Room 1

This Week, Room One has read the picture book called "The Star Maker's Apprentice." The young boy in the story loved to make interesting and colourful stars. We pretended that we were Star Maker's Apprentices and we had a lot of fun making our spectacular stars.







Room 2

Room 2 has been learning how to play t-ball as part of PE.







Interschool Athletics Competition

A few of our Year 7/8 students competed in the Interschool Athletics last week, some even taking our top 3 placings.

Well done to all that competed!

Year 7 Girls:

Eva Bullock - 2nd 200m Heats

3rd 200m Finals

Year 8 Girls:

Olivia Lim - 2nd High Jump

Olivia Lim - 3rd Long Jump

Lucia Pound - 3rd 200m Heat (Heat 2)

Harlynn Faalili - 3rd 200m Heat (Heat 3)

2nd 100m Sprint

3rd 100m Finals

Year 8 Boys:

Zachary Stynder - 3rd 200m Heat

Joel Malcom - 3rd High Jump

WATER IS LIFE KENYA-NZ MEGA GARAGE SALE BOOKS • GENERAL-ITEMS • FOOD SAT 30th NOVEMBER Faith City Church - 9am Start 127 Springvale Road Proceeds will support 127 Springvale Road Water is Life KENYA-NZ Water is Life KENYA-NZ

What: Raising funds to build a 1 million litre water reservoir in Kenya.

Why: To stop women walking 2 hours daily to get water!!!

Where: Faith City Church, 127 Springvale Rd – Bring the whole family,

Books, plants, general, elec items, new and used, Christmas Trees, hot food, drinks, bbq,

Kenyan food. All welcome!

Details: to donate goods or offer help Contact Julie Nabaala 0274 621 311

Water is Life Kenya-NZ



These experiences can be booked at https://steaminc.org.nz/book-train-trip/whanganui-vintage-weekend-steam-trains/



Athletics is for everybody!

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THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS





Join us for a coffee and play Every Thursday 9am-11am @ the faith city crèche room 0-5



