



FAITH
CITY SCHOOL

Te Kura Hāpori o te Whakapono

**Faith City
School**
NEWSLETTER
Term 1
19 February 2025

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Faith City School Whānau,

Welcome to the start of a brand-new school year at Faith City School. I trust that you have all had a restful and blessed holiday season. Our students have started the year exceptionally well and have been excited to be back for another year of learning.

A highlight during my break was supporting Sgt. Nare Whittaker as he received his Mataora at Turangawaewae Marae at the Airforce base in Ohakea. It was a privilege to see his whānau's aroha for him.

So, as we begin 2025, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the goodness of God in bringing us together as a school community. We continue to focus as a school on "Walking in His Ways, that we may live; that it may be well with each of us and attain a long and blessed life" (Deuteronomy 5:33). Let this remind us that as we step into this year, we seek to follow God's path, trusting in His wisdom and grace in all we do.

A Warm Welcome

A special welcome to our new students, families, and staff who are joining us for the first time. We pray that you will find Faith City School to be a place where you feel valued, encouraged, and supported. We are excited to journey with you as we learn and grow together in Christ.

What's Ahead

This term is shaping up to be an exciting one! Here are a few key highlights:

- Meet the Teacher Evening – A great opportunity to connect with your child's teacher, hear about class expectations, and set goals for the year.
- Whānau BBQ at Whanganui East – A wonderful opportunity to come together and enjoy each other's company.
- Chapel Services – A time for worship, Bible teaching, and encouragement as we build our faith together. Our first chapel service will be led by Caleb Rowe, Vicar of Whanganui.
- Sports & Extracurricular Activities – Sports are underway!

Partnering Together

At Faith City School, we believe in strong partnerships between home and school. We encourage you to stay engaged with your child's learning journey, pray for our students and staff, and be involved wherever you can. Together, we can create an environment where every child flourishes academically, spiritually, and emotionally.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 27 February

Whanau Swim & BBQ
at Whanganui East
Pools 4:30pm to
6:30pm

Friday 14 March

Teacher Only Day

Thursday 20 March

Super 6 Swimming
Year 7 & 8

Friday 21 March

Badminton Comp
Rooms 5 & 4

Tuesday 1 April

Tabloid Sports
Years 1 to 3

Thursday 10 April

Super 6 Softball
Year 7 & 8

Friday 11 April

Last Day of Term 1

Monday 28 April

Term 2 Starts

One amazing family that has excelled in supporting the school is the Dowman whānau. Sadly, they have accepted a new position in Christchurch and will be leaving us shortly. Esther has been an incredible choreographer and dance teacher at the school, led our sports programs, run the breakfast club, and taken photos for fundraisers—we're going to miss her greatly. Scott has been instrumental in supporting numerous building projects, coaching many of our teams, and serving as a Board Member for some time, including as Presiding Member for the last three years. We are very sad to see them leave. A formal Poroporoaki will take place when they depart—I'll keep you posted on the date and time.

As we embark on this year, let us hold onto God's promise in Isaiah 41:10: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." May this be a year of growth, joy, and blessings for our school community.

We look forward to an amazing year ahead! May God's grace and peace be with you all.

Blessings,
Marty Bullock
Principal, Faith City School

SAUSAGE *Sizzle*

Sausage & bread
\$2.50
Can of fizzy drink
\$2.50
Bottle of water
\$2.50
Small ice block
\$2.00



PTA Whanau Swim Fundraiser

Thursday 27 Feb at Whanaganui East Pools

New Staff

This year we have two new teaching staff joining us. We are excited to have them with us.



Mrs Mandy Nevay

Mandy is teaching in Room 1, she has 20 year of experience teaching new entrant students.

Ms Kerry Baxter

Kerry is teaching in Room 5 with our Year 6 and Year 7 students.

Kerry is a newly trained teacher who come to us with great enthusiaism.



Room 1 – Settling In

The Room 1 children have been having lots of fun in the classroom and playground in the last few weeks. As well as learning new vocabulary, how to write their name and counting forwards and backwards to twenty, they are also learning valuable social skills while playing with their friends.



Room 2 – Swimming

Room 2 is gaining confidence in the swimming pool. We are learning to enter the water safely, move in and under the water as well as float on our front and back with nice straight legs to kick.



Room 3 – Respect Values



Room 3, signed an agreement which is based on our whole school respect values.

We made our korowai, a cloak that represents us. Taonga (treasure) we belong in Christ, our uniqueness, and that we are connected together in our learning and with our surroundings.

Plus, Room 3, have each planted a sunflower seed. We have a journal which we have already recorded what it will need to help it grow (soil, water, sunlight). We measured how deep we would need to plant our seed. Also, we have noted what we think it will look like when it flowers, when we think it will sprout, how tall we think our sunflower will be. This learning is connected with Theme - Living Communities.



Room 7 – Classroom Treaty

Room 7 enjoyed working in their groups to plan and design their own posters for our classroom treaty this year. Learning to contribute in discussions, collaborate, share ideas and participate in this challenge, engaged them. They also enjoyed doing some Maths outside and soaking up the sun while working either individually or in pairs. It has been a wonderful start to the new school year!



Room 6 – Creative Writing



Room 6 CREATIVE WRITING

Suddenly a dark blue sky appeared. A scramble of stars stretched through the galaxy. Transparent clouds hide in the beautiful misty space. It's cold, Lonely and spacious. A fantastic big galaxy. -Flynn



I opened my eyes to a beautiful world of adventures. Adventures that start in the deep long grass of flowers. The hills stand sturdy like big bears hibernating. The tall snowy mountains look like big misty cubes, tall as the sky fluttering in the deep blue sky. Colourful flowers sway in the distance, beautiful and colourful like a rainbow in the sky.

-Jemima



Plankton dancing in the blue-green ocean. Spiky rocks sitting on the ocean floor. The sea looks lonely and empty with nothing in it. The bottom of the ocean is full of shadows. Sunlight bounces off the top of the ocean like a tennis racket hitting a ball. The ocean hugs whales as they swim through

sparkly water.

-Logan



Opening my eyes I was baffled by what I saw. A foreboding yet oddly beautiful castle loomed above me. Mist clung to the castle, fogging up the window panes so that the lights had a ghostly glow. The path led out and faded into the lake, reflecting the structure above. A mountain towered in the background, obscured by the fog.

-Toby



I open my eyes and find myself somewhere with mountains as big as a house. Dark brown grass and rocks big and little some hidden away. A puddle of water shines up to the yellow and orange clouds that look dry. The pretty blue sky and the sun going down, shines right at the yellow sparkling clouds. Tiger marks mark the sand. Hot and warm, nice and calm as I sit on the sand. - Taonga Nragro.

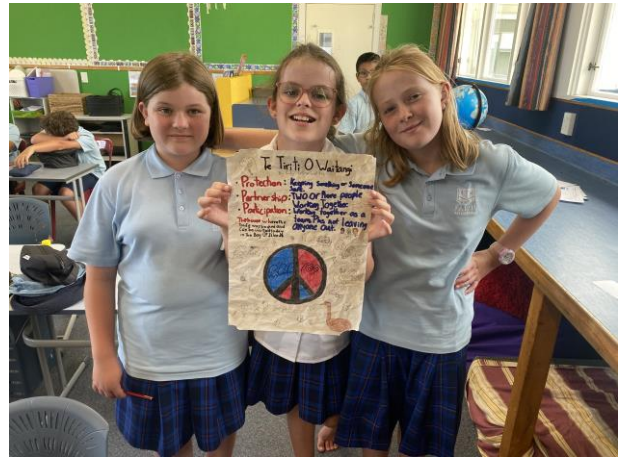


As I stepped into the frosty mist, a powdered mountain collapses melting snow down its black rocky peak. The bright blue sky whispers thick woollen clouds in the sky. Blue and white icy shadows sparkle on the white thick snow. Sharp rocks poke through the shiny ice.

-Archer

Room 5 – Te Tiriti I Waitangi

Here are some pictures of students learning about Te Tiriti I Waitangi. They learned by worked in groups to produce a poster about their understanding on the 3 mains points of the treaty: partnership, protection, participation. Students are presenting their posters describing their understanding and what they learned. They have had so much fun doing it.



Room 4 – Creative Writing & Buddy Time

Angry, desperate, and terrified eyes shine in the darkness, glaring at all captors who dare to stand outside and taunt their prisoners. His raven black, straw-like hair stands on end, nowhere near long enough to cover a hollow scarred face. Barbed wire holds all captives in a cold, cramped, claustrophobic space, worn and battered hands tightly clamped over chests in the hope of staying warm, but failing miserably. Torn jeans, a disintegrating shirt, and a ragged ripped black leather jacket cover his skeleton of a body, hollow from lack of food. A parched empty voice shouts out in protest but stops once the threats start. An abandoned soul, without a scrap of hope left, stands silent and accepts his fate.

By Eloise



School Times

Please be on time to school!

Please be at school before 8.50am, students must be ready for class at 8.55 when the bell goes. Please do not be at school before 8.30am unless going to breakfast Club which is 8.20am – 8.45am

School finishes at 3.00pm. Students need to be collected by 3.20pm and definitely no later than 3.30pm. After this time there is no supervision for students. Teachers have work to do and cannot be expected to supervise students who haven't been collected on time.

School Shoes

Below are our uniform school sandals and shoes. Please can you ensure that your child has the correct footwear for school.

Uniform sandals and shoes are available from Anderson Uniforms which is located at 184 Victoria Avenue, Whanganui. No 1 Shoes also has some styles available.

Summer sandals:



Winter shoes:



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AVAILABLE WORKSHOPS:

SELECTING
TUE 11 FEB
6:00PM-8:00PM

DEVELOPING PHYSICAL CAPACITY
THU 10 APR
6:00PM-8:00PM

ATTACK, DEFENCE & THROUGH COURT
MON 28 APR
6:00PM-9:00PM

SKILL ANALYSIS & SHOOTING
MON 5 MAY
6:00PM-8:30PM

ALL WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD AT LAIRD PARK NETBALL COURTS

06 281 3625 - 98 Peat Street Whanganui - ndo@netballwhanganui.co.nz

TERM 1 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME YEARS 7-10



ABOUT THIS PROGRAMME:

98 Peat Street Laird Park
Netball Courts
Starts Tuesday 18 February
(6 weeks)
3:45PM to 5:00PM

Please bring netball shoes, a drink bottle and an appropriate outfit to train in.

For any enquiries please contact our Development Officer Natale Hales
ndo@netballwhanganui.co.nz

- \$20 fee per player
- Years 7 to 10
- Suitable for all levels

PROGRAMME FOCUS:

- Strengthening & Conditioning for season readiness

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JUNIOR UMPIRE ACADEMY



SCAN TO REGISTER



For:

Year 7 to Year 13 Umpires

Dates:

Wed 5 March to Wed 9th April

Where:

Laird Park Netball Courts

Time:

3:45pm - 5:00pm

Cost:

\$20 fee per registrant

Purpose:

Introduction to umpiring & getting started

Includes:

Whistle, hair ties & pen

FOR ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT
ND0@NETBALLWHANGANUI.CO.NZ





After School Pottery classes for ages 7-10 years old

Pottery is a great way to get busy hands expressing their creativity . In this class the children are encouraged to make the items they want from functional cups and plates to dragons, minecraft characters or something completely dreamt up by them.

Fiona the tutor has been a teacher aide for 15 years and worked with pottery for over 20 years. She now runs McLeod pottery.

Classes are for 6 weeks with a makeup class at the end of term for missed sessions because of school camp or illness. To cost \$200 and term starts on the 11th February. Classes are in Castlecliff

To book ph 0211378719 or visit www.mcleodpottery.co.nz

Music Group

A Christian based pre-school music group is held every Monday during the school term at Marist Rugby Club, Spriggens Park.

The half hour session is at 10am, with morning tea for the children to follow. There is no charge. All very welcome.