



FAITH
CITY SCHOOL

Te Kura Hāpori o te Whakapono

**Faith City
School**
NEWSLETTER
Term 1
17 March 2025

From the Principal's Desk

Dear School Community,

I hope this message finds you well. I am excited to share the latest updates from our school newsletter, highlighting our community's achievements, upcoming events, and the initiatives designed to enrich our students' educational experiences.

The Family BBQ at the Pool

The Family BBQ at the pool was a true highlight for our school. It was wonderful to see so many families coming together and forming new connections. A heartfelt thank you goes to the PTA for supplying the BBQ and making this event a success.

PTA Initiatives

Our PTA has an excellent fundraising plan in place for 2025. The funds raised will help reduce camp costs at the end of the year and contribute to building a new playground area. Book Character Day is back on the schedule—please note that, unfortunately, Captain Underpants will not be available this year. We encourage everyone to support the PTA and these initiatives that benefit our students and their families.

FCS Board of Trustees (BOT) Update

I am pleased to welcome two new members to the Board of Trustees. Mel Carey and Tiare Wylie fill two vacant spots as parent representatives. We are very grateful for their wisdom and experience, which will greatly benefit our school.

I also congratulate Anthea Stynder, who was voted in as the Presiding Member (Board Chair) of the FCS Board of Trustees. Having served as a parent representative for some time, Anthea will surely add calm and wise direction to the board. Additionally, the proprietor can appoint up to four proprietor representatives to the BOT. This year, Chris Alexander, Tim Price, and Christine Waitai-Rapana have been appointed, and Sue Little continues as our staff representative. As this is a BOT election year, please consider standing for one of the five parent representative positions. The election will take place around September 2025.

Upcoming Events

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

Breakfast Club

A big thank you to our breakfast club volunteers! It is wonderful to know that our students start their day with a nutritious meal. Your dedication is a tremendous blessing to our school community.

A Message from Proverbs 3:5-6

We have so much to be thankful for as a school, and I would like to share a brief reflection inspired by Proverbs 3:5-6:

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.”

As we face both challenges and triumphs, let us embrace this wisdom. May it encourage us to trust in the guidance available to us, knowing that every step we take together strengthens and lights our way forward. In doing so, we will witness God’s blessing on our lives and on the life of our school.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to making our school a place where our students can grow into all that God created them to be.

Blessings

Marty Bullock

Principal, Faith City School

Car Park



Please do not walk across the car park.

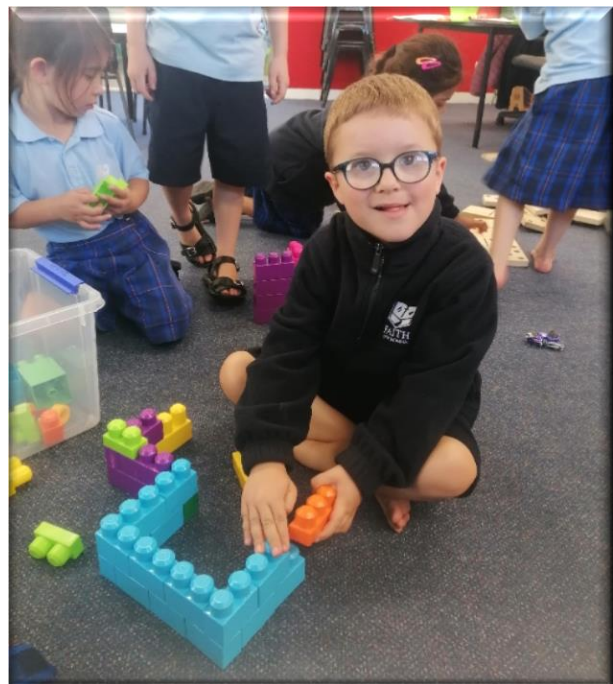
Walk to the footpath on the side you park on only. If you must cross only use the crossing path at the front gates and cross over there. Please ensure grandparents and other whānau doing pick up are aware of this rule.

The carpark can be very congested at 3pm, by 3.10pm there is often more spaces available.

Please take care, be patient and courteous to others and drive slowly.

Room 1 – Families

In Room 1 we have been learning about families and used different classroom resources to build homes and our family of dolls. We also brought in photos of our special families and enjoyed learning about the different members of a family.



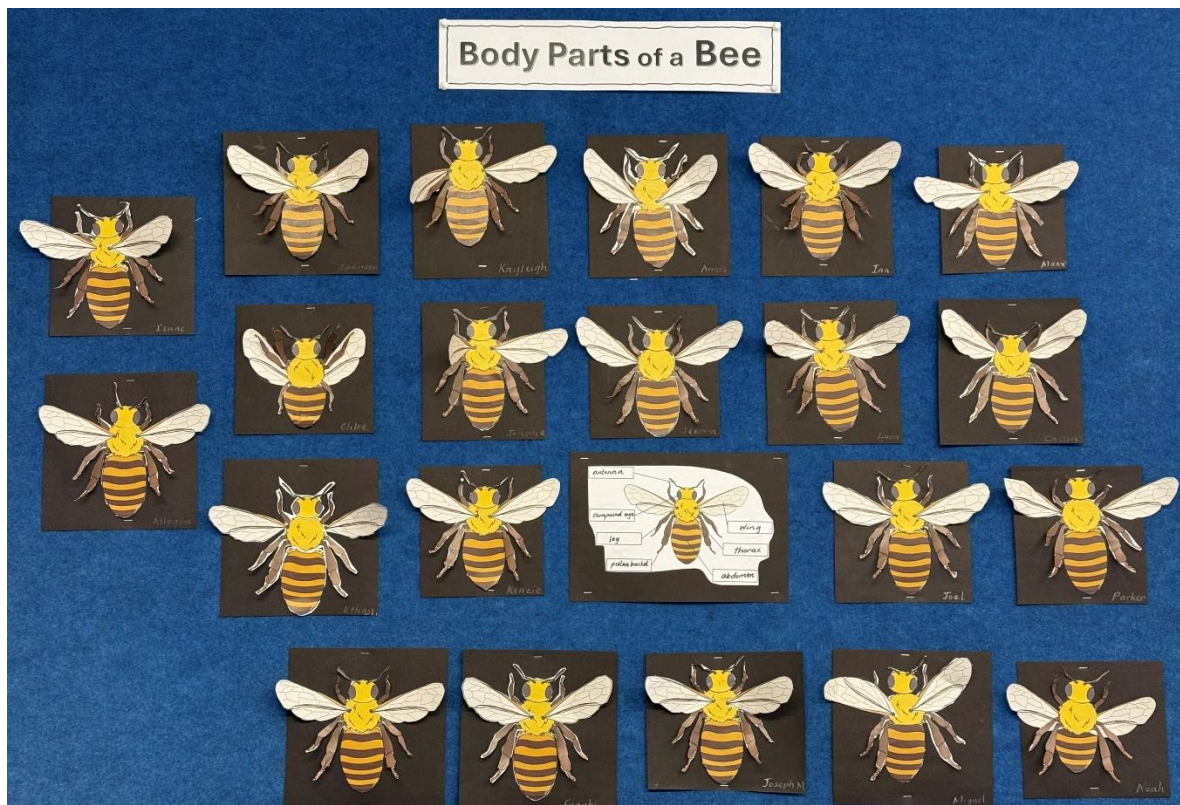
Room 2 – Busy Bees

Room 2 are learning about bees this term. We are looking forward to our visit to the Canaan honey farm in two weeks' time!



Room 3 – Bees & Plants

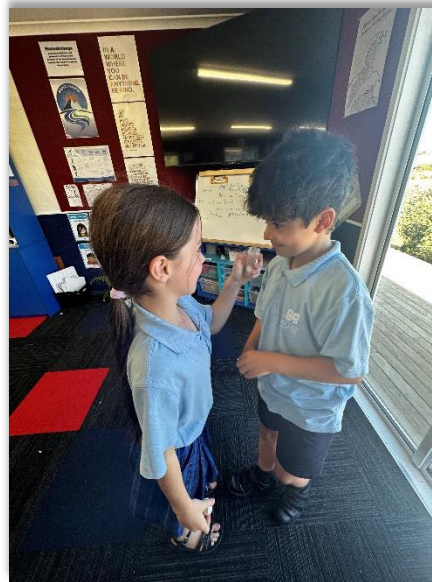
Room 3 are learning about bees and plants. We planted a sunflower 🌻 seed. We are making sure we water it and put it out in the sunshine. We are measuring its growth and are enjoying watching its progress. Room 3 is also enjoying learning about bees.



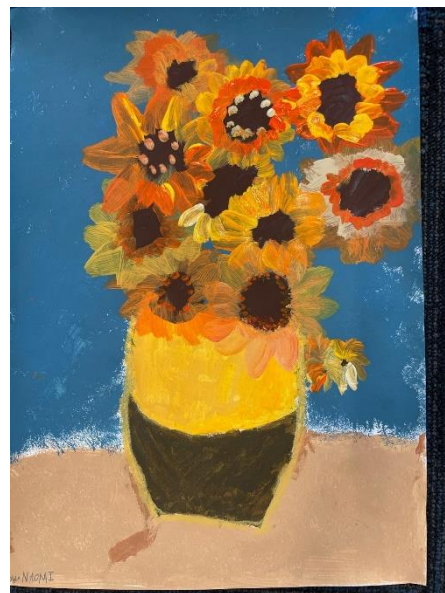
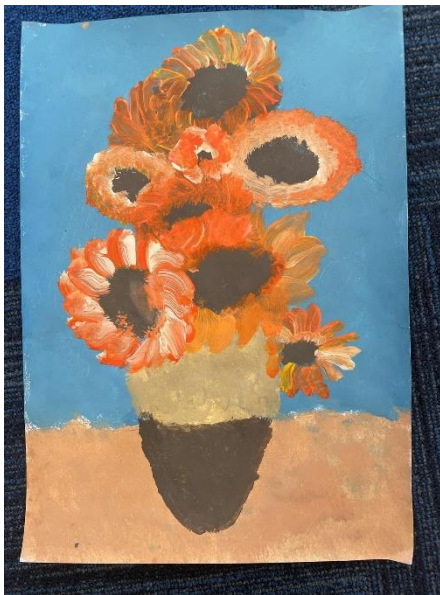
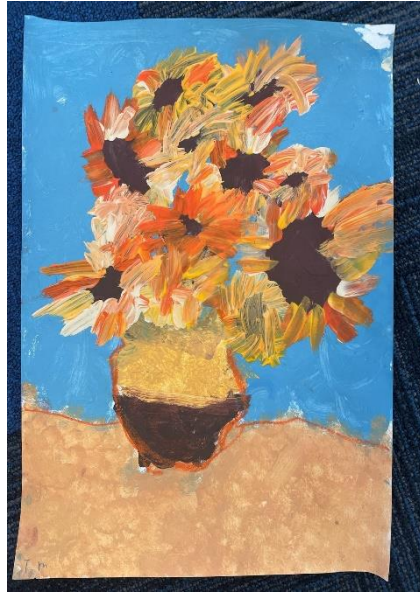
Room 7 – New Zealand's Native Bush



Why is New Zealand's native bush important, and how can we protect it? This is what we are investigating in Room 7. Also learning more about our native trees and birds. As an introduction, we did an activity called "Find My Family", where each student got a vial, which is a pest. They had to go around and use their sense of smell to find their "family" - a scent/smell that is similar or the same to theirs. The smells that were to be located were lavender, orange, lemon, spearmint and peppermint. Room 7 tamariki thoroughly enjoyed this task!



Room 6 – Van Gogh Sunflowers



Room 5 – The Three Bears

Room 5 explored creative writing by reimagining *The Three Bears* from a fresh perspective. Instead of the traditional tale, they stepped into the shoes of different characters, retelling the events from a new point of view. Their writing focused on using rich language features to engage the reader and bring their version of the story to life.

Some students had the opportunity to read their stories aloud to an 'audience,' while everyone received peer feedback from a classmate. They then used this feedback to refine and improve their final edits, making their writing even stronger.



The Bear Who Got Robbed.

I stepped foot onto my large, beautiful cottage from the long and loopy road. I was pumped and excited to devour the soft and creamy porridge dumped with lumpy rice. It is so yummy even though it was like the colour of dirty teeth! I peered into the high table as it towered over me and stared back at my eyeballs. But on the table was an empty bowl standing lifeless. The worst possible thing in the world came to be! My porridge had completely vanished! My heart felt like it got stabbed and ginormous tears swelled in my eyes. Every bit of porridge had been eaten. I couldn't even lick a bit of the large coloured coconut shell bowl! I should have tasted soft, lumpy and creamy porridge before we left! Then, it hit me, someone... or something beat me to my breakfast! But who... or what could it be...?

By Adrien R π

Feedback

Nice describing words

I suggest you could add some more smileie

Mason

Open Door, Bad news

I just came back from a lovely walk. Something was off because the door was wide open! Worry swarmed like an angry hive of bees in my mind. My legs dashed me to the kitchen. To my horror, the steamy porridge was all gobbled up! I turned and saw my beloved chair demolished. It laid there like shards of broken glass. My heart exploded with sadness as Papa had made the chair for me on my sixth birthday. It means the world to be because it has beautiful flowers and a dragon carved on it and it was made especially for me! Big fat tears spurt out of my blue eyes. Soon I wiped the tears off my furry cheeks and carried on.

I thought it couldn't get any worse but oh yes it did. My ears picked up some loud snoring from upstairs. I went up the dusty, wooden stairs to investigate. The beds were in a pig style, blankets smushed up and pillows on the floor collecting dust. I looked at my bed and saw a large bump under the covers. The bump had golden, curly hair peeking out. Suddenly the bump got up and gave a large yawn, It was a girl! She screamed when she saw me and ran out like there was a pack of rabid wolves chasing her. A FEW MINUTES LATER she came back and offered to help clean up the mess, I happily accepted her offer. We spent one hour making the house as squeaky clean as a marble floor after being mopped. After cleaning up the mess we enjoyed some nice boiling creamy porridge.

By Cleo

Feed back:

Nice work Cleo, I like your describing words. Try and remember to put spaces between your . and ,
-Clara

GOLDILOCKS INVASION

I came from in the woods far away, lost and confused. I found a secret cottage. I went inside starving to death, my stomach rumbling loudly like an earthquake. I saw three bowls of porridge. I sprinted over towards the steamy goodness. I tried the two big bowls, They were not the right temperature, the small bowl, ah it was just right! I really need to sit down. The first chair was too big and it was as hard as concrete. The second chair was too soft, it was as soft as a marshmallow but the last one was perfect, but in seconds it broke. I crashed down hard on my bottom bruised and battered. I'm going to have a nap because my eyes wont stay open. I went into the ginormous bed. It was too hard, it was as hard as concrete. The second bed was as soft as a kitten. The smallest was the best one. It was comfy. I fall asleep immediately and my body lays as still as a power pole in the city.

By Leo

Feedback

Amazing description and great story.

It's very good, no bad feedback and nothing to work on.

Room 4 – Badminton & Softball

Room 4 has been enjoying badminton training on Wednesday afternoons after swimming. They will put the skills they have learned into practice during the Year 7 & 8 competition in a couple of weeks.



Room 4 has also had a special guest in to teach and coach the Super 6 softball team. The whole class has been practicing skills and enjoying playing games.

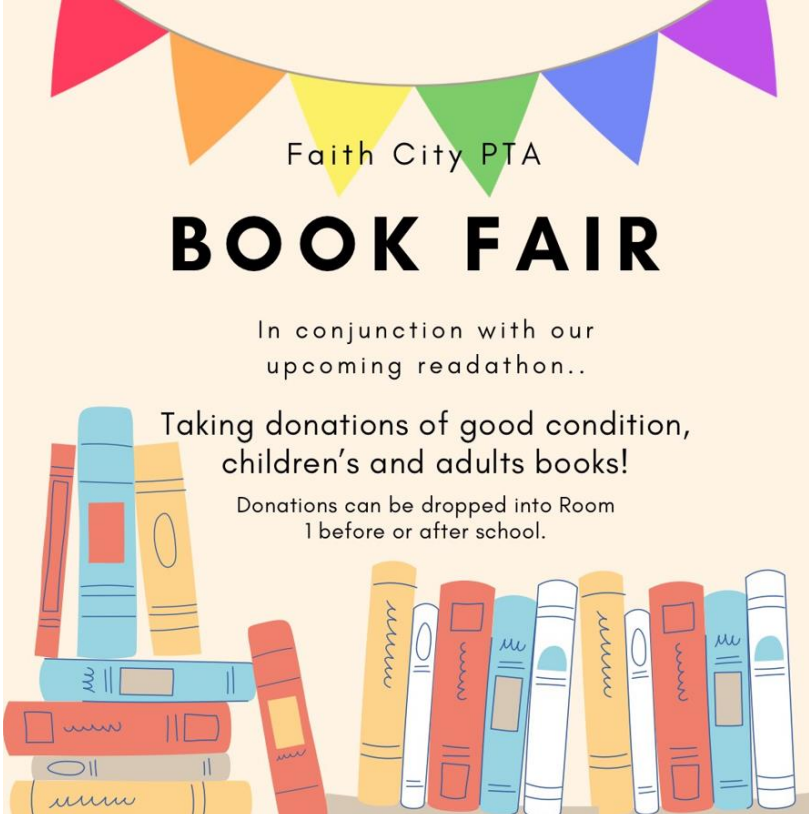


Absentees & Late Arrivals

If your child is going to be away sick or away for another reason please let us know before the start of the school day if possible.

There are a lot of ways to do this: submit an absence on the Edge app, email admin@faithcity.school.nz, ring 345 7737 or send Robyn a message on dojo.

Any student who is late for school needs to go to the office and let the office know that they have arrived.



Faith City PTA

BOOK FAIR

In conjunction with our upcoming readathon..

Taking donations of good condition, children's and adults books!

Donations can be dropped into Room 1 before or after school.



Made for Girls.

Open Day

Friday 28 March, 10am

For full details and to register, visit ngatawa.school.nz/openday

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