



FAITH
CITY SCHOOL

Te Kura Hāpori o te Whakapono

Faith City
School
NEWSLETTER
Term 1
04 April 2025

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora whānau,

As we come to the end of Term 1, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible learning, growth, and experiences we have shared as a school community. It has been a term filled with excitement, discovery, and a deepening of our faith as we continue to see God's hand at work in Faith City School.

Our students have been engaged in a wide range of learning opportunities—from mathematical exploration in Room 1 to hands-on experiences at Canaan Honey Farm in Rooms 1- 3. Our senior students have been creatively expressing their understanding of Easter, while others have been refining their skills in sign language, storytelling, and scientific inquiry. It is a joy to see our students learning with curiosity and enthusiasm, while also strengthening their relationships with one another and with Christ.

This term, we have also had special events that brought our school community together, including sporting activities, cultural celebrations, and opportunities for service. We are so proud of our students for the way they support and encourage one another, demonstrating the love and character of Christ in all they do.

On Friday, the last day of term, our esteemed Year 7 & 8 teacher, Mrs. Sue Little, will teach her final class as a full-time classroom teacher—marking the end of a truly remarkable era. Sue has been an incredible teacher, working tirelessly and still managing to run rings around the younger staff! Her dedication has ensured that her students leave for secondary school exceptionally well-prepared, both academically and spiritually. It is always heartwarming to see her past students return to share their journeys and express their gratitude with a hug. I shared many words about Sue at last year's prizegiving, but I want to take this opportunity again to thank her for the unwavering support she has given me as a new principal. Her wisdom and expertise have been invaluable, especially as we navigated challenging times, including the complexities of COVID-19. Sue, while we are saddened by the end of your time in the classroom, we are incredibly grateful that you will continue to support our school this year and beyond. We celebrate your outstanding career and pray abundant blessings over you as you step into this next chapter.

As we head into the term break, I encourage each of our families to take time to rest and reflect. May this be a time of renewal, where we remember the sacrifice and resurrection of our Lord and celebrate His goodness in our lives.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday, 28 April**, for the start of Term 2, which promises even more exciting learning opportunities, including our **Book Character Dress-Up Day in Week 3**.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers for our school. May God bless you and your families over the break.

Ngā mihi nui,

Marty Bullock

Upcoming Events

Thursday 10 April
Super 6 Softball
Year 7 & 8

Friday 11 April
Crazy Hair Day &
Last Day of Term 1

Monday 28 April
Term 2 Starts

Week 3 Term 2
Book Character Dress
Up Day, one day this
week

Room 1 – Mathematicians

The children in Room 1 really enjoy their maths lessons and recently they have been learning about ordinal numbers, patterns and number names. To celebrate New Zealand Math's Day, they spent some time doing counting activities and playing maths games.



Room 2 – Busy Little Bees



Yesterday I went to the bee farm and I listened to my teacher. I walked with my teacher. And the man extracted the honey. The bees find the flowers because they suck the nectar to make honey.

-Damien



We went to a bee farm. It was fun. I liked about it was the stiring. I got to taste honey. It was Yum! It was extremely sweet. It was yummy and wet in my mouth. It was sticky in my hand. It was dripping in my hand.

-India



Yesterday I went walking to the bee farm. And on the walk to the bee farm I saw a chicken. I had fun. And also on the walk Mrs Price did a ballet move. And I tasted honey. It was yummy.

-Natalie



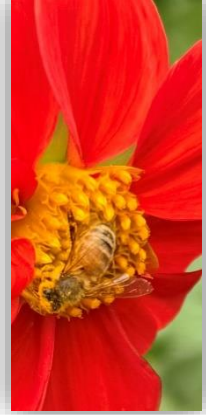
The Honey Farm visit
On Tuesday we went to the bee farm. We got there. Then we saw the beekeeper. The beekeeper was nice. His wife was holding James the baby. It was time to taste the honey and the honey was yummy! The honey was very yummy but it was gooey. It was very sweet. I liked the honey. Then we saw hundreds and hundreds of bees. The bees were flying everywhere. The bees were making honey. It was gold and yellow.

-Ryan



Room 3 – Canaan Honey Farm

Room 3 learned a lot about honey and bees at Canaan Honey Farm. We were amazed to see a beekeeper up close. There were lots of wow moments and laughter as we discovered information we did not know. Somethings we did were: look closely at bees collecting honey and saw them coated in pollen, we put a hive back together, we granulated honey and tasted different flavours of honey, plus we tasted honey straight from the honeycomb.



During this term we have been learning how good God's word is.

Psalm 19:10 God's word is sweeter than honey, sweeter than the honeycomb.

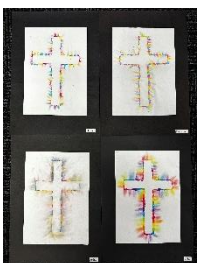
Room 1, 2 & 3 – Tabloid Sports





Room 7 – Easter

With Easter slowly approaching, Room 7 has been reflecting on this significant time for us as Christians. We have been discussing and learning a bit more in depth what it was like for Jesus before his crucifixion and what he was feeling. His obedience to God, his prayers beforehand, still praying for God's will to be done. Indeed how much he loves each and everyone of us and what he did for us - sacrificed for us. We also made an art piece as a reminder of this, highlighting what the cross means to us.




Revelation 1:5-6

And from Jesus Christ. He is the faithful witness to these things, the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of all the kings of the world. All glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us. He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

Room 6 – Creative Writing

Our class have been busy crafting amazing creative writing pieces about New Zealand's native birds and the predators that threaten them. This exciting project was closely linked to our living world science unit, where we explored the NZ bush and its unique animals. Each child planned their story by choosing characters, identifying a problem involving a NZ pest and coming up with a resolution. The process was full of creativity and learning as they brought their ideas to life.

The mysterious jungle



In a Jungle with a beautiful sunset sky, was a path that led into a dark misty maze that had footsteps with lots of leaves, it started to rain and all the dry plants started to build up power to grow bigger and stronger. Dangerous trees were rotting and started to fall. The sound of the rain was satisfying like nails hitting plastic. All the trees didn't have shadows, lots of leaves were flying around being synced with the wind. The rain stopped and the sun rose like fire spreading around the world, the maze ended as the sky grew darker.

A fantail appears, Its wings flapping like a fan. It has beautiful shiny black eyes with a small tiny beak and a cute fluffy chin with long feathers at the back. Its colours were brown, black, and white. It had clinging clawing feet. The fantail kept jumping and went away. It came back with its family member.

Suddenly a rat climbs down a brown tree branch. Its eyes glow and it sniffs the bird. Slowly the rat creeps into the fantails warm nest without the fanail knowing. The sneaky rat steals three tiny eggs and pops them in its mouth to take home for his baby rats. Fantail comes back and she is shocked. Her babies are gone! She looks and looks around but finds nothing. The fantail flies back into the trees to her empty nest and she cries.

By Azaria

New zealand Fantail




A bright light, blazing through the big, green trees. Walking on the long, rocky path, leaves fall upon the ground. As you go deeper and deeper, a fallen tree lies in the way. Shadows shade in the sun rotting logs are everywhere. Ferns are soft like cotton candy. Plants growing before your eyes and Mossy Vines climbing up to the cloud and dark shapes everywhere. On the bark, Quiet rustling in the trees... POPI A New Zealand Fantail, Flies down onto some light green leaves. Its long feathers peek over the leaves. Its tiny, cute beak peaking on the bark, light brown wings and shadows moving all over the place. Its small feet runs across the decaying leaves, the fantail's white and black face turn sharply, it starts to hunt lots of bugs. Swish swoosh through the trees it's got its prey while it's eating, its fanned tail is moving up and down in the air.

The Fantail looked around, not knowing something just moved in the corner of its eye, there was a hedgehog creeping underneath the big trees. Its long nose was sticking through the leaves and its little legs across the forest floor fast. Only now the Fantail realized if it didn't fly away or move it was dinner. It Didn't move not long after it was on the floor under the Hedgehog about to be dinner... Gobble smack the hedgehog has eaten the fantail and became a predator.

Written by Peyton

The attack of the wild cat.



The forest smells like moss. Rotting trees and plants fill the forest floor. Rotting trees make the forest smell but plants make the forest smell so good. The logs fall and creates bridges. The tall trees swaying in the bright sky. Mossy vines peep out of. Deep dark holes in the side of the tree. The trees and grass is probably the most peaceful part of the jungle. There are peaceful ferns on the tree and brown dead leaves litter the wet muddy path.

Suddenly the tomtit popped onto a twisted brown log. His little cute tummy has eaten too much, you do not want to go anywhere near his feet. Because they look sharp and spiky feet. The tomtils' eyes are black. The background of the bush is so bright green. It is so beautiful. The tomtils beak is so sharp you don't want to go here his beak. The tomtils walks along the branch looking for food.

The bird chirped happily not noticing the quiet hidden watcher. The bird hops from tree to tree singing happily. Out of the darkness creeps out a feral cat. Its fur is stripy black with white and brown spots. Its evil smile shows terribly sharp teeth. It looks at the tomtil and the tomtil tries to fly away but the wild evil cat chases it and starts to attack the tomtil. Its head gets chopped off by the sharp claws of the wild cat. Blood shatters everywhere.


Author: Aksel

NEW ZEALAND NATURE

Winding through the forest a beautiful rocky path sits in the middle of mossy grass. Leaves fall gently from the trees onto the forest floor. Plants grow slowly and quietly. A waterfall fastly zooms down a rocky hill. What a beautiful sky peeking through the trees. Mossy logs sit on the forest floor blocking the path.

Quiet rustling in the bushes stood a mother kiwi in the deep dark wet forest. The ferns have fallen onto the ground. The beautiful kiwi has a long beak and black eyes. The small body sits and the brown feathers with white stripes blows in the breeze. There are hardly any colours on the sad ground, Kiwi said she wishes she could fly!

All of the sudden the ferns rustle quietly as a pest tramples closer. Its black eyes spots the Kiwi eggs. Snuffing with its little nose, and with spiky tiny ears it listens to the mother Kiwi coming back with food. The Hedgehog waits and then it springs into action. Mother kiwi spots the hedgehog and gets really mad and scared of the Hedgehog. The Hedgehog Takes the challenge and tries to kill the mother kiwi. Mum was sad, very sad and filled with pain. Mother was sad with blood running down her face. The Hedgehog ran off and never came back again Mum has survived and now lives a happy life with her baby kiwis.



Written by Alexis

Room 5 – Sign Language

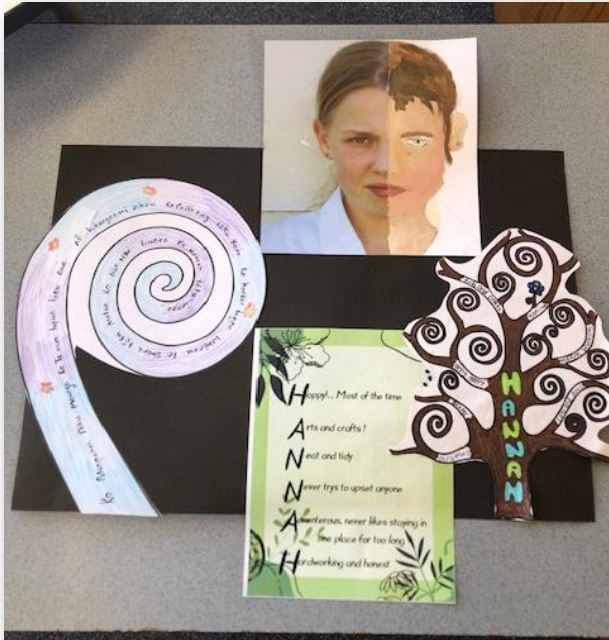
Room 5 has been enthusiastically exploring New Zealand Sign Language under the guidance of Mrs. Stevens, with support from Ms. Baxter. The students have truly embraced learning through songs, showing so much enthusiasm that many chose to attend extra lunchtime lessons. Their gratitude shone through when they created a heartfelt card for Mrs. Stevens, who was deeply moved by their thoughtful mihi (acknowledgement and tribute). Room 5 is excited to showcase their hard work and skills by signing a full worship song at the school assembly this Friday. Tino pai Room 5 students!



Room 4 – Watercolours &

Room 4 has been working with watercolours this term. They have learned about different watercolour techniques and developed confidence in using watercolour as a medium.

They have used art techniques, their pepeha, poetry, and a tree of interests to introduce themselves to the new teacher next term. Their work is displayed in Room 4. Pop in and have a look sometime.



All students enjoyed the first aid course this term. Here are some examples of what we did in the senior school.



The senior badminton competition was well run by the sport leaders a couple of weeks ago. Here are the results:

Year 7 Boys

Estian 1st Johan 2nd William 3rd Adrian 4th

Year 7 Girls

Annabelle 1st Amelia 2nd Natasha 3rd Ana 4th

Year 8 Boys

Isaac 1st Aaron 2nd Oliver 3rd Ethan 4th

Year 8 Girls

Olivia 1st Eva 2nd Ivy 3rd Katie 4th

The Prodigals

We now have last year's production The Prodigals uploaded to a school YouTube Channel.

Please contact the office if you wish to have the link to access and view this.

Faith City PTA

CRAZY

Hair Day

Friday 11th April



•Bring \$2 to school alongside your most craziest or creative hair style.

•Sausage sizzle available for lunch- \$2.50 per sausage, juice Friday is also still available for \$2 (please send students with cash)

Stuck for hair creations? Check out Pinterest!

Thank you for supporting our school PTA!

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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.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

Location: 11 Kotuku Street, Castlecliff

Make a mug, pen pot or vase

April 15th at 10.30am,

Learn how to roll out a slab of clay, add patterns into it and create your own mug for hot chocolate, pen pot for your desk or vase for your favourite flowers

April 15th at 10.30am, \$35 per child. Book

www.mcleodpottery.co.nz

Location 11 Kotuku St, Castlecliff



Pinch pot bowls

Date-17th April, 10.30am.

Learn how to make a pinch pot bowl, make three bowls that nest inside each other. Great for all your nik naks, favourite snacks or dips. \$35 per child

Date-17th April, 10.30am.. Book www.mcleodpottery.co.nz

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