

From the Principal's Desk



Tēnā koutou katoa,

What a vibrant and busy Term 2 we are having at Faith City School! Sports competitions, Puanga Breakfast, our Kapa Haka performance at Memorial Hall, and ERO to come!

We've had some fantastic achievements this term. A huge congratulations to our Year 7 & 8 Netball team who bravely faced the rain and cold to emerge as Super 6 netball tournament champions! Their determination and teamwork were truly inspiring. Our Year 5 and 6 Netball teams also won the Contributing Schools competition last week. It put a dent in my pizza budget! Ka mau te wehi – tino pai tamariki! Our Readathon Fundraiser was also a resounding success, raising over \$4000 for camps and playground updates. The Book Character Day showcased incredible creativity, and it was wonderful to see so many students engaging with reading in such a fun way. The book sale was amazing! Thank you to our PTA and everyone who supported these initiatives – it will make a huge difference to camp costs.

We also had some excellent learning experiences in our classrooms, from Room 1's Te Reo games, to Room 2 & 3's insightful turtle writing, and Room 3's visit from MP Carl Bates. Our Room 6 and 7 students demonstrated superb tuakana-teina, guiding each other in digital presentations, and the 'Capture the Flag' challenge for Rooms 5 and 6 was a fantastic display of strategy and teamwork.

In our busyness, it's always good to take a moment for reflection.

A well-known scripture says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." – Philippians 4:13 (NIV). This verse from Philippians is a powerful reminder that no matter what challenges we face, we are not alone. Our students encounter new challenges every day, whether it's a difficult math problem, a new sporting skill, or learning to navigate friendships. As Faith City, we encourage our children to lean on God's strength. When we put our trust in Him, we find the courage, resilience, and wisdom to overcome obstacles and achieve things we might not have thought possible. Let's continue to empower our tamariki to believe in themselves and in the incredible strength that comes from their faith.

ERO, the Education Review Office, will be visiting the school in the last week of Term 2. On Tuesday, we have a whakatau pōwhiri for their team at 9:10 AM. You are welcome to attend this; it will be short and over by 9:20 AM. ERO will be looking at how the school is progressing, what it is doing well, and what areas might need improvement. We have been kind of looking forward to it – their last visit was in 2018, so we are well overdue.

Remember that our Board of Trustee elections are approaching next term. Please ensure your contact details are up-to-date with Robyn in the Office. You might also start to think about running for a seat on the BOT; feel free to have a catch-up with myself or our Presiding Member, Anthea Stynder. We are also taking enrolments for 2026, so if you have children turning 5 next year, please collect an application pack soon!

I look forward to celebrating Puanga breakfast with you all next week. We'll be in the gym, and access to kai will be a lot quicker!

Ngā mihi mahana,
Marty Bullock

**Faith City
School**
NEWSLETTER
Term 2
11 June 2025

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 18 June
Puanga Celebration
Breakfast 7:00am to
8:30am

Kapa Haka performing
at War Memorial Hall
9:15am to 10:30am

Friday 20 June
Matakiri (no school)

Thursday 26 June
Super Six Football

Friday 27 June
End of Term 2

Monday 14 July
Start of Term 3

Year 7 & 8 Netball Champions!

Despite the rain and cold, our Year 7 & 8 students showed incredible determination and teamwork at the Super 6 netball tournament. Their awesome play and great sportsmanship led them all the way to 1st place! Ka mau te wehi – tino pai tamariki!



Year 5 & 6 Netball Contributing Schools Champions!

Our year 5 and 6 team played in the contributing schools tournament and went through unbeaten. An awesome week for our netball teams!

Kapa Haka Festival – Puanga Event

This year our Kapa Haka lead by Nare Whittaker will take part in the inaugural Puanga Event at the War Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 18 June 2025.

FCS Kapa Haka are scheduled to perform in the first session which is from 9:15am to 10:30am.

Any parents who wish to come, watch and support our tamariki are welcome. We would love to have you there.

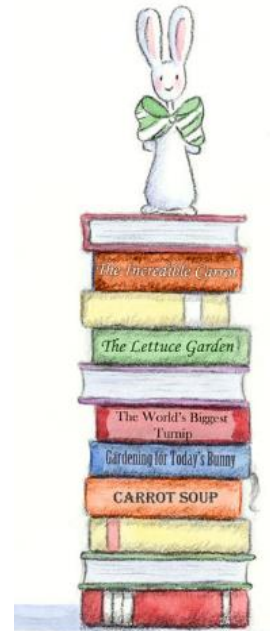
It is requested that everyone be seated prior to the start of the session.

Upcoming Board of Trustee Elections

This year we have the Board of Trustee elections. This means that during next term we will be calling for board nominations.

It is important that we have the correct contact details for all parents/caregivers. If you have had a change of email address or physical address could you please let Robyn in the Office know so that she can update your details.

BOOK CHARACTER DAY



A big Nga Mihi Nui to our wonderful school community in support of our recent Readathon Fundraiser! We had 61 students participate this year, those students alongside our awesome Book Fair raised over \$4000..... an incredible effort!

A special mention and thanks to our sponsors who enabled us to give out over 50 prizes in recognition and celebration of the hard work our tamariki put into their reading and fundraising...

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| -Mitre 10 Whanganui | -Sunny's Whanganui |
| -Monaghan's | -LSKD |
| -Pak N Save | -Splash Centre |
| -Royal Opera House | -Scholastic |
| -Manna Christian Book Store | -Anthony Floyd, Leighton Toy and Danny Jonas at Property Brokers Whanganui |

A tremendous effort from our students and their families in our character book day also... there were some very creative costumes. Thank you to our guest judges Mrs Anderson and Mrs Little who had the very tricky task of picking best costume from each class.

Funds from this fundraiser are going towards our end of year camps + our much needed playground update. Thank you again for supporting the children- in their reading and learning, fundraising and partnering with us to bring some fun into our school.

Our Winners:

Room 1 Caleb & Amila

Room 3 Joseph R & Ina

Room 6 Aksel & Portia

Room 4 Tatum & Amelia B

Room 2 Damien & Natalie

Room 7 Oscar & Clara

Room 5 Griffin & Esther

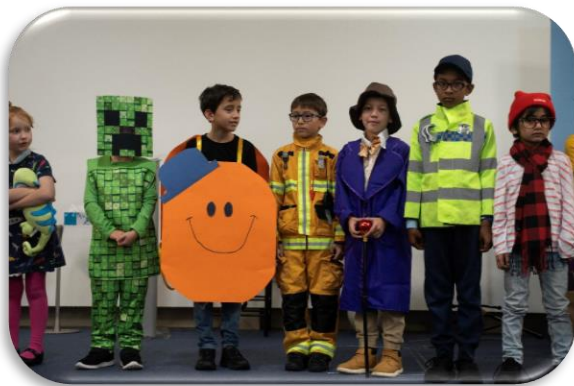
Teacher Mrs Wessels











Room 1 – Te Reo Games

Some of the children from Room 4 made Te Reo games in class and the boys and girls in Room 1 loved testing the games out - they were so creative and well made.



Room 2 & 3 – Turtle Writing

The turtle has a shell. They have a green body. They are a reptile. They have a shell to protect them. Turtles can be heavier than a car and they can glide. Did you know that there are many different turtles like the sea turtle? **By Finn (Room 2)**



Hi, I am a turtle and I have a hard shell to keep predators away so that I can be safe. I have an oval head and I can swim down deeper than a submarine. I can glide and I can eat anything but don't throw your plastic cans in the water because I can die. There are different types of turtles one is a sea turtle and the other is a land turtle. **By Connor (Room 2)**



Turtles are impressive at swimming. They can swim up and down in the water. Turtles they are big. The land turtle walks slowly and the blood is cold. And I have seen a land turtle. **By Laurel (Room 2)**

The tough turtle has a rough back. He is green and black and he has an oval head and oval back. It has scales on its front flippers and back flippers. And sometimes they lay eggs. It eats coral and it glides in the deep sea. Did you know that land turtles eat bugs and did you know that they need sun? There are different types of turtles. **By Krystal (Room 2)**

Turtles

Turtles have flippers to help them glide through the water. The honu has scaly skin. The honu also has a hard shell. Is the shell as hard as a rock? I wonder.

Honu habitat

They like fresh water. How long do the honu live for? They become adults between 10 to 50 years old. They also like the sea water. They lay their eggs on the dry sand. The dry sand helps the eggs stay warm.

By Joseph M (Room 3)

Sea Turtles

Sea honu (turtles) are a type of reptile. All of the females only go on land when they lay eggs. When the egg hatches, the baby honu runs because the birds eat baby honu. Honu glides through the water. Did you know that one type of honu is as heavy as a small car? A honu goes as far under the sea as a submarine. Most honu eat all things in the water. Honu even eat jellyfish! But some honu eat plastic bags because they think it is jellyfish, so they die.

By Ina (Room 3)



Room 3 – Visiting MP

Room 3 had Minister of Parliament, politician Carl Bates visit and explain what he does to help our community.



25 June 2025

Tēnā koe Mr Bates

Thank you for making rules to keep us safe.

You are very brave talking with the government because you speak about a lot of things to help us.

Ngā mihi nui
Isaac

25 June 2025

Tēnā koe Mr Bates

Thank you for teaching me about your job as a politician and being a Member of Parliament.

I love learning about your job, but the best was you visiting us.

I hope you come back again soon.

Ngā mihi nui
Allegra

Room 6 & 7 – Tuakana-Teina

Room 6 and 7 joined in a Tuakana-Teina session last week. After Room 6 came to share their slideshows about a natural disaster of their choice, they were then buddied-up with Room 7 students to assist and guide them to start their own digital presentation. It was a lovely afternoon of collaboration, excitement, learning and fun! Ka rawe Ruma Ono and Ruma Whitu!



Room 5 & 6 Challenge

Students from Room 5 and 6 had a blast racing around, dodging and weaving as they teamed up to 'Capture the Flag'.

There was plenty of cheering, quick thinking, and clever strategies as teams worked together to win.

Older students supported the younger ones, showing great leadership and teamwork.

It was a fun, energetic way to build confidence and resilience.

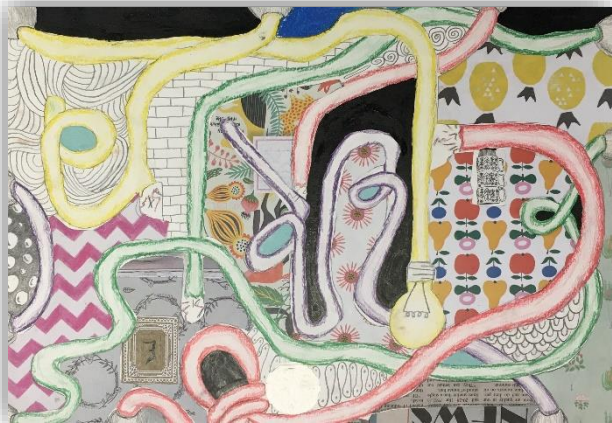
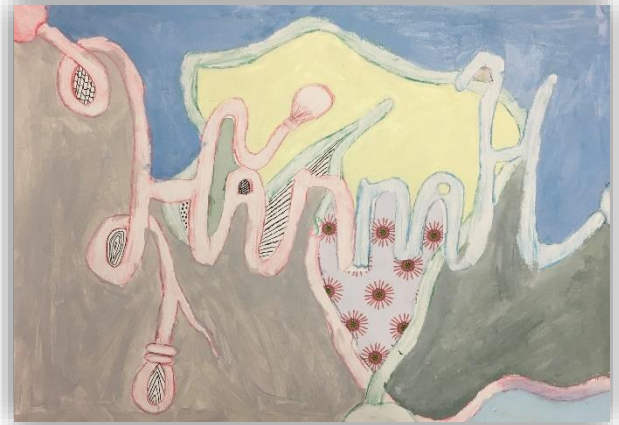
The first challenge was won by Room 5 - but only just! Room 6 was just seconds behind for the win!

Maybe next time Room 6!



Room 4 – Cord Designs

Student from Room 4 used cord designs to write their names whilst participating in art classes at Wanganui Girls College.



FCS Enrolments for 2026

We are currently taking enrolment applications for 2026, if you have children who will be turning 5 in 2026 please come and collect an application pack from the Office.

Applications will close during Term 3 so please don't leave it until the last minute.

Tour of Whanganui High School for Year 8 Students

From Tuesday 17 June the Whanganui High School Principal, Martin McAllen, will begin School Tours for Year 8 students and their whanau to have a look around the school.

They are conducting Tours during the last two weeks of this Term.

A tour can be booked by going on the WHS

website https://www.whanganuihigh.school.nz/announcements/2025-06-08_school-tours/ or

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/WhanganuiHigh/>

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY POTTERY

Location: 11 Kotuku Street, Castlecliff

Cake boxes and other shapes

3rd of July at 10.30am,

Make a box like a cake or another shape.

Perfect for sweets or favourite shells

\$35 per child.

Booking- www.mcleodpottery.co.nz

Location 11 Kotuku St, Castlecliff, whanganui



Coil (worm) build bowls, mugs and pots

Date- 8th July, 10.30am.

Learn to roll coils and join them to build bowls, mugs or pots with lids. . \$35 per child

Date-8th of July, 10.30am..

Booking- www.mcleodpottery.co.nz

Location 11 Kotuku Street, Castlecliff, Whanganui



After school classes are also available on Tuesdays and Thursdays 4pm-5pm

www.mcleodpottery.co.nz