



# FAITH CITY SCHOOL

*Te Kura Hāpori o te Whakapono*

**Faith City  
School**  
NEWSLETTER  
Term 3  
1 August 2025

## From the Principal's Desk

**Kia Ora Faith City School Community,**

Term 3 has started extremely well and you can see that we have a busy calendar ahead with many opportunities and activities coming up.

### **Cross Country**

Cross country is a highlight every year. We see the students competing and we love how our community come out to cheer the students on. This year the students have been working hard find success as they train. The goal is that all students run the course without stopping. Please encourage them at home to have a great go at the race. If you can help as a track monitor, please let us know as we'll have a job for you.

### **Board of Trustees Elections**

Our school community is at its strongest when we work together. A great way to get involved is by becoming a parent representative on the Board of Trustees. Being on the board means you get to be part of the team that sets the direction for our school's success. You don't need any specific experience—just a passion for our school and a desire to help make it the best it can be for every student. We encourage everyone to consider putting their name forward or nominating someone they know who has a great vision for the school. If you have any questions, please see myself or Anthea Stynder our current Presiding Member.

### **Christian Education Programme**

Our Christian Education Programme is a favourite part of the morning. This week, students delved into the story of King Josiah and learned about his important role in God's plan. They were amazed and encouraged by what an 8-year-old can accomplish with God's help. This is a great reminder for all of us that with faith, we can achieve great things, no matter our age.

### **In the Principal's Office – Principal's Award for writing**



**Ngā mihi nui**

**Marty Bullock**

**The Principal**

## Upcoming Events

**Week commencing 4  
August – Cook Island  
Māori Language Week**

**Week commencing 18  
August – Tongan  
Language Week**

**Tuesday 19 August –  
FCS Cross Country**

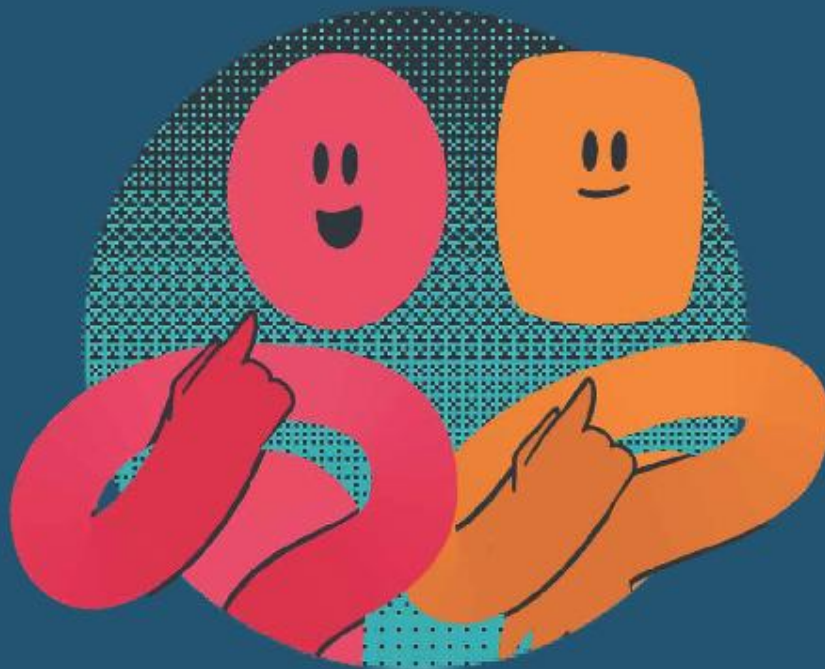
**Wednesday 10  
September – FCS  
Speeches Y6 – Y8**

**Friday 12 September –  
Pacifika Celebration**

**Week commencing 15  
September – Māori  
Language Week**

**Friday 19 September –  
Last Day of Term 3**

**Monday 6 October –  
Beginning of Term 4**



# Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know  
to be a school board member.

For more info please contact:

[election@electionpilot.nz](mailto:election@electionpilot.nz) or 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369)



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Think about a parent you know who is dedicated and has a great vision for our school—or consider putting your own name forward! We encourage everyone to participate.

Any queries please see Marty.

# FCS CROSS COUNTRY 2025



The Faith City Cross Country will be held on Tuesday, 19 August 2025. Racing will start at 1pm. See the schedule below. Races will start on time and be followed with the Prizegiving.

This year the students have been practicing the track they will run. The track distances are the same as for the West Schools Cross Country distances. You can see the tracks and distances on the map provided. Year 8's and up will run the hill which is a very good challenge for the kids and will help them prepare for Westmere's race.

Racing will not be postponed for weather – bring a towel to dry when changing back to uniform.

All parents are required to stay on the concrete pad or behind the gate.

It is our goal that all students run their race without stopping – please encourage this goal with your children.

The race schedule is as follows:

Start 1:00pm	Race 1 – 5-year-old Boys & Girls	
Start 1:08pm	Race 2 – 6-year-old Boys & Girls	Prizegiving at 1:20pm
Start 1:25pm	Race 3 – 7 year-old Boys & Girls	
Start 1:35pm	Race 4 – 8 year old Boys & Girls	Prizegiving at 1:50pm
Start 1:55pm	Race 5 – 9 & 10 year old Girls	
Start 2:10pm	Race 6 – 9 & 10 year old Boys	Prizegiving at 2:15pm
Start 2:20pm	Race 7 – 11, 12 & 13 year old Girls	
Start 2:40pm	Race 8 – 11, 12 & 13 year old Boys	Prizegiving at 2:55pm

Selections for the West School's and Aranui will be made from the FCS Cross Country event.

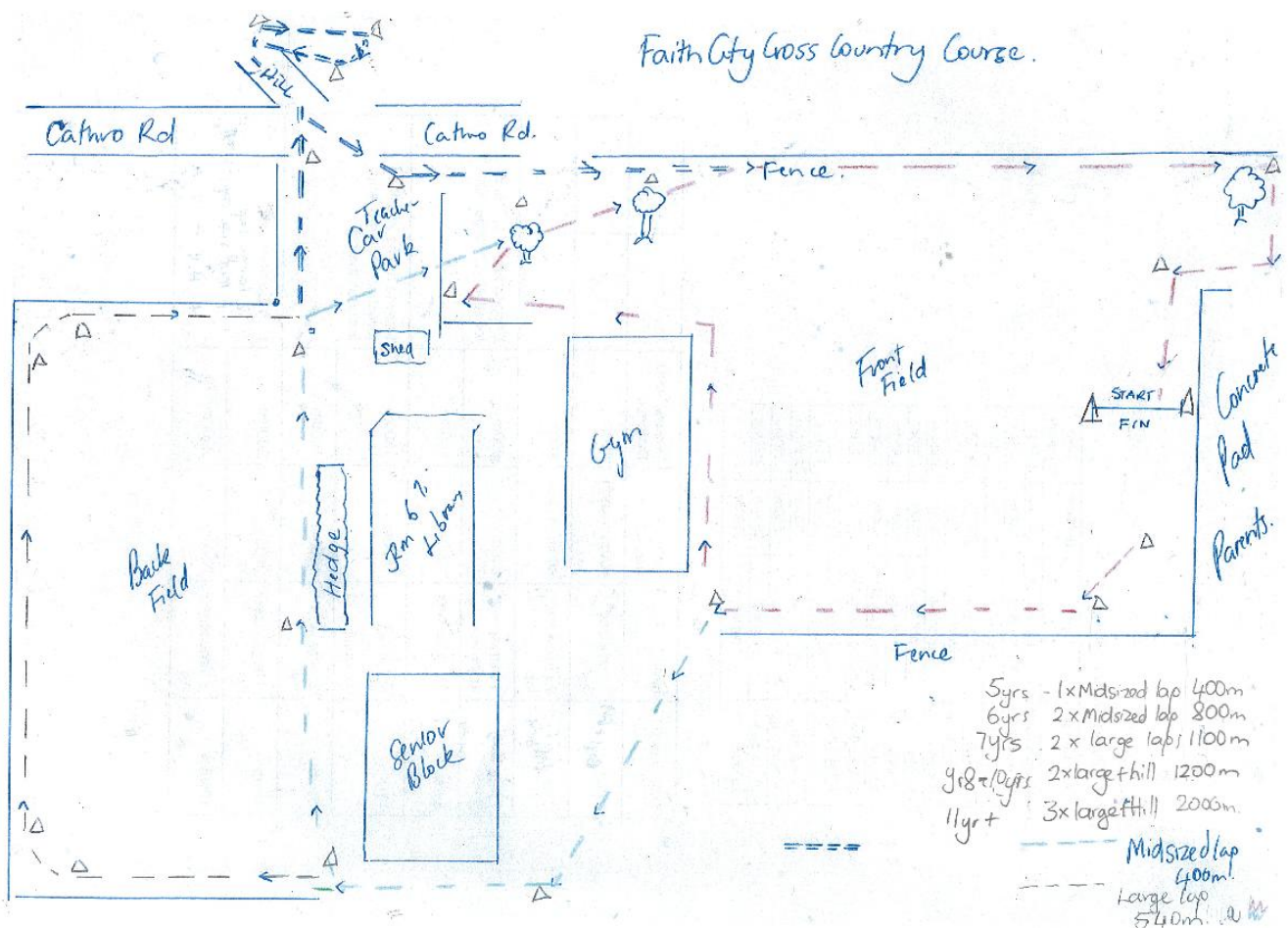
You may sign your child out once their race and Prizegiving has been completed. Please do this with their classroom teacher. Otherwise, students will return to class after their event.

We would love to have as many parents, grandparents as possible here to support and encourage our students so please come along. Please remember to remain in the designated area.

Can't wait –it's going to a great event!!!

**Our Cross Country Goal 2025:**  
**All students run the course without stopping!**

# Cross Country Map:



## 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.

### COUPLE OF REMINDERS:

**Sick children** – if your child has been vomiting there needs to be a 24-hour period since they were last sick before they return to school.

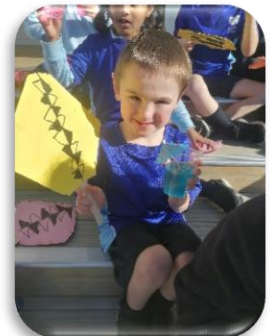
**Carpark** – please do not cross the carpark, you need to use the footpath on the side that you have parked your vehicle on. Please let grandparents & other whānau who may do pick-ups know about this rule.



# Room 1 – Holidaying in Fiji



Room 1 wanted to escape the wintery cold of Whanganui, so we 'jetted off' to Fiji for the week! We acted out getting onto an aeroplane (including getting our Fiji stamps for our passports), having our safety checks by our air hostess, Mrs Nevay and taking off and landing. We learnt how to say 'hello' and how to count to five in Fijian. Our week in Fiji ended with us making Fijian fans and enjoying a colourful cold drink (with umbrellas!) outside in the sun.



# Room 2 – Writing to Persuade

Room 2's writing was so good some of the students had to take theirs over to read to Mr Bullock!



In my opinion you should pick a dog because it's playful and that dogs are fluffy.

**By Finn**

Did you know that it is important to tidy your classroom because if you don't you will hurt yourself so that's why you don't want to make a mess.

**By Freya**

You should tidy up because if there is a fire you could get hurt! Did you know that if the classroom was not tidy you could break something? Like a big fire truck or a stool or step on a paperclip. I like tidy rooms with a clear path. When you have a tidy classroom you don't get distracted.

**By Ryan**

One thing you should keep your classroom clean because you can slide and your friends will think a tornado came down in the room.

**By Connor**

Tidy Up! We should tidy up at home and classroom because you might hurt yourself or won't find your stuff. If there's an earthquake some heavy stuff will block the door. That's why we should tidy up! So let's make it happen every day.

**By Navi**

In my opinion you should not buy a wild animal like a crocodile because it is too loud and noisy and they have sharp teeth. Don't have a wild animal.

**By Damian**

I believe if the classroom is a mess people will be sad because of the scene. If the classroom is a mess maybe people might not like it anymore. So keep the classroom shiny.

**By Natalie**

I think you should clean the room so we can find the toys. If we do not clean the room we can't find toys, so you must clean the room. If you still have a messy room you might slip and hurt yourself and it will not be fun! So you know to clean up!

**By Ellie**



# Room 3 – Writing Opinions

Room 3 students had some great ideas that they expressed in their writing.



My opinion is that you should tidy up your classroom because people may fall on their face. Also a tidy room shows respect. You also could trip and if there is a fire you won't escape. You should pick up our mess so your teacher will get impressed and get points and even learn about lots of things. Also no one trips over the books, bags or toys on the floor. If you play your favourite game you won't see it, if you don't clean up. Teamwork makes tidy work. When we clean we show we are good for our class and our classmates and our teacher.

**By Agnes**

My opinion on broccoli is the best! It is as green as the rugby field trees. It is as juicy as a cup of water. That's why I like broccoli. Also broccoli will give you energy. You should try broccoli. You will be amazed.

**By Maxx**

My opinion is that kiwifruit is the best fruit ever. It is as green as a forest fern! It is as fuzzy as a baby bird! You should eat kiwifruit every day. It is healthy for you and me!

**By Joseph M**

My opinion is lions are the best pet because they are soft, brave and royal. Lions are endangered so you'll have to look after him! I love lions because I can ride it to school. Lions are like a fluffy king that is brave, royal, cute but strong. My lion will protect your home and will be fun to play with it's mane. My lion does not harm people. I love my lion because it is snuggly like a pillow. My lion can catch burglars. That makes lions the best pets. So you should get a lion. Roar!!

**By Ina**

# Room 7 – Siapo Patterns

Room 7 children have been practicing 'Siapo Patterns' as part of their Pacifica study. The design elements or symbols used in Siapo are reflections of things in the Samoan environment.

Here are some examples of their work:





# Room 6 – Exploring the Word in the Morning



Bible time is our favourite part of the morning! This week, we delved into the story of King Josiah and learned about his important role in God's plan for His people. We read through the scriptures, reflected on Josiah's journey, and wrote a summary of our understanding. 💎

We also looked back at the chapters before his reign and learned about his father and grandfather, whose choices were far from godly.

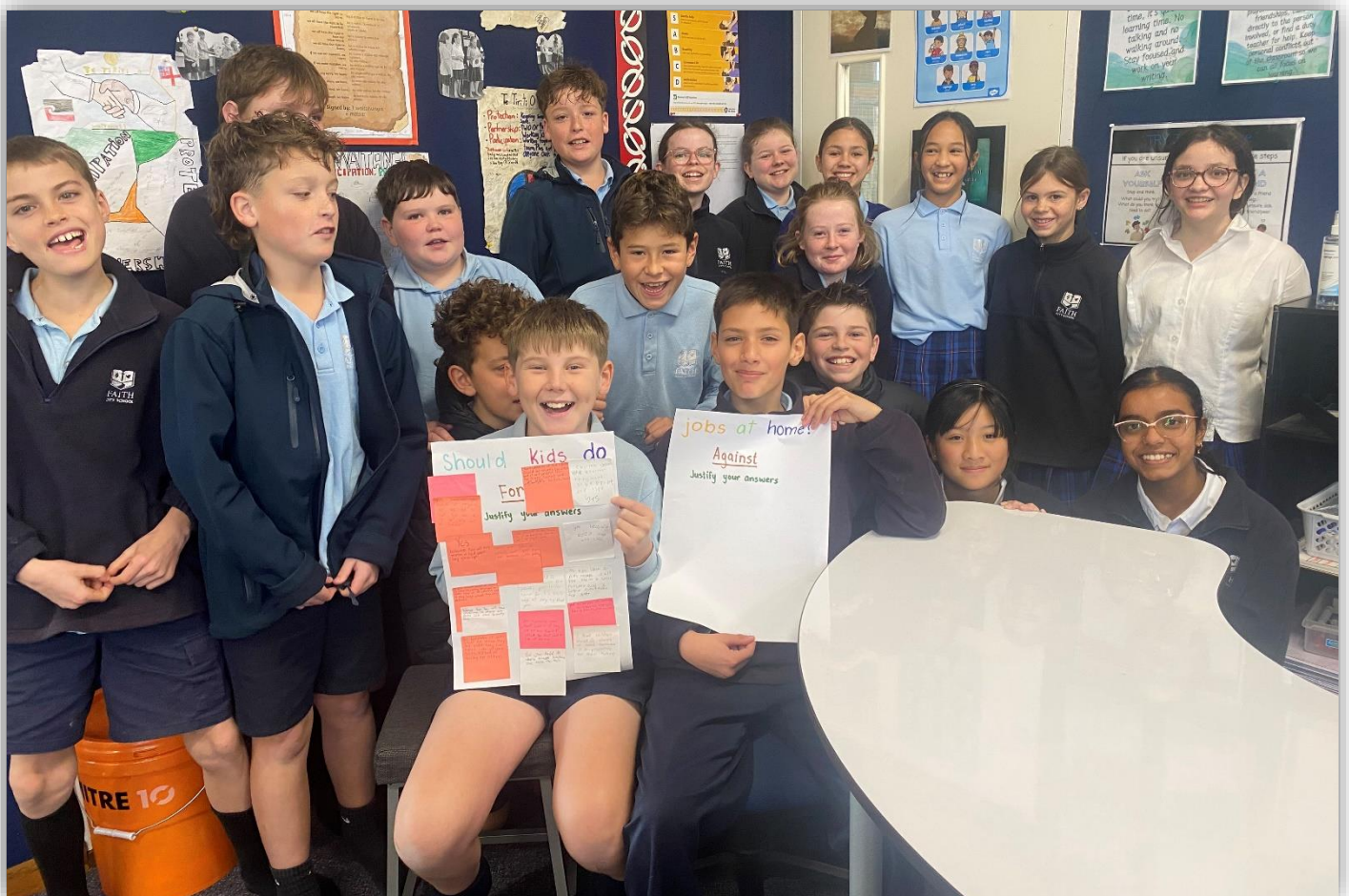
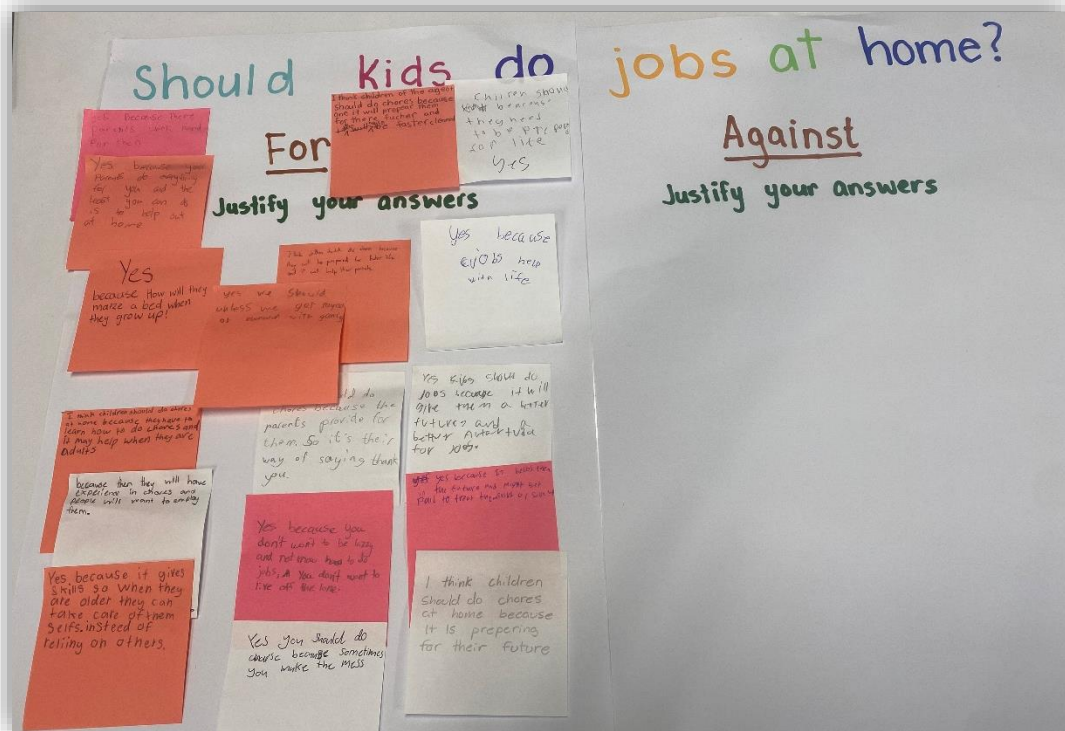
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## Room 5 – Writing to Persuade

Room 5 are doing persuasive writing. The topic is 'Should Children do Chores at Home?' The discussions were really interesting and the ensuing task of giving their opinion to the question had a very surprising result..... It's official - Children SHOULD do chores at home!



# Room 4 – Te Reo with Nare Whittaker

During Te Reo lessons on Thursday our Room 4 students are learning some Waiata that are related to and about Whanganui.







**iBike4Kids is an exciting cycling event organized by the Manawatu Mountain Bike Club, designed specifically for primary and intermediate-aged children.**

**Where:**

Victoria Esplanade Palmerston North. In the Riverside below the Scenic Railway Station. Behind the Lido

**When:**

Sunday Sept 7th

**How Much:**

\$20 per child - \$10 for under 5s in the Balance Bike section. Tee Shirts \$25

Unfortunately, we have had to increase our ticket prices slightly for the first time since 2013, but we have reinstated the Schools Prizes! There will be two prizes of \$500 for the school with the most entrants and also the school with the highest percentage of their role (to give smaller schools a chance)

Please note that entries are available online only, and no registrations will be accepted on the day of the event. You can enter at any of the links below.

Our Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/iBike4Kidss>

Tickets: <https://ibike4kids-2025.lilregie.com/>

We are excited to offer a larger selection of spot prizes aimed at encouraging outdoor activities for all students. Kids will have the chance to win two Scott mountain bikes, helmets, and other exciting prizes. Thanks to our key sponsor, Harcourts, every participant will also receive a medal.

We kindly ask for your support in reminding parents to register their children online for this event. Sharing a post on your Facebook page or in your newsletter would be greatly appreciated. A small graphic is attached to assist.

Remember to get as many kids to enter your school to win a \$500 voucher for sports equipment.

Full info on our website <https://mmbc.co.nz/event/ibike4kids/>