



FAITH
CITY SCHOOL

Te Kura Hāpori o te Whakapono

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

From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora Koutou e te Whānau

What an amazing few weeks it has been for our students! I want to take a moment to celebrate some fantastic achievements.

Our annual FCS Cross Country was a great success, and I want to congratulate all our runners for their excellent effort and sportsmanship. It was a wonderful display of determination from everyone who participated. The whole school trained very well. And most were able to give their best effort. A special congratulations to our champions in each age group.

Finally, a huge congratulations to Mason Payne and Fern Su'a for placing first in the West schools Cross Country. We are so proud of their outstanding performance and for representing Faith City School so well. Placings also went to Allegra, Josie, Leo, and Miguel – Well done!

I'm also thrilled to announce that our A Netball team won their grade – winning by one goal in the dying seconds and coming back from 3 goals down in the last 2 mins – well done for not giving up! This is a tremendous accomplishment and a testament to their hard work, dedication, and teamwork throughout the season. Thank you to Coach Tash and the other parents who supported the team through the season.

It is always a privilege to see our students give their best in all of their endeavours, whether it's in the classroom, on the sports field, or in their creative pursuits. Let's continue to support and encourage them in all they do.

We have a few things to look forward to over the rest of the term particularly Pasifika Celebration Day and West Schools Speeches. A big thank you to those parents who are helping with these days particularly Pasifika celebrations

Winter has been cold this year, despite this its been great to see how our community support each other. Galatians 6:9 says, 'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up'.

This verse reminds us that hard work and perseverance are not always easy, but they are always worthwhile. Just as our students have trained and competed with great effort, we are encouraged to continue doing good in all areas of our lives, knowing that there will be a reward for our faithfulness.

Sincerely

Marty Bullock

Upcoming Events

Friday 22 August
West Country Cross
Country at Westmere
School

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



FCS CROSS COUNTRY 2025







This Year's Champs:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
5 Year Old Girls	Bianca	Elizabeth	Bethan
5 Year Old Boys	Karter	Ruben	Simeon
6 Year Old Girls	Hannah	Laurel	Anlea
6 Year Old Boys	Connor	Damian	Finn
7 Year Old Girls	Mackenzie A	Allegra	Ina
7 Year Old Boys	Miguel	Isaac W	Parker
8 Year Old Girls	Fern	Mackenna	Mackenzie J
8 Year Old Boys	Ezekiel	Arthur	Mason R
9 Year Old Girls	Marlo	Clara B	Rosalind
9 Year Old Boys	Emmanuel	Joel Lim	Oscar
10 Year Old Girls	Josie	Jemima	Esther
10 Year Old Boys	Mason P	Logan	Zeb
11 Year Old Girls	Natasha	Indigo	Portia
11 Year Old Boys	Leo	Johan	Griffin
12 Year Old Girls	Elektra	Eva	Ivy
12 Year Old Boys	Ethan	Nicolas	Aaron
13 Year Old Girls	Caylee	Tamara	Avafoa
13 Year Old Boys	Oliver	Beau	Isaac T

SCHOOL READERS

PLEASE COULD YOU CHECK AT HOME AND SEE IF YOU HAVE ANY SCHOOL READERS. IF YOU DO PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM TEACHER

Room 1 – Little Travellers

This term in Room 1 we have been 'travelling' around the world, learning about different countries and cultures. We recently 'visited' South Africa (where Mrs Nevay is from!) and the children got to choose who they wanted to send a postcard to.



Room 1 Postcards



Room 2 – Wonderful Readers

Room 2 got to be the first ones to see some of the new books that had come into the library. They made the most of the opportunity.



Room 2 & 3 – Jam Sandwiches & Spider Drinks



The junior school is learning about writing instructions, we have made jam sandwiches one week and spiders another.



HOW TO MAKE A SPIDER DRINK INSTRUCTIONS



Ingredients & Steps:

First get a cup.

Next get one scoop of ice-cream.

Then pour in bubble of fun lemonade.

Finally put the straw in and drink. The bubble of fun yummy spider drink!

A spider drink is a burst of joy in a glass. The creamy ice cream and sparkling lemonade are a match made in dessert heaven. You need to try it now! It's amazing.

Written by Franki



Ingredients:

You get a tall clear glass. You get a scoop of creamy ice cream. You pour some lemonade. You watch the bubbles. You drink it with a smile.

Steps:

First you get a cup. Next you scoop some ice cream. Then you pour the lemonade. Finally you put the straw in the cup. Enjoy the creamy fizzy flavour.

Written by Joel L



Room 7 – Descriptive Writing

Room 7 children have been writing to describe this term. Here are some of our examples from last week.

THE FEROCIOUS, DEADLY TIGER!

The deadly, ferocious monstrosity of a horrifying tiger can be a fear of the lush green forests that are home to many creatures! Also, the ruthless, determined black and orange tiger can give an ear-splitting roar to frighten his exclusively frightened masterly opponents. The stare of an amazing pair of bold eyes looks into your own, and it feels like you are being transported into a portal of colourful, magnetizing, incredible meadows of enchanted waterfalls, lakes, trees, and animals!

By Phoebe Rm 7

My Pet Cat

My pet cat is named Minnie. She is a black cat, her paws are a snowy white colour, and her black back shimmers and turns brownish in the bright sun. Some cats' fur is like fluff balls, and some are soft and straight like Minnie! Their fur can be messy sometimes, though. When you pat them, they usually like being patted down their back, the way their fur goes. Cats always land on their feet. Most cats are really playful and like to play with bouncing balls, and long, furry strings. But mine really likes the furry strings. The fluffy Cats can be curious, mysterious, graceful, and adorable all at the same time! With their padded paws, they can quietly leap and crawl with no sound! If they bite you softly when you're playing with them, like my cat does, it just means they're play biting. Their prey is usually small birds or even rodents. But if you have a pet guinea pig, rat, or rabbit, after a while, the cat may even become friends, like my cat with my guinea pigs! But if you find a mouse scuttering quietly around the house, cats are most likely to just play around with it while trying to catch it. Sometimes my cat likes to bring a dead bird inside as a present, and she meows cutly when she brings it under the table.

By Ruby-Lee Rm 7

The Tiger

A tiger is ruthless and deadly, full of pride and hungry for its prey. Tigers are very tough and strong and have very sharp sight like a knife. They are fast and furious in the wild. Tigers are really good at sneaking up on animals because they move quietly and their stripes help them blend into the trees and grass. Their teeth are sharp like a razor, and their jaws are strong.

Room 6 – Samoan Art

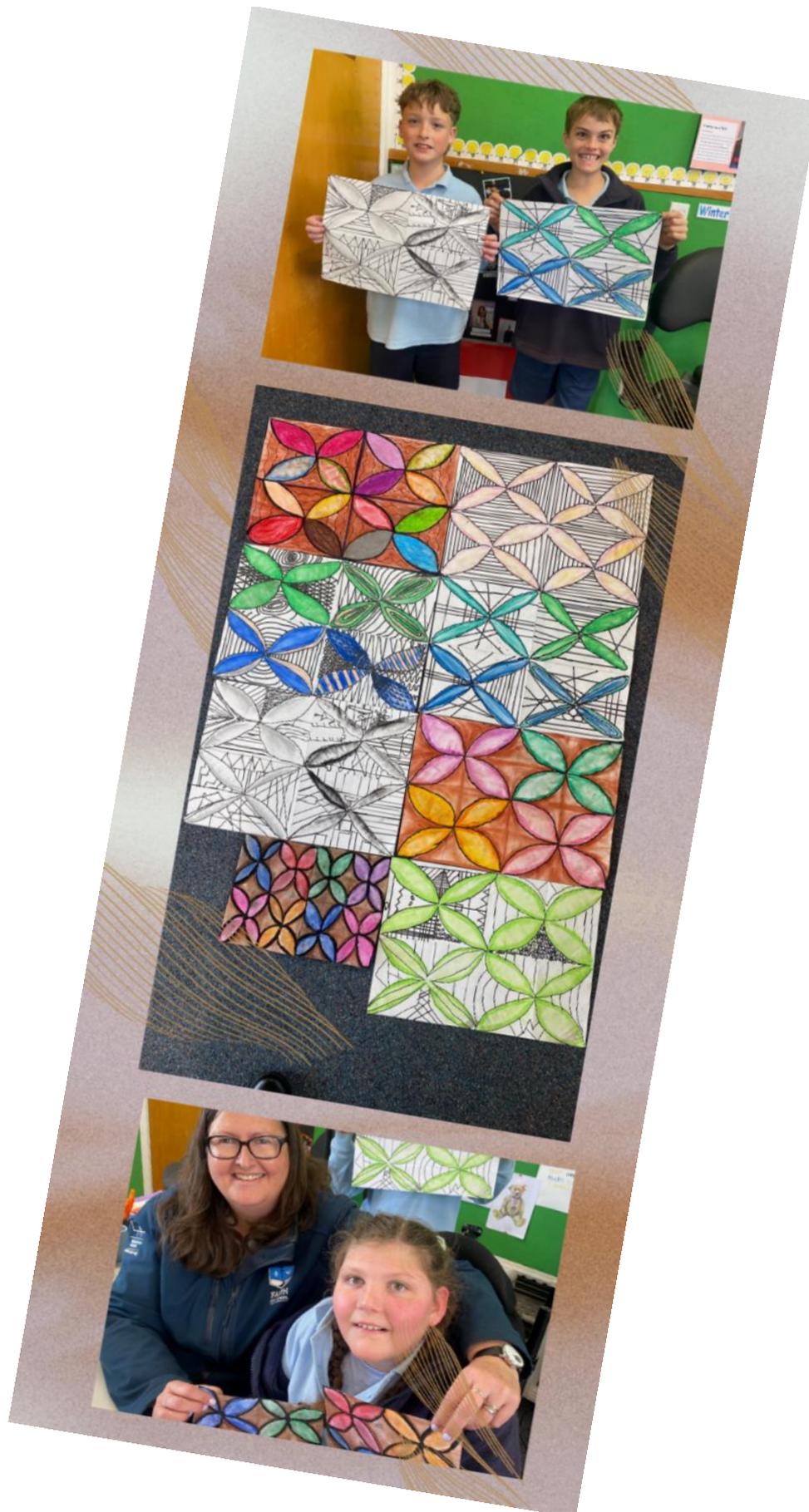
Inspired by the Samoan artist Fatu Feu'u, Room 6 have been busy creating beautiful Pacifica inspired art. The students enjoyed exploring vibrant patterns and designs that celebrate Pacifica culture and the creativity really shines through in their work.



SAMOAN
ART IN
RM 6

Room 5 – Beautiful Siapo Designs

Room 5 students are excitedly creating their own beautiful Siapo designs as we celebrate our Pasifika theme this term. Here are a few completed ones.



Miniball Competition

This week some of our Year 5&6 mini-ballers competed in the contributing schools' competition. It was lots of fun and the team only lost one game by 2 points. Shout out to all the parents who took the time to come and support.



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.



Wicked mountain bike event for every kiwi kid with attitude, energy and wheels!!

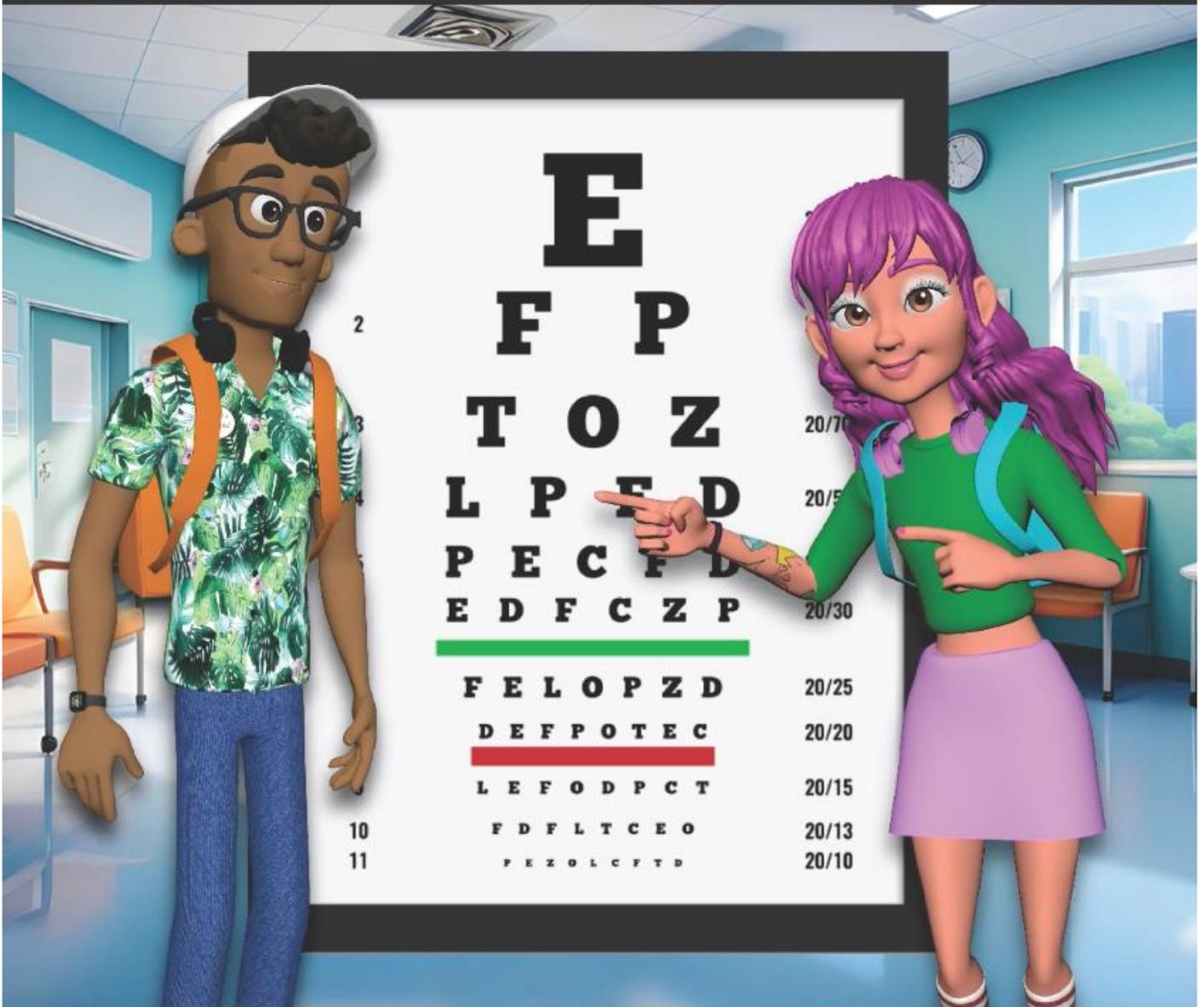
Victoria Esplanade, Palmerston North
Sunday Sept 7th, 2025
Entries and more info at
www.ibike4kids.co.nz

Everyone gets a medal and plenty of spot prizes
Schools Participation Prizes
Three Mountain Bikes - Major Spot prize

Plenty of mud!

Be eye smart

1. Spend time outside everyday
2. Less screen time - take a break
3. Book an eye test
4. Wear sunglasses



GUMBOOTS BRASS AND WIND ENSEMBLE 2025

Mid-year weekend workshop

'BAND CAMP'

10.00am to 4.00pm

Saturday 20 September 2025

Sunday 21 September 2025

Feilding Band Rooms

Council Place, Feilding

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