



FAITH
CITY SCHOOL
Te Kura Hāpori o te Whakapono



From the Principal's Desk

Tēnā Koutou i te whānau

I want to congratulate and extend a warm welcome to our newly elected Board of Trustees (BoT) members, Andrew Marsh, Tiare Wylie, Sam Biggs, Simon Montgomery and Mel Carey (Parent Reps) and Elaine Hussey (Staff Rep). We farewell Anthea Stynder, Reece Sievwright and Sue Little from the previous FCS BOT. They have been part of an excellent BOT and have supported many positive changes at the school and the setting of future direction for our kura. They have been a blessing to me personally. Thank you for your commitment to serving our school community. We bless you for all you have done. We are incredibly fortunate to have a dedicated and talented group of parents who are willing to give their time and energy to help guide the future of our school. A special thank you to all the parents who put their names forward for election. The high number of candidates is a testament to the strong health of our school community and the genuine passion so many of you have for our children and education. This level of engagement is not something every school can claim, and it speaks volumes about the vibrant spirit here. Your willingness to stand for election, whether elected or not, is deeply appreciated.

Pasifika Celebration Day

What an incredible Pasifika Celebration Day we had! The atmosphere was vibrant and filled with joy, and it was a true showcase of our students' talents, our community & rich culture. A massive thank you to our Pasifika families and community members who dedicated so much time and effort to make the day a resounding success. From the stunning performances to the delicious food, your passion and hard work shone through. Days like this don't just happen; they are the result of countless hours of planning, practice, and preparation. Your willingness to share your heritage with the entire school is a gift we deeply cherish.

Speech Competition Success

It was wonderful to see so many of our students bravely share their ideas at the FCS Speech Competition. The quality of the speeches was incredibly high, making the judging a difficult task. I am so proud of every student who participated!

Congratulations to the winners and place getters and all those who competed in our school competition – you are all amazing and brave. Peyton, Marlo, Nick and Caylee went on to represent us at the West School competition. The standard was very high and difficult to pick between the competitors! Caylee placed second and Nick placed 3rd in the year 7/8 competition. Well done!

This term has seen many students serving across different opportunities. Our Kapa Haka Ropu show cased FCS at the West Schools Paerangatahi Hui and went again to Broadview Rest Home to bless the residents. The Ropu under Sgt Nare were outstanding. The act of serving others is a powerful and selfless one, and it is a core value we hope to instill in our students. We are all called to serve in different ways, whether it's through our family, our community, or our work. To reflect on this, I'd like to share this scripture: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various form" (1 Peter 4:10)

Let us all continue to use our unique gifts to serve and uplift one another.

Ma te Atua e manaaki

**Faith City
School**
NEWSLETTER
Term 3
19 September 2025

Upcoming Events

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

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

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

**Monday 13
October – early
finish at 1:30pm**

**Tuesday 14 October –
Creations Ministries
1:30pm to 3:00pm**

**Monday 27 October –
Labour Day**

**Friday 31 October –
Photolife School
Photos**



Room 1 Highlights

The children in Room 1 absolutely loved celebrating Pasifika Day! They learnt two different Samoan dances, made lolly bracelets, tried new and different food at the lunch and watched some of the Moana movie (perfect in the cold, rainy weather!) They also proudly showed off the Pasifika art and work that they had done during the term to their families and other students who came past the classroom.

Room 2 Highlights

Room 2 had a very fun and enriching day celebrating and learning about our Pasifika culture and community. We were privileged to have one of our grandparents, Mr Tofa, visit our class to teach us some traditional Samoan dancing, which was a real highlight that the children absolutely loved learning and performing together. We also enjoyed other activities, trying new kai and showing all our wonderful classroom learning to our parents and school community.

Pasifika Day was a wonderful way to celebrate and bring together all we've learned about Pasifika countries and cultures this term. A real highlight for Room 2 has been discovering the many ways stories are told through dance, art, weaving and creating, as well as exploring a variety of special traditions together.

Room 3 Highlights



Let me tell you about Nine...
 did you know that if you go in
 the water make sure that you
 wear covered shoes cos you mite
 scrape your self. If you scrape
 your self it will grow big in your
 body. by Luca

In Samoa the terrain has
 volcanic rocks this makes it
 hard to do farming. Samoa
 also has rainforests and
 coconut crabs. Fun fact,
 coconut crabs open coconuts
 with there own claws!
 by KAYleigh

COOK Islands have blue sky they
 also have blue whales. They have
 green grass and tree's. There are
 lots of islands there. Don't you
 know they have beautiful sea. At
 it is so so buteaful. Luca

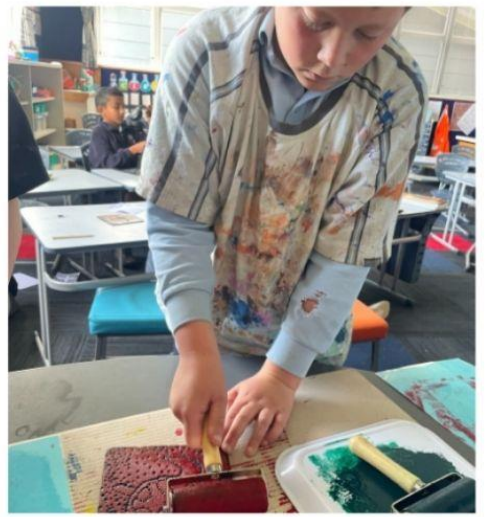


Room 6 Highlights

Room 6 has really enjoyed learning about the Pacific Islands this term. One of the highlights was experimenting with printmaking, where students created artwork inspired by Pacific patterns and designs. They also researched a Pacific island of their choice, uncovering unique traditions, stories, and facts to share. The class loved presenting their projects to each other and to the wider school, and it was wonderful to see their confidence and pride shine through. Term 3 has been full of creativity, lots of teamwork, and new learning opportunities!!

We have also enjoyed reading stories that celebrate our shared Pasifika culture through School Journals, and news articles. These texts have been a fantastic way to build our reading comprehension and fluency while learning about different cultures and ways of life. Students have had great discussions about similarities and differences with their own experiences, deepening both their understanding of the stories and their appreciation of the Pacific. This term we have introduced 'fluency buddies' where children pair for 15 mins every morning and take turns reading a familiar text we have been studying together during the week.









Faith City School Board of Trustees

Following the Board of Trustees election we have the following parents who represent our parents body on the School Board.

Sam Biggs

Melanie Carey

Andrew Marsh

Simon Montgomery

Tiare Wylie

Thank you for everyone who voted, your support and input in the running of our school is appreciated.

FCS Speech Competition

Ka pai to our winners

Juniors – Year 5 & 6

1st – Peyton C on Social Media

2nd – Marlo W on Te Matatini

3rd – Leo B on Longer breaks at school

Seniors – Year 7 & 8

1st – Caylee on Bad events can lead to good

2nd – Nicolas C on Is failure more important that success?

3rd – Adrien R on Why we should read the Bible



Our 1st and 2nd place winners then competed in the West Country competition.

Congratulations to Caylee for coming 2nd place and Nicolas for placing 3rd

Pae Rangitahi Hui

Well done to our Kapa Haka, we are proud of how well you represented our kura at the West Country competition and then at Broadview Resthome.



CREATION MINISTRIES

Save the Date!

Tuesday October 14th
1:30pm to 3pm

DETAILS

MICHAEL CROOK WILL BE HERE
TO TALK WITH OUR STUDENTS

HE WILL TALK WITH OUR
YOUNGER STUDENTS FIRST AND
THEN THE OLDER ONES

*All parents & caregivers are
encouraged to come and join us*

TO BE HELD IN THE GYM LOUNGE

Playground Upgrade

We are in the process of upgrading our playground, very exciting for our students. We started with a couple of tramps which the children have been loving.



Lunch Online

For anyone who doesn't use Lunch Online and would like to give it a go by ordering a delivered fresh lunch from Pita Pit Whanganui just scan the QR code below to setup.



Scan to register an account

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.



Disney's 'Mary Poppins JR.' – A Whanganui Premiere!



Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious! These school holidays, don't miss the magic of **Mary Poppins JR.**, brought to life by a vibrant cast of 38 talented local youth aged 12–18.

This is the very first time **Mary Poppins JR.** will be performed on a Whanganui stage, and our incredible rangatahi (including three Faith City students – Cleo, Eloise & Tamara) are ready to sing, dance, and dazzle you with this timeless Disney classic!

Come and support our amazing ākonga as they bring Mary Poppins to life — it's a show the whole family will love!

Because... **"A spoonful of sugar makes the medicine go down..."**



Well done to three of our students who were given parts in the cast – Tamara, Cleo & Eloise.





Together we raised \$236.60. Thank you for your support



School Holiday Pottery Classes

With Fiona McLeod

Book via - www.mcleodpottery.co.nz



Maker a Christmas Tree

25th September at 10.30am-11.30am

Location: 11 Kotuku Street

Castlecliff.

Ages 5-15yrs

Price:\$35 per child

Make a tea light Candle house

1st October at 10.30am-12pm

Location: 11 Kotuku Street, Castlecliff

Ages: 7-15yrs

Price \$35 per child



Book via - www.mcleodpottery.co.nz



Central Football are running 3 holiday programmes during the school holidays

Details of the holiday programmes below:

3 Day Holiday Programme:

- Date: Tuesday 23rd to Thursday 25th September
- Venue: Wembley Park, Whanganui Athletic Clubrooms (old one)
- Time: 9-3pm
- Cost: \$95

1 Day Girls Only

- Date: 30th September
- Venue: Wembley Park, Whanganui Athletic Clubrooms (old one)
- Time: 9-3pm
- Cost: \$35

1 Day Goal Keeper

- Date: Thursday 2nd October
- Venue: Wembley Park, Whanganui Athletic Clubrooms (old one)
- Time: 9-3pm
- Cost: \$35

Please see link for the holiday programmes below:

- <https://www.sporty.co.nz/centralfootball/programmes-1/holiday-programmes>

JUNIOR SQUASH NIGHT

#NUIJUNIORS



ALL WELCOME!



MONDAY EVENINGS
FREE FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS
\$35 FOR NON-MEMBERS

5.30-6.30PM

Price per term, \$5 per session

Please scan the QR Code to Register or email
whanganuisquash@inspire.net.nz for more information





Before and After School Care

Whanganui Boys and Girls Gym Club have a new Before and After School Care programme.

**5 years to 13 years of age, Monday to Friday school term
time only (closed public holidays).**

**Schools within the urban Whanganui zone including
Westmere School**

Morning: Drop off at the gymnastics club for breakfast from
7.15am, fun play and drop off safely to school.

Afternoon: Pick up from school, afternoon tea supplied with
fun activities, caregivers/parents to pick up from the
gymnastics club by 5.30pm.

OSCAR approved for funding.

Please visit our website www.whanganuigymclub.co.nz for
registration and more information,
or call the office 06 34 58670.