

# FAITH HARVEST TRUST NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

Kia Ora. Welcome to the first Newsletter from Faith Harvest Trust (FHT). We would like to bring you up-to-date with who we are and what we are doing with the building and relocating of the Waimate North School Campus into Kerikeri.

## HISTORY OF FAITH HARVEST TRUST

As most of you are by now aware there has been quite a journey for many years to establish the Kerikeri Campus back into Kerikeri. The Faith Harvest Trust's (FHT) journey began in 2018 when the need to secure a permanent site for our school became evident. The parents of the school were all informed our lease at Waimate North was not going to be renewed, this news greatly concerned us and we felt we urgently needed to seek the Lord and His guidance. A prayer group was formed who prayed diligently every week seeking the Lord and His direction for the school month after month.

The prayer group eventually formed into Faith Harvest Trust as we felt the Lord's direction. With the support and blessing of our Principal and current Proprietor, FHT began an arduous and determined search for the right piece of land in which we could see the school planted back in Kerikeri. The land needed to meet our requirements to allow for the future growth of the school at a suitable location in Kerikeri. The Lord is faithful and in 2019 our site of approximately 13 acres at 361 Waipapa Road was purchased. After the land was purchased the trust engaged with planners, council, engineers, the Ministry of Education (MOE) and other organisations necessary to the process to begin the work of establishing and relocating the school.

During this time and after much prayer and consultation between the FHT and the current proprietor Celebration Trust, it was determined that the vision and future of the Kerikeri site required a fresh approach and it was agreed by both parties to approach the New Zealand Christian Proprietors Trust (NZCPT) to become our future proprietor.

The NZCPT were excited and eager to join us in bringing this vision to fruition. Warren Peat the CEO of NZCPT has been working closely with all parties including the MOE to insure we all have a smooth transition from our current proprietor and to help with the establishment of the new school.

## WHERE WE ARE AT CURRENTLY

Several entities are engaged in the constructive process of planning and collaborating in the building of the new school. Avail Pacific have come on board as our project managers, they bring an enormous amount of experience working with the MOE and working with other schools in the north and have caught the vision with passion.

Through Avail Pacific we have seen the completion of a concept plan for the buildings and site layout, they also worked with the FHT and our planners on the extensive process that has now seen us achieve Resource Consent from the council, which came through shortly before Christmas. With Resource consent granted we now look to have our high level architectural plans drawn. We are seeking engagement with our contractors early to ensure the smooth running of the build with an aim to work with local companies. Civil works and the development of the site can soon begin.

Under the NZCPT an Establishment Board of Trustees (EBOT) has been appointed and have been working quietly in the background to ensure all necessary documentation has been processed and policy is set up for the new school.

## WHO WE ARE

### Establishment Board of Trustees (EBOT)

The EBOT are a ministry appointed and endorsed group of people selected and set up in advance of the new school opening. Their job is distinctly for the purpose of setting up the new school principal and assisting with employment of staff. Once the new school is established with the Principal, then the community will be approached to set up its appointed Board of Trustees for the school. The members of the EBOT are: Warren Peat, Graeme Burgess, Christine Bradley, Katie Smith, Katie Ralph and Rose Whitehead.

### New Zealand Christian Proprietors Trust (NZCPT)

The NZCPT will be the new proprietor of the school once the MOE has formalised the final paperwork. They will hold the integration agreement with the crown. They ensure that the special character of the school is maintained and funds received from the Crown and from parents are administered accurately. You can find out more about the team on their website [www.nzcpt.nz](http://www.nzcpt.nz)



### Faith Harvest Trust (FHT)

The FHT is a registered charitable Trust and have established a legal agreement with NZCPT to be the land and buildings trust for the new school. It is responsible for the development of the new site and the construction of the new buildings to Ministry standards and to provide a site and facilities for the placement and running of the school. The members are: Katie Ralph Grant Petterd, Jenny Neale, Andrea Topia, Rose & John Whitehead, Chris Bradley and Graeme Burgess.



## IN SUMMARY

In summary, we would like to assure you that your child's education will continue as normal, without disruption. The lease at the Waimate site has been secured for the next two years and by this time we are planning to finish the new building and be ready for the school to move into. David Rogers, our current principal, NZCPT, and Celebration Trust, FHT & the EBOT are working closely together for the smooth transition of the integration agreement.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP

### PRAYER

Prayer is our greatest need, God is our great provider, guide and in whom we trust. Please pray for the FHT members as they undertake this massive task in addition to their normal work commitments.

### SERVICES

Are you able to offer any time towards the project? Right now we are looking for someone to assist us in the office to make brochures and PowerPoint presentations. Is this something you are skilled at?

### FINANCES

FHT is a registered Charitable Trust and therefore able to accept donations and receipt them for tax purposes as per the NZ law. The vision for this project is large, and therefore the financial requirements are great. We would so love you to partner with us and your donation whether small or large, weekly or a one off is so very much appreciated and needed to complete this project. Please sow into this vision. Have you considered donating your donation refund that you receive back from your IRD in April. That way your money keeps on giving.

Our account details are : 12-3643-0000323-00

Please put your name in the reference and email the Trust your details and we will ensure your donation is receipted. Our email address is at the base of the newsletter.

## INTRODUCING KATIE RALPH

### Katie Ralph: Chairperson of FHT and member of EBOT

With each newsletter we would like to familiarise you with our trust members. This time we are introducing Katie Ralph.

Hi my name is Katie Ralph. I am mum to three children; Indea, Eve and Finn and wife to James. Our children all attend Waimate Christian School Campus. I am a landscape designer, and am also involved in the running of our native tree nursery. In my spare time I am most often found in my garden, I love to be creative, connecting with friends and family. I fellowship locally at Frontline church. I am extremely passionate about Christian education and feel it is so important to create in our children a strong foundation based on the word of God, to encourage them to develop their personal relationship with Jesus and to help them to become the person God created them to be - I love that the Christian School beautifully compliments all of these things and does it in a nurturing and safe environment. I am excited to see what the Lord is doing through our school and for our community.



We hope you have found this letter informative and helpful and trust that you continue to pray with us as we seek to complete the work ahead of us. We ask that you would please contact us should you have any questions. If you feel you have a heart and a passion for this project and feel you can contribute your time or services please let us know.

God bless.