

Friday 9 February 2024 Week 2 Term 1 Kia orana, Kia ora, Malo lelei, Talofa lava, Namaste, Fakalofa lahi atu, Bula vinaka, Ni hao ma, Xin chāo, Salam alaikum, greetings to all whānau and friends of Flat Bush School,

The weather this week has been absolutely lovely and our learners have been able to make the most of it. Having the Waitangi Day Public Holiday on Tuesday has meant this week has gone by a little faster than usual. Classroom learning programmes are in full swing with a focus on building our learners' knowledge of Te Tiriti o Waitangi (The Treaty of Waitangi). Our school wide Inquiry for Term 1 is 'Discovery' and within this theme are many exciting and varied learning pathways for our children to discover, navigate, and to learn in.

It has been great to see so many of our learners wearing their hats at playtime and lunchtime, these are definitely needed to help protect our learners from the sun. We have also seen many of our children with their water bottles, staying hydrated is so important as we work our way through the summer season.

Today we had our whakatau for all of our newest FBS learners and their whanau. Each year we are very fortunate to have so many new families arrive and make FBS their school of choice. This year is no different and we look forward to a great year for all of our school.

Next week is a big one for our school and sees the return of our FBS Whānau Picnic Day, taking place at Totara Park on Friday, February the 16th. We are boarding our buses at 9.15am and will be leaving FBS by 9.30am and returning by 3pm. This is a school day and all FBS staff will be travelling to Totara Park to be part of this special event. Our learners do not have to wear their school uniform, we will have another notice going home with final details early next week.

Our school's cricket teams have begun their training for the Otara Primary Schools Field Day which is taking place on Thursday, February the 29th at the Kolmar Recreation Grounds in Papatoetoe.

If you have any questions about any of our upcoming events feel free to contact our school office (09 274 8279) or send us an email if that is preferred office@flatbush.school.nz. Have a safe and happy weekend.

Mr Avatea Proud to be your Principal

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