

Friday 25 October 2024

Term 4 Week 3

Kia ora, Kia orana, Malo lelei, Talofa lava, Namaste, Fakalofa lahi atu, Xin chào, Bula vinaka, Nǐ hǎo ma, မင်္ဂလာပါ, शाला, 안녕하세요, Bonjour, Mhoro, Kumusta, Kumno, Greetings to all whānau and friends of Flat Bush School,

We have had an amazing week celebrating Vagahau Niue (Niuean Language Week) with lots of exciting things taking place. On Wednesday we started with our opening assembly and the raising of the Niuean Flag and singing the national anthem. Thursday we had a visit from the Rowandale Primary School Niuean Bilingual Unit, we welcomed them to FBS with a Niuean Chant and both schools presented different items to each other.

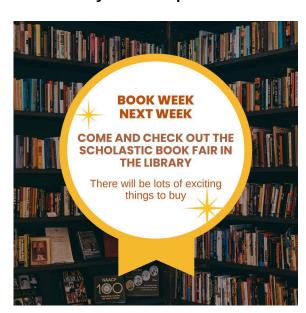
This is hopefully the first of many experiences and opportunities for our two schools to be together. Our week is ending with a very special event, the Niuean haircutting ceremony (Hifiulu) for the Gatoloai-Jackson boys, Haloe, Kiaan-Lui, Roman and Micah. This is the first time in my career that a school has been part of such an important whānau event. It is testimony to the relationship that our school has developed with our FBS whānau and how strong our connection together is.

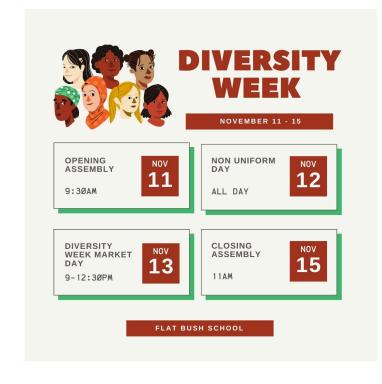
On Saturday we celebrate our FBS staff who are graduating from the 2024 Te Ahu o Te Reo Māori programme. They have completed this outside of school hours, online evening classes and attending weekend workshops, tino pai rawe e te whānau.

Next week our Tag and Touch teams are participating in the Counties Manukau Games, taking place at Bruce Pulman Park in Papakura from Tuesday to Thursday. We will share updates next week of our team's progress throughout the week.

Thank you FBS whānau for your ongoing support and encouragement, it is greatly appreciated.

Mr Avatea **Proud to be your Principal**





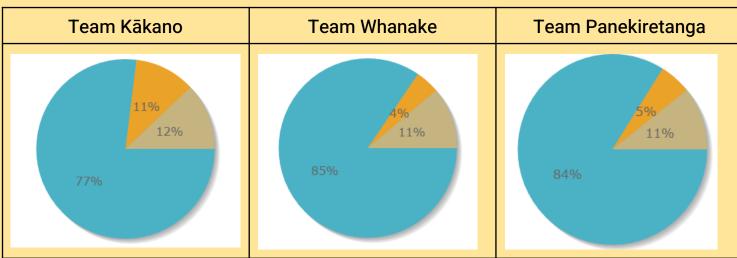
Niuean Language Week







Next week we will share some pictures from the Hifi Ulu



Above are the team attendance rates for last week - week 2. Well done to Team Whanake for having the highest attendance rate last week.

The key is to the right.