



Friday 14 September 2018
Week 8 Term 3

Last Friday our school rugby teams competed in the Otago Interscholars tournament at Sir Barry Curtis Park. All 3 teams, Boys Under 50kg, Open Weight and Girls made the semi finals of their sections. Overall our Open Weight finished in 2nd place and our Girls/Under 50kg in 3rd place. It was a very positive day with all teams only losing one game in the tournament.
A big thank you to all of our whānau who came out to support our teams.

On Wednesday this week we had 3 students compete in the Auckland Primary Principals Association English Speech competition. Congratulations to Toreka Tito who came 1st in the Year 5 section, Jordan Avatea who came 2nd in the Year 6 section and to Atalia Wilson who was a finalist in the Year 6 section. Our students took on the challenge of presenting a speech of their choice to an audience and panel of judges. **They did a great job and represented our school with pride.**

This week has been a busy one as we have lots of fun activities taking place as part of our Te Reo Māori Language Week. Thank you to all of our staff who have provided extra opportunities for our students to experience elements of Taha Māori at lunchtimes.

Next week we start our Book Week with lots of fun activities based around the enjoyment of Reading. Hope to see lots of our FBS whānau at our Book Character Parade next Friday which is taking place at 11.30am, come along dressed up as a character from your favourite childhood book and join in the fun.

Sad to see the Warriors finish their season last Saturday but they did so well in making the finals and great to see the Warriors women's team starting so well.

Have a wonderful weekend FBS whānau,

Mr Avatea

Always proud to be your Principal

Toreka Tito (1st place) Y5

Jordan Avatea(2nd place) Y6

Atalia Wilson Y6 finalist



This week's editor was Elizaberth Samau

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o Flatbush school

This week has been extremely exciting week for all New Zealanders because it was Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. Our week began with raising the Rangatiratanga flag. Ngā Mānaakitanga (Rm 20) kindly opened the week with karakia led by Elly-Mei Samupo followed by tino ataahua waiata mai (singing).



During the lunch breaks our tamariki have participated in various art activities linking to Te Aō Māori. Take a look at our aspiring artists.



On Māori language week Kitani Jackson led the kai karakia (food pray) and karakia whakamutunga (end pray). At lunchtime Kitani said the kai karakia and she was very nervous. But when she led the end of the day karakia, she said it with pride and confidence. But Kitani was very nervous at saying the kai karakia, because that was her first time saying it on the microphone in the office, but she got the hang of it and started to become confident.



Lastly, Nga Manaakitanga would like to thank everyone for supporting Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. Kia Kaha (be strong), kia maia (be steadfast), kia manawanui (be willing).

Ahakoia iti ākōna arohatia - Learn a little, use a little.

On Monday we had a special guest visit Flatbush School for our Duffy Assembly. He was Manase Latu. He was a graduate from the Auckland University and he graduated with a Bachelor of Music with First Class Honors. Manase was a member of many choir groups in New Zealand and overseas and recently he was selected as the Malvina Major Emerging Artist for 2018.

Manase came to Flatbush School and shared his journey with us. He explained to us why it was so important to read and how reading different books can change our lives. Manase also sang an opera song to us and he was amazing!

