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Week 5 Term 2

Kia orana, Kia orana, Malo lelei, Talofa lava, Namaste, Fakalofa lahi atu, Bula vinaka, Ni hao, greetings to all whānau and friends of Flat Bush School, Winter well and truly arrived this week with the temperature dropping and lots of wet weather. I hope this newsletter reaches all FBS whānau in good spirits and you have been able to keep colds and flus at bay.

We continue to promote the importance of being at school every day so that our students can make the best progress possible. If your child is unwell thank you for keeping them at home until they are better, and thank you for communicating to us the reason for your child not being at school.

School starts every day at 8.55am and being on time is a valuable skill for our children to master, instilling positive habits towards punctuality will hold them in good stead for their future.

Class Photos were to happen this Wednesday but due to a scheduling issue they have been moved to Thursday, July the 4th. Our apologies to FBS whānau for the change of date and any inconvenience this may have caused.

Congratulations to our school's Netball teams who competed in the recent Ōtara Interschools field day, our Girls B Team came 1st, Boys 3rd and our Girls A team 5th. A very pleasing set of results, thank you to Ms Heather, Ms Ann O and Ms Awhi for their awesome coaching.

Our Boys Rugby League teams are competing in the Ōtara Interschool tournament next Wednesday, June the 12th. I look forward to sharing their results next week.

We had a wonderful celebration of the Samoa Language last week, lots of exciting learning, singing, performing and dancing. It was lovely having so many families join our fono last Thursday evening. There are more photos from the week and other school events on our website www.flatbush.school.nz



Kia manuia,
Mr Avatea
Proud to be your Principal

Corporate Bike Challenge

Flat Bush School has been supported by the Corporate Challenge Events company who specialise in team building activities. During these activities corporate staff work in teams to build a full sized bicycle, this bicycle is then donated to a student who is able to keep it. Our school was asked if we would like to be involved and we said a big "yes please". So far we have had 9 FBS learners receive a bike, helmet and lock for them to keep, donated by Simpson Grierson Lawyers and Chorus Broadband. A big thank you to Todd Statham from Corporate Challenge Events for making this opportunity available for our school.



Matariki activities

Next week to mark the beginning of Matariki there be activities taking place from Monday to Thursday. These include poi making for Junior students on Monday, Middle students on Tuesday and Seniors on Wednesday at lunchtime (12.30pm-1.25pm). All poi making will be happening in Rm 5. We have V.Art activities Monday to Thursday at morning tea (10.30am-10.50am). Rm 20 are hosting a special art competition at morning tea and lunchtime on Thursday and Friday, lots happening and all FBS whānau are warmly invited to join us.



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Term 2 Community Survey

Coming home on Monday will be our latest Community Survey, please ask your child for your whānau's copy. There are a number of questions that we are asking so that we can capture our community voice and use this information as part of our self-review processed. At the bottom of the survey slip is a space to write your name, this will be your entry to win one of three \$50.00 dollar Pak n Save vouchers. Every returned survey will entitle your child/ren to receive a free sausage sizzle next Friday, June the 14th. Our survey will come home on Monday and will close on Friday so please get your surveys back to the school office as soon as you can.

Junior Team Learners

If whānau are picking up one of our awesome Junior learners at the end of our school day, please can you wait outside the door of their classroom for them before the bell. Recently we have had situations where our youngest learners are waiting at school because their older siblings had forgotten to collect them from class and their parents have been waiting in the car for them. Thank you for helping us to keep all of our amazing children safe and well.

Flat Bush School Vision
'kia angitu tātou katoa'
Success for all