



Friday February 9 2018

Kia ora, Kia orana, Malo lelei, Talofa lava, Namaste, Fakalofa lahi atu, Bula vinaka, Ni hao, greetings to all whanau and friends of Flat Bush School

We are well and truly back into the swing of things here at school. Today is the end of our second week at school and is the last short week until the Esater break. It is now a great opportunity to build upon the positive start to the term.

Bairds Rd Carpark

The gate to the Bairds Rd carpark is closed from 2.30pm to 3.15pm each day. The reason for this is to reduce the number of cars entering and exiting this area when our students are leaving school at the end of the day. We thank all families for working with us to do everything we can to keep our students safe.



Room 6 opening

Due to the increase in class sizes in our Junior rooms we will be opening Rm 6 from Monday, February the 12th. We normally open a Junior class at the start of Term 2 and this is an indication of the large number of enrolments we have had since the start of term.

Junior Class swimming starts

Next Tuesday our Junior School classes, Rms 1,2,5,6,7 and 8 will begin their swimming lessons at the Norman Kirk Memorial Pools. All students must have returned their permission slips to their teacher or they will not be attending.



HATS, HATS, HATS

Please remind your children to bring a hat to school everyday—particularly with the weather being so nice and sunny. Students who are not wearing a hat will be directed to spend their break times under the covered areas of our school. At Flat Bush School hats are compulsory during Terms 1 and 4. Thank you whanau for your support in this.

School Assembly

From next Friday we will be having a weekly school assembly from 2.15pm to 2.45pm in our school hall. We have lots to celebrate and share and this will be a great opportunity for us to do so.

Whanau Picnic

On Friday February 23, we will be holding our annual Whanau Picnic at school from 4.30pm –7pm. It is a lovely relaxed way for whanau to meet their child’s new teacher and for everyone to have fun together.

There will be lots of fun activities for both children and adults to join in. We look forward to having our students and their whanau spending this time with our staff.



School Uniform and Stationery

A massive thank you to all families for the great job you have done to get our student’s their uniforms and stationery. The start of the school year is an expensive time and as a school we want to recognise the wonderful job our families do.



Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all. – Aristotle

Flat Bush School Community Survey 2017

In Term 4 we conducted our annual Community Survey. This week we have the chance to share with you the results from two sections of the survey and we will share more next week as well.

Subject	2016 Total number 257 responses	%	2017 Total number 931 responses	%	Variance
E-Learning	21	8.1	66	7.1	-1%
Health	37	14.4	125	13.4	-1%
Language and languages	20	7.8	88	9.5	+1.7%
Mathematics	46	17.9	155	16.6	-1.3%
Reading	45	17.5	155	16.6	-.09%
Science	10	3.9	65	7.0	+3.1%
Social Sciences	8	3.1	44	4.7	+1.6%
Te Reo Maori	13	5.1	27	2.9	-2.2%
Technology	18	7.0	85	9.2	+2.2%
Writing	39	15.2	121	13.0	-2.2%

5 Qualities that are most important for our students to develop in their time with us at FBS

Quality	2016 responses 270 (total)	%	2017 Responses 995 (total)	%	Variance
Caring	38	14.0%	103	10.3%	-3.7%
Confidence	37	13.7%	135	13.5%	-.2%
Co-operation	16	5.9%	78	7.8%	+1.9%
Generosity	9	3.3%	32	3.2%	-.1%
Gratitude	13	4.8%	35	3.5%	-1.3%
Independence	15	5.5%	65	6.5%	+1.0%
Perseverance	8	2.9%	25	2.5%	-.4%
Problem solving	21	7.7%	97	9.7%	+2.0%
Resilience	5	1.8%	23	2.3%	+.5%
Respect	43	15.9%	157	15.7%	-.2%
Responsibility	28	10.3	104	10.4%	+.1%
Self-control	17	6.3	60	6.0%	-.3%
Self-Management	11	4.0%	59	5.9%	+1.9%
Tolerance	9	3.3%	22	2.2%	-1.1%

Cultural Meetings

Please make note of the following dates in which we will be holding our cultural group meetings. These will be an opportunity for our school to hear from our community and the goals and direction you would like our school to be heading in. We will have these in different cultural groups and reminder notes will be sent out closer to each meeting date.

- Maori whanau hui: Thursday March 1 (6pm-8pm)
- Samoan aiga fono: Thursday March 8 (6pm-8pm)
- Tongan famili fono: Thursday March 15 (6pm-8pm)
- Cook Island anau 'uipā'anga: Thursday March 29 (6pm-8pm)

Room 19 Newsletter Crew

From Week 4 Ms Fernando and her class will be the publishers of our school’s newsletter. As we have moved to a larger A3 sized version we also will have a new team producing the newsletter. Next week will be the last version that I am fully responsible for and I am looking forward to seeing our awesome students taking on this new learning opportunity.

Kia manuia,
Mr Avatea, proud to be the Principal of the greatest school in the world.