



Friday February 23 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

This is a very special edition of our weekly newsletter as it has been produced by the Multi media Marvels class. Thank you to those students and Ms Fernando for taking on this new role for us.

I would like to encourage all students to be at school every day from 8.55am. This week we have had a number of students arriving after the day has begun. Let's display the school value of Mahi Ngatahi, and work together to have all of our students at school everyday and on time. Thank you whānau, with your help we can achieve anything.

Census 2018

Every five years Statistics NZ run the census, an official count of how many people we have in our country. The census is a set of questions that help create a picture of who is living in New Zealand. The Census day is Tuesday March 6th. This year, for the first time, the Census is being completed online. Flat Bush School would like to support our community by providing a space in school for you to complete the Census. On Monday 5th and Tuesday the 6th of March we will have six computers set up in our school's Board Room for families to come in and complete the Census. All you need to bring with you is the access code that will be delivered to your home in the mail. We will have the computers set up and available from 9am-3pm, please just come into our office area and we will show you where to go. For more information about the 2018 Census at

www.census.govt.nz.

Maori whānau hui

The first of this term's community meetings take place next Thursday for all Maori whānau. It will take place in our Centre for Student Inquiry and start at 6pm.

Junior Syndicate Swimming has started

Next Tuesday our Junior School classes, Rms 1,2,5,6,7 and 8 will continue 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 whānau 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.



EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD.
- NELSON MANDELA



Leaning Tower of Pasta

Back at Flatbush and what a great start! On the first Friday of school Room 18 worked on an really fun activity that practised learning how to work with other people. One of our school values "Mahi ngatahi" - working collaboratively.

The class was split into five teams. We all worked together to build the highest tower using mini marshmallows and uncooked skinny pasta. Towers were measured in height. One team built a huge tower which was too wide, so it broke down. To win, your team had to have the tallest tower and it had to stand up by itself, while the judges measured them. Teams tried all different ways to build their towers with no help from adults. This activity was very hard because we could barely survive not being able to eat the marshmallows. All teams tried really hard, some towers stayed standing but sadly some fell down!

The judges Mrs Tupou and Mrs Anne measured our towers and then announced the winners. We were all very excited to hear who won. The winning teams tower was 45 cm high. The winning team of the leaning Tower activity was Toreka, Vini, Teleite and Quarar, we all screamed very loudly. Our prize was a whole bag of marshmallows but when we saw everyone else who were devastated, we decided to share with them. Great teamwork and we all won because we all got to eat marshmallows.

I wonder who will win round two on Friday the 23rd of February. We are going to work in new teams and this time we are allowed to inquire, how to make your tower high. Mrs Vaka told us that Mrs Russell was a Leaning Tower of Pasta expert builder, So I think that I will ask her and her team which included my mum.

Amazing Avatar Reporter Toreka Tito

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