



**Friday 18 March 2022**

Week 7 Term 1

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

This week it has been nice to see many more of our FBS learners return to school and we hope to see even more learners back next week too. We are hopeful that we have moved through the worst of the COVID-19 wave, thank you to all of our FBS whānau for keeping us up to date throughout the past four weeks.

We start Week 8 on Monday and we have just under four weeks left until the end of the term, this makes every day so important as our teachers are working incredibly hard to help our children make up for lost time. I have included the overall school attendance data and look forward to seeing this improve over the last part of our term.

We are looking forward to the time when we will be able to move on from the drop/off and pick up system that is in place for the start and end of the day. We are all missing seeing our children's whānau in our school and as soon as we know that we can remove this requirement we will let you know. Our school continues to be a place in which our children are fully supported and this includes our daily Breakfast Club, fruit at morning tea and Free school lunches for everyone.

At FBS our children do not need to bring money to school unless it is for a school trip and in that case we will always let our whānau know via a newsletter or through Skool Loop App and our normal social media platforms. Wishing all FBS whānau a safe and happy weekend, the weather has been very nice this week and I hope this continues for us all.

TEAM KAKANO						
R23	Rm 2	Rm 5	Rm 6	Rm 7	Rm 8	
52%	61%	54%	58%	65%	63%	
TEAM WHANAKE						
Rm 9	Rm 11	Rm 12	Rm 13	Rm 14	Rm 15	Rm 21
58%	62%	63%	61%	68%	54%	54%
TEAM PANEKIRETANGA						
Rm 10	Rm 16	Rm 17	Rm 18	Rm 19		
62%	64%	61%	69%	68%		

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**2022 Flat Bush School Council**

Congratulations to the following FBS Year 6 learners who have been selected to be this year's School Council. Check out our school's [Facebook](#) page where you will be able to watch each Councillor's profile video.

**Rm 10:** *Faith Ngatae and TJ Ale-Leiataua*

**Rm 16:** *Simrah Kumar and Li'amanía Gatoloai*

**Rm 17:** *Faapaia Tauvela Toloa and Hayzill Vailea*

**Rm 18:** *Tyler Milne, Miah Morton and Tyler Seau*

**Rm 19:** *Taise Lu'uga, Ocean Williams and Vaughn Mataia*

**School Water Bottle**

FBS have been working with the University of Auckland on a research project that studies the impact of drinking water on children's learning and development. The University has donated 450 water bottles to our school and our children will have received one this week. We have made an effort to name them and encourage our FBS whānau to help personalise your child's bottle. You will see that the University has provided a sturdy, robust and high quality metal water bottle, thank you UOA.



**Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple**

This week we were visited by our friends from the Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple in Botany. They were gifting our school some resources to help us in our defence against COVID-19. We are looking forward to next term when our school will be going for a trip to the temple and all of our learners and staff will be able to learn more about this beautiful space. Hopefully we will also be able to take some FBS whānau as parent helpers for this trip.



Check out FBS updates on Facebook, Instagram, Youtube or our school website [www.flatbush.school.nz](http://www.flatbush.school.nz)





Friday 25 March 2022

Week 8 Term 1

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

This week we have had another big increase in learners back at school even though the week has presented some challenges with the arrival of some wet and windy weather. This week we have had a number of FBS whānau dropping off their children besides the cones and yellow lines on Flat Bush Rd. These are in place to help keep traffic moving along the road, each time a car stops to drop someone off it can cause a build up of traffic.

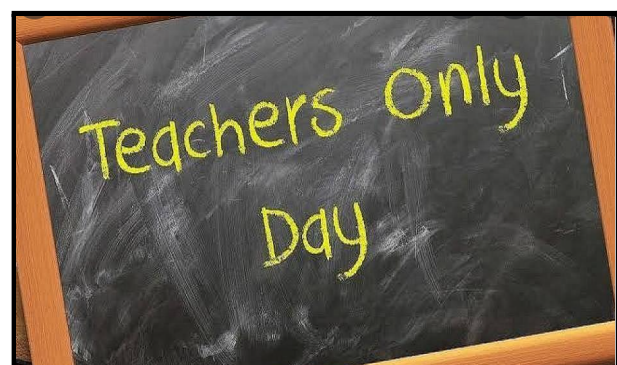
We have had Parking Wardens from Auckland Transport observe this and we would like to avoid the possibility of our FBS whānau being ticketed for doing this. These cones and yellow lines are also there to help keep all of our FBS children safe. If FBS whānau want to drop their child off please can we use the available parking spaces on Flat Bush Rd or Piako Street. Ngā mihi mahana FBS whānau, your support in this matter is needed, and appreciated.



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Last day for Term 1 is Wednesday, April the 13th and Term 2 starts on Monday, May the 2nd.

Thursday April the 14th our staff will be involved in a Professional Development workshop focused on the teaching of Science.

HOUSE T-shirts

Next week we will send home information about our 2022 House Sports T-shirts that will be on sale. Please ask your child what House they are in Kauri (Blue), Rimu (Red), Kowhai (Yellow) or Rata (Green). If they don't know they can ask their teacher to find out.

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**Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide**

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school:

- Open the 'Skool Loop App' - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your school app.

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### FBS Writer's Success



Congratulations to Tyler, Saint-Paul and Polevia who received awards for their writing in a competition organised by our friends from Pacific Kids Learning. Well done boys and great to see our school's vision of 'kia angitu tatou katoa' (**success for all**) in action. We are very proud of you and what you have been able to achieve.



We are planning to hold a Have a Go Day at school on Friday, April the 8th for all of our FBS and Mt Richmond School learners. The day will run from 9am-3pm and each Teaching Team will have a block of the day for their learners to Have a Go at playing basketball, softball, rugby league, cricket, soccer and hockey. This will be our first House Sports competition for 2022 and is something we can all look forward to. If there is a shift in the Traffic Light settings and whānau are allowed to join us we will definitely make this happen.

### FBS SCHOOL VALUES FOR WEEK 8

Manaakitanga: *Caring for and respecting each other*

Fa'aaloalo: *Respect for others, honouring elders*

### Want to play Hockey this year?

**SOUTHERN DISTRICTS HOCKEY**  
"HAVE-A-GO" DATES 2022  
KOLMAR SPORTS CENTRE  
PAPATOETOE

**PLAY HOCKEY THIS SEASON!**

JUNIOR HOCKEY FOR 5 - 15 YEAR OLDS. ALL PRACTICES AT PAPATOETOE. ALL GAMES ON ARTIFICIAL TURF.

"HAVE-A-GO" DATES • 2022

The Have-A-Go dates are for any kids who want to play this season to come and have an open play of hockey with some of the SDHC kids' coaches. They'll have a ball, and be able to register for the seasons at any of these sessions.

Kids can come to as all, some or just one of the sessions below - you choose!  
Season fees 2022: \$80.

YEARS 3 - 8	YEARS 1 & 2
MONDAY 14TH MARCH • 5:30PM - 6:45PM	Our "Fun-Sticks" age group (Years 1 & 2), begin in Term 2. To register your interest, please simply email Lucy at youth@sdhc.co.nz
WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH • 5:00PM - 6:15PM	
SATURDAY 19TH MARCH • 9:00AM - 10:30AM	
MONDAY 21ST MARCH • 5:30PM - 6:45PM	
WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH • 5:00PM - 6:15PM	
SATURDAY 26TH MARCH • 9:00AM - 10:30AM	

FOR MORE INFORMATION • LUCY BUSS • YOUTH@SDHC.CO.NZ

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