



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%		

Flat Bush Forever!!
Mr Avatea
 Proud to be your Principal

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





Tuesday April 5

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Staffing Update

Congratulations to Miss Patterson (Room 12) who has been offered a leadership position at Eilerslie Primary School, starting in Week 1 of Term 2. This means that Miss Patterson will be leaving Flat Bush School at the end of this term.

We thank Miss Patterson for her service to our Flat Bush School learning community and wish her well for this next stage of her educational journey. We are working through options to replace Miss Patterson and will update the whānau of our Room 12 learners before the end of this term.

Final Day for Term 1

Our **final** day for our learners is Wednesday, April the 13th and Flat Bush School will close for instruction at 12pm. We wish all FBS learners a safe and happy break, we will reopen for instruction on Monday, May the 2nd.

Teacher Only Day

On Thursday, April the 14th we have a Teacher Only Day, school is closed for our learners as our teachers will be learning more about Science and exciting ways to share this subject in our classrooms.

FBS House T-Shirts/Hoodies for sale

We will have our Pop up Shop set up again this Thursday on our Flat Bush Rd Gate.

We will have House T-Shirts on sale for **\$10.00** dollars and a small number of end of line FBS Hoodies for \$20.00. These are heavily discounted as we have a limited range of sizes and colours.



HOUSE Have a Go Day

Unfortunately, we remain at the Red Traffic Light Setting so we are unable to have our FBS whānau join us. We do have Mr Demetrius Solomona (Mr D) in school filming this event and we will post up a video of the day on our school's Website, Facebook, Instagram and You Tube platforms for our whānau to watch.

Thank you to all FBS whānau for your continued support and encouragement for our school.

Mr Avatea

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