



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





Rāmere waru Paenga whāwhā

Friday April 8 2022

Week 10 Term 1

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Lots of exciting things have been happening this week in our school. During the weekend I had the privilege of attending a Gratitude Ceremony at the Fo Guang Shan Temple in Botany. This was to thank the NZ Police for their role in helping to deliver Rapid Antigen Tests (RATS) to schools across Tamaki Makaurau. It was a very special event and I am looking forward to next term when all of our classes will be visiting the Temple on Thursday, May the 12th. By then, hopefully we will be at the Orange Traffic Light setting so that we can have FBS whānau joining us for the trip.

Today we had our first House Teams competition for the year which is another nice reminder that things are getting a bit closer to normal. Wishing all FBS whānau well for the weekend ahead and we will look to finish the last part of our term with our usual level of energy and enthusiasm.

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Last day for Term 1 is Wednesday, April the 13th.

School closes at 12pm.

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



FBS SCHOOL VALUES FOR WEEK 10

Manaakitanga: *Caring for and respecting each other*

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

FBS Enviro group

Flat Bush school now have our own Student Enviro Team who look at ways we can improve our environment. We meet every Wednesday at lunch in the school gardens. So far we have:

- chosen our name: **The Green Machine**
- brainstormed ideas about what we could get involved in to improve our environment
- cleaned out the worm bins and looked at what is produced by the worms
- planted some plants around the school for the bees and students to enjoy



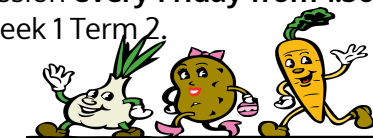
We will continue to share with you all the other exciting things we get up to in the FBS newsletter.



Exciting News!!

In Term 2, we are offering **free gardening sessions** to whanau who are keen to learn about gardening and receive a garden of their own. If you are a keen gardener who would like to share your ideas and help others, please feel free to come along. Areas to be covered will be planting, composting and preparing the soil. This will be a weekly session **every Thursday from 1.45-2.45** starting week 1 Term 2.

In Term 2, we are offering **free cooking sessions** to whanau who are keen to learn how to cook with vegies from the garden. If you are keen to learn new recipes or you would like to share your recipes and help others, please feel free to come along. The ingredients will be provided. This will be a weekly session **every Friday from 1.30-2.45** starting week 1 Term 2.



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