



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





Friday 13 May 2022

Week 2 Term 2




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 has been a very busy week at FBS, we have had our learners out visiting the Maritime Museum in Auckland City, the Fo Guang Shan Temple in Botany and the Allenby, Cooper Cres and Ōtamariki Parks. Our Project Wy leadership Group (see photo) and their whānau continued with their Tuesday, 6am training sessions at the Allan Brewster Rec Centre. We also had the Hungerball Game in our school on Wednesday and Thursday. To finish the week today we had a team participating in the Ōtara Manaakitanga Festival at the Manukau Velodrome. They were one of 10 schools who were part of this fun-filled day, we will be sharing some photos and videos on our school's Facebook and Instagram. Tomorrow our Under 11 FBS Falcons are playing the Mangere East Hawks at Aorere Park, Field No 2 at 9.45am. It is great that we are able to provide so many opportunities for our children, thank you to all of our FBS whānau who have joined us for our trips out of school. Thank you also to our hard working staff who have made these experiences possible. Good luck to everyone involved in weekend sports and wishing all FBS whānau, a safe and happy weekend. Flat Bush Forever!!



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| | Team Whanake Room 12 | Team Whanake Room 11 | Team Panekiretanga Room 18 |
|--------------------------------|--|---|---|
| | <p>Fraser Masani</p>  | <p>Saraphina Mailo</p>  | <p>Mavae Huihui</p>  |
| Favorite thing to do at school | <i>Play on the playground</i> | <i>Is to learn</i> | <i>Playing with my friends</i> |
| Favorite sport | <i>Football</i> | <i>Basketball</i> | <i>Netball</i> |
| Favorite teacher | <i>Mrs Zhou</i> | <i>Mrs Young</i> | <i>Mrs Vaka</i> |
| I am proud of | <i>playing</i> | <i>Being the class captain</i> | <i>Coming back to school</i> |

Whanau Gardening and Cooking sessions



Last week, we had our first Whanau gardening and cooking session. We asked our whanau what they would like to achieve in these sessions and we made banana and feijoa loaf and muffins which they got to take home. We are looking forward to making our own herb and salad gardens and cooking some more delicious kai. If you would like to join us, you are most welcome! Our gardening sessions are from 1.45-2.45 every Thursday and our Cooking sessions are from 1.30-2.45 every Friday. Nau mai, haere mai!

Pink Shirt Day

Next Friday we are supporting Pink shirt day by having a mufti day. Students are being asked to support this worthy cause by donating a gold coin and wearing pink. All funds raised will go to the Stop bullying campaign.

