



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





Friday 27 May 2022

Week 4 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 week we have definitely noticed a drop in temperature and the arrival of some colder weather. It is a reminder for us all that we are moving into our Winter season and these days will become our new normal for a while. We continue to make sure that all FBS classrooms and buildings are well ventilated as part of our regular practices to reduce the impact of Covid-19. At the same time we also have in every FBS classroom a Heat Pump that is able to heat up our rooms on the colder days, these are regularly serviced and are a great asset for our school. Yesterday was a pretty exciting day as we had our very first hot school lunch, it was a delicious spaghetti bolognaise and I received lots of really positive feedback about how much our learners enjoyed their lunch. The aim is for our learners to have two hot lunches each week and on the other three days they will have their normal sandwiches, wraps etc.

A big thank you to Eat my Lunch who provide a FREE lunch for all FBS learners five days a week, we also have our Fruit in Schools programme that provides morning tea as well as Kids Can muesli bars and scroggin mix. We all know that the cost of food continues to increase, and we appreciate each of these supports as it enables us to provide morning tea and lunch for all of our learners and maybe help our FBS whānau to save a few dollars too. Thank you to our FBS whānau who are contacting the office or leaving a message to let us know if your child is going to be away.


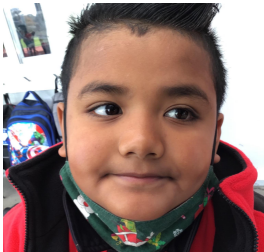

If your child is feeling unwell we encourage them to be at home until they are better. If you would like a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) please contact the school office, we have a limited supply of these kits (1 per FBS whānau) if needed.

Next week is Samoan Language Week and this year's theme for Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week is Fa'aauū le Folauga i le Va'a o Tautai - **Continue the Voyage with Competent Wayfinders of the Ocean.**

We look forward to this week as it is always a highlight in our school calendar, FBS whānau are invited to join us for the opening ceremony on Monday from 9am under our COLA. Have a great weekend, wishing all FBS learners who are involved in weekend sports well for their games tomorrow.

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	Team Kakano Room 6	Team Whanake Room 13	Team Panekiretanga Room 16
	Tairi Teariki 	Emmanuel Kumar 	Lesa Taylors Tapumanaia 
Favorite thing to do at school	<i>Play</i>	<i>Playing in the park</i>	<i>Playing rugby</i>
Favorite sport	<i>Rugby</i>	<i>Soccer</i>	<i>Rugby</i>
Favorite teacher	<i>Miss Heather</i>	<i>Miss Browne</i>	<i>Mr Moiho</i>
I am proud of	<i>Family</i>	<i>Family</i>	<i>Rugby and myself</i>

This week's newsletter editors were: Tyler Seau, Jayde Wynyard and Tauetera Lazaro

Room 6 Self portraits

