



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





Thursday June the 23rd, 2022

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Eye on Nature Wearable Arts

Best wishes to our Wearable Arts group who are participating in the Eye on Nature Fashion Show tonight at the Vodafone Events Centre. We have had a team of 10 designers working to create two costumes that will be worn by our FBS learners at tonight's show. Thank you to Mrs Tupou and Mrs Mayerhofer for supporting our learners to be ready for their big night.

Matariki Public Holiday

FBS is closed tomorrow as it is the first Matariki Public Holiday in Aotearoa, we will reopen for instruction on Monday 28th of June.

FBS Working Bee

We have a working bee at school this Saturday to install our new garden beds. These will be used to plant vegetables and will be a welcome addition to our Enviroschools and Garden to Table learning programmes. All FBS whānau are warmly invited to join us for part or all of the day, morning tea and lunch will be provided. You don't need any special tools or equipment, just lots of enthusiasm and as much energy as you can muster. We will be starting our working bee at 8.30am and finish by 1pm.

Lockdown Practice Drill

On Monday, June the 28th we will be holding a Lockdown Practice Drill at FBS, we will be doing this with the support of the team from Harrison Tew who specialise in emergency response and planning. As part of the drill we will be following our process of communicating to whānau with updates which may be sent by txt, email, website and/or Skool loop. Please know that this is a practice drill not a real lockdown, we will send a reminder text out to FBS whānau on Monday morning.

Celebration of Success

We will have our Term 2 Celebration of Success in Week 10 on Wednesday, July the 6th from 1pm-6pm. School will close at 12.30pm and we will start our first celebrations with whānau from 1pm. Next week FBS whānau will be able to start making their bookings to meet with their children's teacher. Mid-Year Reports will also be shared at this time.

Final Day for Term 2

FBS will close for the end of Term 2 on Thursday, July the 7th at 12.30pm.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa FBS whānau for your ongoing encouragement and support for FBS, it is greatly appreciated.

Mr Avatea

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