



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 29th July 2022

Week 1 Term 3

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,

It has been very nice seeing our beautiful FBS learners back at school for the start of our new term. There certainly has been a lot of rain to start the week and we are all looking forward to the return of some drier days.

Work is underway on our school's new build project and our sincere thanks to all whānau for your support while the Bairds Rd car park is out of use.

Next week is Cook Islands Language Week and we have a school assembly on Friday, August the 5th at 11am. Our school will be in their House Colours and we have House T-Shirts for sale at the school office for the normal price of \$10.00.

We are starting our Language Week at 9am with the raising of the Cook Islands Flag and singing the National Anthem. This will be at 9am under our COLA and FBS whānau are welcome to join us. We will have more information about events taking place shared to you during the week.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy weekend, hopefully the rain will stay away so that sports can take place.

Our FBS Falcons are in action tomorrow, they are playing the Mangere East Hawk at Ngāti Ōtara Park at 9am.

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Fencing that is now in place for our school's New Build Project



We continue to update our school's Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/fbsforever/> and our website www.flatbush.school.nz

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FBS WRITERS SHOWCASE

This term we will be sharing pieces of our learner's writing from classrooms across our school. This week we have Phoenix from Rm 13 and Ezra from Rm17.



Autumn
I can see the leaves going down onto the water.
The leaves are red, brown, purple and yellow and they have long stems.
I can hear the rain falling down on the trees.
The leaves are crunching under my feet.
I can smell the rotting leaves.
The leaves smell like dirt and I don't like it.
I can feel the leaves falling down on me.
The wind is blowing the leaves into my legs.
I can taste the cold rain falling down on my tongue.
The milo is sweet and warm in my mouth.
Phoenix

Thursday 19 May 2022

Dear Maritime Museum whanau,

Thank you for the time you spent with me and my friends from Room 17. I enjoyed learning in the classroom the most. Kahurangi was cool. My most memorable learning was about the kakahu whetu and the different parts of the hourua. I didn't think the cannon was going to be so loud but Ben was right. Lots of my friends jumped but I didn't.

I hope I can come back another time to go for a ride on the waka hourua. I think Hinemoa is a beautiful name.

Also, **THANK YOU** for the koha of a model waka.

Yours sincerely
 Ezra Williams