



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 12 August 2022

Week 3 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,

Last week was an amazing celebration of the Cook Islands Language Week and the FBS Koni Raoni on Friday was something very special. It was a wonderful opportunity to experience something new in our school, with all of our learners and staff participating in their House item. The uniforms were beautiful, the dance moves full of grace and our drummers were absolutely next level!!

It was nice to see so many FBS whānau join us, your cheering and support for all of our Houses as they danced was appreciated. Congratulations to Rimu House who were awarded the House trophy.

FBS extends its deepest condolences to the whānau of Mrs Mesepa Hiko, a teacher from Ferguson Intermediate who passed away over the weekend. Mrs Hiko has worked at Ferguson for a number of years, and worked at FBS before moving to Ferguson. Mrs Hiko has many friends here, and she will be dearly missed by all FBS whānau past and present.

Wishing our Falcons the best of luck in their games against the Under 11 Pacific Sharks, this is being played at Mt Smart and is the curtain raiser before the NZ Warriors- Canterbury Bulldogs game. Our Falcons take the field at 7.10pm tonight and are looking forward to the chance to play at Mt Smart. Their final game for the year is tomorrow when they play the Manukau Magpies on Moyle Park in Mangere, at 9am.

Good luck to all FBS learners involved in sports over the weekend. Remember to play to win, play hard and fair, and play to have fun.

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This week's newsletter editors were: Tauetera Lazaro, Ava Cocoza



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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 authors from rooms 10 and 14.

My Aunts Funeral

On my school holiday me and my family went up north for my aunt's funeral.

When we got there, me and my cousins played Rugby and Touch at the marae. My cousins and I also played Rugby League for fun. There were Maori hakas done by my dad and my uncles. The people at the marae made a hangi and the food was amazing. The chicken was so delicious.

We had so much fun at the marae and my most favourite and fun thing to do was play rugby. There was a creek my cousins threw rocks in, and my cousins and I had such cool fun throwing rocks. Me, my mum, dad and sister went to a town nearby and we bought some food. Then we went back to the marae and me, my sister, my uncle and my cousins played Monopoly, and when it was night time we played Manhunt. It was a fun game to play.

On the last day was my aunt's burial day, and at the marae we went up to a mountain with a cemetery on it and we buried my aunt. Some people went home, but some stayed up north but not at the marae.

Even though it was my aunt's funeral, I had fun getting to know my Maori whanau and how they did things at a funeral.

Written by - Louis Papalii, Room 10

Saint Paul

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE SUN

- The heating sun controls when the food grows.
- The gigantic sun has been shining for 4.5 billion years.
- The fiery sun controls when food grows.
- The hot sun controls when we sleep.
- The steaming sun is made up of gases, Nitrogen, Helium, Oxygen, Carbon and Hydrogen.

Peta

Interesting facts about the Sun

- Did you know without the huge Sun the earth would die because there is no light.
- The shining Sun has been here for 4.5 billion years and it will go on for another 5 billion years.
- The fiery sun is made up of gases like Hydrogen, Helium, Oxygen, Carbon and Nitrogen.
- When the flaming Sun's light reaches the earth it goes around the earth 7 times, in a blink of an eye.

Kayden

True facts about the Sun

- The planets move around the fiery Sun.
- The hot sun is the biggest star in our Solar System.
- IT TAKES ONE YEAR FOR THE EARTH TO ROTATE AROUND THE FLAMING SUN.
- WITHOUT THE SUN THE PEOPLE WOULD DIE.