



**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](http://www.flatbush.school.nz)







Friday 19 August 2022

Week 4 Term 3

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The past few days have certainly reminded us that the Winter season is not yet finished and it has been very wet and windy. I hope that all FBS whānau have been able to get through okay and that everyone is well and in good spirits. We start Week 5 on Monday which signals reaching the halfway mark of our term, definitely a term where time is moving quickly and I guess that's because we have so many fun and exciting things happening.

On Wednesday the 24th of August we have the team from Photolife in school to take our 2022 class photos. We look forward to having all of our beautiful FBS learners at school in their class photo proudly wearing their FBS uniform. In our school's admin area we have a wall of all classroom photos from the past ten years, often we get ex-FBS learners from High School (or even a bit older) coming in to look at a younger version of themselves.

I wanted to congratulate all FBS learners who have been involved in Winter Sports and have been playing in weekend competitions. It is a real highlight for me when our learners share on Monday with me how their games went, how many tackles they made, goals they scored or tries that they saved. Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend, hopefully the weather will improve and we will see the return of some brighter weather. Thank you FBS whānau for your ongoing support and encouragement of our school, it makes all the difference knowing we are working together as a team. Flat Bush Forever!!

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This week's newsletter editors were: Ava Coccoza, Violet Faitala



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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 Room 7 and Room 1





