



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







Friday 26 August 2022

Week 5 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,**

This week we have definitely had a mix of different weather to deal with, lots of windy, rainy days with times when the sun peeked out from behind the clouds.

**FLAT BUSH RD PARKING**

When it is raining at the end of the day, there is a big increase in the number of FBS learners being picked up. I want to thank whānau for helping to reduce the congestion on Flat Bush Rd by parking away from the school. Parking down Piako and the far end of Flat Bush Rd makes a big difference. At this time with the new build taking place our Bairds Rd car park has no available parking, so we are certainly operating within a reduced area. If whānau do park in spaces that compromise our learners ability to exit school at the end of the day safely, we will ask them to move. Please do not be offended if I, or another member of our FBS staff ask you to move, I am sure you will agree that the safety and welfare of our children is the number one priority for everyone in our school community.

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Our goal is for all of our awesome learners to attend school 100% of the time that they are able to. It is a reality in school that children will have some days when they need to stay at home if they are unwell. The main aim is to have our children at school every day so that they will continue to progress and succeed in their learning. In Term 2 our overall attendance rate was 75.62%

In Term 3, Attendance for Weeks 1-4 was 79.62%, below are the attendance rates for all classrooms.

Team Kakano						
Rm 23: 53%	Rm 1: 84%	Rm 2: 77%	Rm 5: 69%	Rm 6: 80%	Rm 7: 71%	Rm 8: 86%
Team Whanake						
Rm 9: 81%	Rm 11: 80%	Rm 12: 72%	Rm 13: 85%	Rm 14: 88%	Rm 15: 73%	
Team Panekiretanga						
	Rm 10: 83%	Rm 16: 87%	Rm 17: 78%	Rm 18: 80%	Rm 19: 90%	

This week we actually had the highest overall school attendance rate for the year, this was on Wednesday when we reached 89.38%. On this day both Rooms 1 and 6 had 100% attendance, and Rooms 10 and 18 were at 96.0%. These are all positive signs and give us a strong foundation to continue building on, attending school every day plays a major role in the learning journey of all of our beautiful FBS learners.

Have a safe and happy weekend FBS whānau, hopefully we will see the return of some nicer weather so we are not stuck inside. Thank you again for your ongoing support and encouragement of our school, we are very fortunate to have such a strong and positive partnership, we look forward to this continuing to grow and strengthen.

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*This week's newsletter editors were: Tyler Seau, Ava Coccoza*

**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 8.**

A few weeks ago, our school had the Koni Raoni house competition. I am in the Rimu house. I thought we lost but we won!

I saw Maggie dancing, so Rimu started to dance with her. Maggie smiled at Mrs Lologa. "Rimu House is the CHAMPION!"

The school went.... "Rimu House is the CHAMPION!"

By Fa'afoi

Koni Raoni Kauri Style

I felt confident to dance in the Koni Raoni because I knew all of the actions of my dance, but my friend was confused because he never paid attention to the tutor Mr Avatea. So when we danced he was lost.

The moral of the story was always pay attention to the tutor, our Principal Mr Avatea, because don't you know Mr Avatea is the best dancer in the world!

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