



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





Friday 2 September 2022

Week 6 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,

Another busy week at FBS is coming to an end and we are all looking forward to the start of our Tongan Language Week for 2022.

All FBS families and friends are invited to join us for our opening ceremony on Monday at 9.15am, our school will assemble on our astroturf, under our COLA.



### Talanoa Ako 2022

A big shout out to all of the FBS families who attended yesterday's first Talanoa Ako Parents Programme session. Talanoa Ako is a Pacific parent education programme that aims to equip and empower parents, families and communities with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to champion their children's education. Thank you to our Talanoa Ako Lead Teachers, Mrs Fonohema and Ms Aneru for guiding our FBS families. The next session for Talanoa Ako is Thursday, September the 15th in the FBS Library from 3.30pm-4.30pm.

### FBS Talanoa Ako 2022



Have a safe and happy weekend FBS whānau, best of luck to everyone involved in sports and fingers crossed the NZ Warriors and All Blacks play well. Thank you to all FBS whānau for your ongoing support and encouragement for our school, Flat Bush Forever!!

Mr Avatea

Proud to be your Principal

*This week's newsletter editors were: Tyler Seau, Hope Timoteo and 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 an author from Room 16.**

### **The Koni Raoni**

Last Friday at Flatbush School, we had something called a Koni Raoni. It is a Cook Island dance battle and it was worth 100 tokens and a trophy as big as a house. All the Flatbush houses came together in our beautiful house colours. Flat Bush School was doing the Koni Raoni to celebrate the last day of Cook Island language week. The Koni Raoni could not have been possible without the help of the judges.

At first, it was a dazzling sunny day in Aotearoa. It was 10:30 in the morning, the tea bell rang, some of the **Rimu** girls came flashing up to me. They said, "We have to go to the hall now." I ran like the wind. When I got there they gave me my clothes and hair pieces and my pareu, then I swept off to the bathrooms to get change. Once I was done, I saw everyone putting on their pareu, then the boys had oil from Moijo while the girls got their fans.

Additionally, the whole **Rimu team** saw **Rata**, **Kauri** and **Kowhai**. The judges got introduced by the amazing MC Mr D. **Rata** were the first people to perform. Their performance was amazing, especially the transition they did. **Kowhai** was second to perform. It was brave of my brother to call out "Kowhai" in front of everyone. I liked their second song because it was very entertaining. **Rimu** is my team and we were up next. We had to do our walk in and it was fun dancing with my friends. **Kauri** was up next. They took a part of the lyrics of the song 'This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine' and swapped it with '**Kauri** is going to shine'. I knew we will win. I have a calculation brain as big as Albert Einstein's so my mind was set for winning.

Meanwhile, they announced that the 4th place was **Rata**, **Kowhai** came 3rd and **Kauri** came 2nd. We were happy because we knew we would come 1st and they said that the one and only **RIMU** came 1st. We hoped to celebrate. We were as joyful as us getting the most tokens. **RIMU** ran back to the hall and started celebrating. We took photos and I was on my friend's back while the front row held the trophy. Then we got changed and ran back to class.

I wonder if there will be something like this in the coming future?

By,

Faiupu Kathrine Seau (Room 16)

