



Newsletter

Rāpare 20 o Piripi
Thursday 20th June
2024

Tēnā koutou, Kia orana, Malo ni,
Fakaalofa lahi atu, Talofa lava, Malo e
lelei, Ia orana and Greetings!

What happens on a TEACHERS ONLY day?

Have you ever wondered what the teachers get up to on these days? Well, usually it's the teachers' time to be the students and soak up some knowledge. These are called Professional Learning / Development (PLD) days and they serve to help sharpen teachers to better serve our tamariki. On June 7th, Rongomai Staff combined with Flatbush School Staff to learn together. It was a great day of education, bonding, and sharing our experience as teachers with our friends from down the road. We learnt a few things which are shared below:



Flatbush Principal Mr Banapa Avatea organised a rich PLD because he is a champion who supports #QLD 🤝

There is a Science to Learning.

Yes, there is Science as a subject but the way we learn is a bit of a science as well. To explain it in simple terms, how we learn new things is a very complicated process

that requires many things. We need to build our minds with new experiences and repeat things to lock it in our long term memory. Then, we pull out that information when needed and use it to build on and eventually learn new things. Our brains are amazing so we need to keep learning and growing!!!



Our lovely Librarian from the National Library encourages parents to foster love of reading with topics of interest.

We want to make reading feel like eating chocolate rather than taking medicine.

The idea here is that we want reading to be enjoyed (the way most of us enjoy eating chocolate 😊). From reading books to video games, blogs, and instructions, reading is a life skill that has countless benefits. If your child has a special interest (e.g. cars, fashion, or dinosaurs) encourage them to read books around it. This way, most likely, your child will be learning while also enjoying their book! So keep on reading so your amazing brain keeps on growing!!!

AI is here to help us, not replace us

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a phenomena that is becoming more front and centre in our lives. The teachers were able to discover new tools using AI to be more efficient with planning and organising. Many Thanks to Banapa Avatea and Flatbush for a great day!



Flatbush and Rongomai School Staff mix and mingle sharing ideas about how to be better teachers.

FAREWELL WHAEA MARAMA

It is with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to one of our Junior Syndicate Teachers - Whaea Marama. She has been with us for a few years and is showing our RICH value of mātātoa (courage) in starting a new journey: We wish her all the best.



Whaea Marama's last day with us will be Friday 5th of July so make sure to get your hugs in before she leaves 🤗❤️



Whaea Marama and the lovely children from Rm 1 & Rm 3.

Did you know we have fruit in our classrooms every week?



Community Notices

THANK YOU TO OUR FAMILIES FOR COMING TO OUR PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES THIS PAST WEEK - this was a valuable time to see the progress of your children. For those who were unable to attend, teachers will make contact with those families and will organise how reports will be sent home. Fa'afetai tele lava 🙏

THIS COMING MONDAY (24th June) WILL BE OUR LAST SWIMMING LESSON (Y3-6) as we missed King's Birthday Monday. So, don't forget towel, togs, and plastic bag.

REMINDER - SIDE GATE ENTRY - For safety reasons, this gate (used for walking only) will be locked @ **3.30pm**. Please take note 🙌

Important Dates to Remember

- *Matariki Public Holiday* (Friday 28th June) **School closed.**
- *Matariki Sing Event @ Flatbush* - Tuesday 2nd July
- *Senior Syndicate Trip (Movies)* - Wednesday 3rd July

Kia manuia,
Sarah Faifua
(Acting Principal)