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Kia ora, Kia orana, Malo lelei, Talofa lava, Namaste, Fakalofa lahi atu, Bula vinaka, Ni hao, greetings to all whanau and friends of Flat Bush School

This week we have had several wonderful results for our school sports teams. On Tuesday we played in the Otara Interschools Touch Field at Bruce Pulman Park in Papakura. Our Boys Team finished in 1st place, our Girls team 2nd and our Mixed Team 5th. Yesterday we competed in the Auckland Rugby Union Southern Zone Rippa Rugby tournament at Aorere Park. Our mixed team came 1st and qualified for the Champion of Champions Day at Eden Park on Friday, April the 6th. It has most certainly a very busy and successful week for our school, thank you to all of our families who came along and supported us on these two days. A massive thank you to our awesome coaches, Awhina Wipani, Ann Ongoua and Moiho Leaupepe for their time, effort and commitment in coaching our teams.

Although it is nice win and do well, it is just as important to play fairly and treat all opponents in a respectful manner. I can share with all families that all of our teams did this fantastically well.

Kia manuia,

Mr Avatea

Proud to be your Principal

Road Patrols

If there are any parents, grandparents or family members that have any spare time to help out with Road Patrol Duty before or after school please contact the office. It would be awesome to have whanau helping out in this very important job. Full training will be provided.

A few words from the whānau in Ngā Manaakitangi, formerly known as Room 20

Earlier this term our akomanga (classroom) was renamed. The meaning for our new name is 'The Caring'. It connects strongly to the values of our school and other values that our people (Māori) believe in.

Some experiences that we have completed and display what we care about were:

- Weeding our native mara (garden) so it was ready to receive our manuhiri (visitors) last Sunday,



- Nurturing our culture by going to this year's Polyfest. The kaupapa (purpose) for the day was to observe how roopu (group) enter and exit the stage and perform with pride. We learned that when ngā roopu perform, they carry with them the mana of their whanau (home and school). Something that our akomanga whanau are committed to reaching by the end of the year. Well at least we hope too!!!

Nga mihi ki a koe to our whanau who came along with us. Without your support our trips would not happen.

- Collecting the food scraps from around our school and putting it into our worm farms located between Mr Ellice's garage and our neighbours fence. This job is done everyday after lunch and those of us who have put our hands up to be the worm monitors can assure you it is far from being a fun job. BUT our commitment to living up to our name keeps us focused on the job.

Ukulele

This year my friends and I with the guidance of Whaea Dinah and Moiho are learning to play the ukulele. Our first lesson was an absolute disaster. Lots of noise and not much else. Despite our initial hiccup, I am pleased to say have improved since then. From learning different

parts of the instrument to strumming some notes in tune with each other has been a successful outcome. A great example of Māori achieving successfully.

By Daniel ROBERTS



Ko au tēnei (This is me)

I am the daughter of Zephlynn Jackson and Marcy Heihei. I am the older sister of Zeph and Kenzie. Most times, I am a confident speaker. When I don't show my confidence it is usually because I don't have a lot of knowledge. I am learning te reo Māori at a basic level and I am enjoying the lessons. I am proud to be Māori. Ko Kitani JACKSON ahau. Tihei mauri ora!

I am beginning to enjoy school. I am trying to stay focused in the classroom. I am not that confident when reading but I try my best. I am learning a haka to perform with my friends. I am Māori. I am Rickey LOMU.

I am Rosalind MAU. I am enjoying what I am learning. I am a quiet learner and I am not that confident but I do try my best. I am a good friend and show respect to others. I am happy!

I am a fast runner. I am Xavier's friend. I am noisy in the classroom but I am trying hard to keep quiet when I need to. I am trying to learn te reo Māori at a basic level. I am Tongan because of my dad and Māori because of my mum. I am Jessy LOMU.

This weeks editors were Dyshon Tito and James Tuileisu