



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S LAPTOP



Our roll today is 320

Thought for the Week

There was much excitement on Monday here at school, as our Pihinga Classes moved back into their regular classrooms. The classroom refurbishment programme is all but done. This project started in December, so has been four months to completion. We are told the library should be ready for use in Term 2 and that the administration building will be finished by the end of May.



Students have been busy this week practising different athletics' events, in preparation for our Athletics' Day, on Friday. The newly marked grounds look great, thanks to Roneel Chand, who organised to get line markings done for the school. *If the Athletics' Day cannot go ahead because of rain, our 'Save Day' will be Friday, 11 April and will run with a modified programme.*

Our Year 5 / 6 Softball Teams, competed at the Te Atatu Cluster Field Day this week. They were outstanding ambassadors for our school, managing assertive teams, marginal umpiring calls and the ups and downs of winning and losing games extremely well. Thank you to those parents who were able to be there to support our teams.

As the term draws to a close, students have been harvesting the last of our summer vegetables, so gardens can be prepared for winter planting. The Enviro School students have been painting signs to go up around Te Iti Wae Nui, which will make visible, the key places in West Auckland, that are important in the history of our area.

Students have also begun preparations for our ANZAC Ceremony. This will be held next Thursday at 2.00 pm. If it is fine, we will do this on the court area by our ANZAC Garden. If it is wet, we will need to use the school hall. I mention this because, if it is fine, any parents who can come are welcome to attend. It is not so easy to open this invitation to everyone if the weather is wet, as our hall has limited space for parents when the whole school is there.

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at our 'Whanau Hui' Meetings next Monday and Tuesday. We always aim for a 100% turnout, so if you can attend that would be great. Parents are the 'added value' ingredient that makes learning work for every student. School will close at 12.30 pm, on Monday, so please contact 'Carpe Diem Kids', if you need their services.

Regards, Dr Cherie Taylor-Patel

JOIN THE CLUB - JUNIOR RUGBY

Looking for a fun, active way to get your kids off screens? **Junior Rugby** is the answer! It's the perfect way for tamariki to grow lifelong friendships, develop skills, and build connections, all while being active and involved in a supportive community environment. We're only a few weeks away from lacing up the boots and getting out on the sidelines for an action-packed season of footy! If you haven't already, now's the perfect time to join your local rugby club. With **23 clubs across the Auckland region**, everyone has a local!



Our Commitment to Safety - We understand that safety is a top priority for you as a parent, and rest assured, it is equally important to us at Auckland Rugby. We're proud of how the game of rugby has evolved over the years to ensure it's a safe and enjoyable experience for players of all ages. This includes:

- **Restricted weight divisions:** Ensuring players are matched with others of similar size and ability.
- **Coach Development:** We have a team dedicated to upskilling community coaches and Club staff in the latest age and stage development techniques to foster a safe and fun environment.
- **Girls-only grades:** Providing dedicated opportunities for girls to thrive in rugby.
- **Non-contact options:** Available for all ages u5-u17, offering a chance for all players and those new to the sport to develop their skills without the physical contact and to continue through the grades if tackle isn't their thing!

We're here to help you get your kids off the couch and onto the pitch, where they'll learn teamwork, discipline, and resilience in a supportive environment. Rugby is more than just a sport – it's a chance to be part of something bigger, to grow with others, and to have a blast while doing it! For more information and to find your local club head to www.aucklandrugby.co.nz



School Day

The school day starts at 8.55am.

Please ensure that your child has a good night's sleep and is up on time for school. If they are late, they need to report to the office for a green, late slip.

Change of Morning Tea Time

Morning Tea:
10.30am – 11.10am

Lunch Break:
12.40pm – 1.30pm

School closes: 3.00pm

Joke of the Week

What's a ball that you don't throw, shoot, eat, spit, bounce, or catch?

An eyeball

COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS

Kaiako-Whanau-Tamariki Hui-Meetings

Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th April

On Monday, 7th April, school will close at 12.30pm (only on the Monday), for meetings. Tuesday, 8th April, will be a full day for students.

Appointment times will be coming home tonight or tomorrow.

Half-day on Monday 7th April Do You Need Child Care?

Carpe Diem Kids Flanshaw will be open during the 'Kaiako-Whānau-Tamariki Hui-Meetings' on Monday 7th April, from 12.30pm to 6.00 pm. The rates are: \$20.00 from 12.30 pm to 3.00pm. Normal charges apply after 3pm. Phone 0800 23 5437 or email: info@carpediemkids.co.nz



Board of Trustees' News

The next Board of Trustees' Meeting Wednesday, 9 April at 6.30pm.

Calendar of Events

4 April	Whole School Athletics' Day
Sunday 6 April	Daylight Savings Ends Turn your clock back 1 hour.
7 April	Kaiako-Whanau – Tamariki Hui- Meetings. Half-day for students, Monday 7th April. School will finish at 12.30pm.
8 April	Kaiako-Whanau-Tamariki Hui-Meetings, Start at 3.30pm – School day as usual.
9 April	Ki-o-Rahi, Te Atatu Zone sports at Rutherford College
10 April	Flanshaw Annual ANZAC Ceremony @ 2pm
11 April	Rain Save Day for 'Whole School Athletics'
11 April	'Holi Festival of Colour'
11 April	Term 1 Ends
25 April	ANZAC Day
28 April	Term 2 Starts



Daylight Saving Time Ends

CORBAN ESTATE ARTS CENTRE
KIDS ARTS FESTIVAL 2025
CELEBRATING COLOUR

FREE!

- Art-Making Mahi toi
- Performances
- Schools Art Exhibition
- Whānau-Friendly
- On-site Café & Kai Stalls

Saturday 5 April • 10am-3pm
2 Mt Lebanon Lane, Henderson
www.ceac.org.nz

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THE PAPER NOTICES BEHIND

Download our Skool Loop app to keep up to date with school information. Notices, newsletters, absentee notifications and much more.

Simple free download in Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose your school once installed.

Ugly, slimy eels
Nice, cute, fluffy penguins
Dangerous sharp rocks
Excited Angelfish
Red starfish
Turtles swimming
Hungry, scary sharks
Eagle rays flapping
Stinging stingrays
Energetic fish
Amazing octopus

By Grace, Rimu Class



Unique eels
Nice, friendly penguins
Dangerous rocks
Excited, cool seahorses
Remarkable starfish
The amazing sharks
Hungry stingrays
Fagle rays whip their stingers
Stingy jellyfish
Energetic Octopus
Awesome Fish.

By Aria-Rose, Rimu Class

Calling all 4 Year Olds

If you, your neighbours, friends or relatives have a pre-schooler who is likely to start at Flanshaw Road School in the next 12 months, it is time to enrol. Please, can you inform the school office and pick up an 'Enrolment Pack.'



Can You Help?

If you have any used but good, second hand uniforms at home, we would love to have them. Plus, if you have any rainwear that your children have outgrown, some families would greatly appreciate these.

Carpe Diem Kids Flanshaw will have a fun Holiday Programme at the Flanshaw School Hall from 14th to 24th April 2025.

Part-time enrolments, Sibling discounts and WINZ subsidies are available.

Brochures are available online.
Enrol online on www.carpediemkids.co.nz
Ph: 0800 CD KIDS/ 0800 23 5437 Mob: 021 1550242
Email: info@carpediemkids.co.nz



Public Health Nurse

Shalet Raju is our Public Health Nurse who looks after our school. If you have any concerns about your child, please come to the office for a referral form.



Online Payments at Flanshaw

You can transfer funds into our school bank account to make payments easier. We bank with the ASB and the account number is : 12-3071-0231037-00
If you transfer funds into our bank account, add your child's name and what it is for ie: uniform. Please email Katie, our School Bursar, to advise her and state what the payment is for. Katie's email is: katie@flanshawroad.school.nz
You can download a uniform order form from our website.