



Newsletter No.23

Week 2, Term 3.

Flanshaw Road School

"Growing Leaders Of Tomorrow"

1st August 2024

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S LAPTOP



Our roll today is 342.

Thought for the Week

**SPENDING TIME
WITH CHILDREN IS MORE
IMPORTANT THAN SPENDING
MONEY ON CHILDREN.**



School Times

The school day starts at 8.55am. Report to the office for a green slip if you are late.

Morning Tea:
10.20am - 10.55am

Lunch Break:
12.40pm – 1.30pm

School closes: 3.00pm

Absent Students

Please call, email or use the Skool Loop App, to notify the school office by 9.30am, if your child is not attending that day.

If we do not hear from you, we will ring you to see where your child is.

Jokes of the week

Why did the child cross the playground?

To get to the other slide!

We had a 'big Friday' to end Week 1 of this term. Thank you to all the parents and whanau who were able to attend our powhiri. It was a pleasure to formally welcome new families and whanau to the school. We hope it was a memorable occasion for you, as it was for us.

On Friday afternoon we held our inaugural 'Grandparents' Afternoon'. It was a very, very special event. We had underestimated how many grandparents and great-grandparents would attend but it was an absolute delight to welcome over 230 guests to our school. Students enjoyed listening to stories of school life from decades gone by, and performing for their very special audience. We hope all our guests enjoyed their visit and the opportunity to meet other grandparents. If parents are the 'value-added' ingredient for our students, grandparents are the 'X factor' extra layer of support. Two of the key 'takeaways' from the day were a) Just how diverse our school community is, but also b) How much we all care about our tamariki and their education. Thank you to all those who were able to attend. 'Grandparents' Afternoon' definitely needs to become an annual event.

This week, the focus at school has been on getting into school routines, and layering class programmes with small-group programmes that operate across the school. These include ESOL lessons, foundation skills, work, guitar tuition, school band practices, 'Born to Move' leaders' training, Enviro Leaders' meetings, Student Council meetings, Kapa Haka, Cultural Group, Chess Club and sports' practices. This is the layer that makes school days rich, rewarding, but really busy. While our netball teams just have a few games to go, our basketball teams have just started a second round of games at the Trusts Arena each Monday night with wins all round. Thank you to all our parents and whanau who support these extra activities. It is much appreciated.

Finally, next week we will be welcoming a group of Chinese students to Flanshaw, who will be with us for two weeks. Next Monday, we will also be welcoming Ruth Coulter, a principal from Ontario, Canada. Mr Patel and I visited Ruth's elementary school in Ontario earlier this year as part of a 'Principal Exchange Programme' and we are looking forward to the second part of this exchange taking place.

Until next week, regards, Dr Cherie Taylor-Patel.



Celebrating Grandparents Day



Thank you from Kawakawa Class for coming to Flanshaw Rd School for Grandparents Day.



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COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS

Class and Individual Photos Taken on Monday, 19th August

Coming home tonight, is a Sibling photo request. Please return form to the office, if you would like your children photographed together. Photolife will take individual photos of all of our students, plus a class photo. After photo day, you will receive a unique key code for your child/children. You will be able to go online to view and order their photos. You do not pay the school, as Photolife will only process online orders, then they will be sent to us for collection. We will place the form on our Website as well, for siblings! Sorry, there are no pre-school photos taken with siblings.

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Only return this form for sibling photos, otherwise wait for key codes.

Second Hand Uniforms Needed Urgently PLEASE

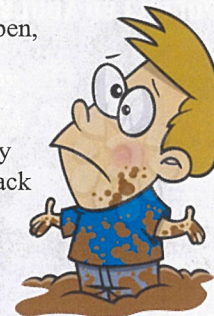
Our supply has run out and we have many families needing pre-owned uniforms for their children. If you can help, please can you bring them to the school office. THANKS!

Change of Clothes for Muddy Children

When our fields are open, please provide your child/children, with a spare set of clothes to play on the field. They then need to change back into their uniform afterwards.

Otherwise, just have a spare uniform top and bottoms in their schoolbag.

If your child has borrowed a spare uniform from our sickbay, please return it as soon as possible, as we have run out.

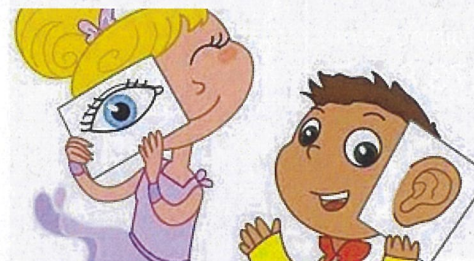


Winter Wellbeing Market

Saturday 10th August 2024
10am – 2pm
Main Hall, Kotuku,
Te Atatu Community Centre,
595 Te Atatu Road,
Te Atatu Peninsula

Hearing & Vision

Testing is happening on Monday morning, 5th August, for those students who were sent forms and reminders, last week.



Book Week Costumes



Whaea Yumiko has started a costume box for Book Week. If you would like to donate or swap a costume, you can come and see her. We are looking for good quality costumes that can be used for multiple themes. Please make sure that costumes are size 6 and up. We are not looking for any masks or any costumes that cover your face.

If you are in need of a costume for Book Week, please see your classroom teacher who will be able to help you sort out something to wear on Parade Day.

BOOK FAIR GARDEN

Catch the reading bug!

Week 4 - 12 to 17 August 2024

**Scholastic Books to Buy
Dress Up Parade - Wed**

'Dress up in your garden gear, or as your favourite book character'

Art Competition with prizes
'Design a new cover page for 'The Secret Garden'

Books to be Won

Prizes for every syndicate

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Goodie Jar

Board of Trustees' News

The next Board of Trustees' Meeting
Monday, 12th August at 6.30pm

Calendar of Events

12-17 Aug	Book Week & Scholastic Book Fair
14 Aug	Book, character, dress up parade
19 Aug	Class & Individual Photos
6 Sept	Team & Group Photos
12-18 Sept	Maori Language Week
25 Sept	Whole School Production
27 Sept	Last Day of Term 3
22 Nov	Flanshaw Twilight Gala

Tutoring

If you think your child would benefit from some extra learning, please contact Sheryll on 021 245 9044 or here at school.



Friends of Flanshaw

Friends of Flanshaw are a group of parents and staff who want to make a difference in our school. We fundraise, volunteer and help where we can in our school community. If you would like to find out more, contact the school office or Mrs Schierring in Kauri Class.

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 School Payments

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 Badrul, our School Bursar, to advise her and state what the payment is for. Badrul's email is: badrul@flanshawroad.school.nz. You can download a uniform order form from our website.