



Newsletter No.25

# Flanshaw Road School

"Growing Leaders Of Tomorrow"

Week 5, Term 3.

14<sup>th</sup> August 2025

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S LAPTOP



Our roll today is 347.

Thought for the Week



School Times

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

**Morning Tea:**  
10.30am – 11.10am

**Lunch Break:**  
12.40pm – 1.30pm

**School closes:** 3.00pm  
Please pick up your child/children on time.

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

What time is it when the clock strikes 13?

Time to get a new clock!

The art of staying well is a challenge we all get to take on, especially in the winter months. It is great that the majority of classrooms are now fully insulated and that our heating system has been upgraded. We just have one more leak to sort and then our 'administration leaky build project' will also be signed off.

Thank you again, for your support of 'Book Week'. Last week we sold \$4,526 worth of books at the book fair, which generated \$1,357.80 of books for our library! I would like to acknowledge Angela Noone-Jones, who runs our school library. It is a facility that 'adds value' to teaching and learning programmes across the school.



Students from Flanshaw were out and about over the last week. Kakano students visited MOTAT and our Cultural Group and Junior Kapahaka Group performed at the St Margaret Hospice. Plus, Pihinga Team went to the Zoo on Wednesday. All our students were super ambassadors for our school. Thank you to teachers, staff and parents for your support of these rich learning opportunities.

As you may be aware, NZEI, our teachers' union has begun the next round of collective bargaining with the government. The offer on the table from the government is a 1% increase, which is less than inflation. 'Paid Union Meetings' will be taking place around the country next week, so, **next Tuesday 19 August, school will close at 12.40 pm, so teachers can attend their local PUM.** We apologize for this inconvenience. 'Kowhai Kids Club', our After School Care programme, will provide supervision for your child / children if needed.

Flanshaw Road School will also be closed for instruction next Friday 22 August. This is because we have the first of two Curriculum Teacher Only Days. These are professional development days that all schools were granted in 2025, to review the revised English, Mathematics and Local Histories Curriculum documents. Next week is also Tongan Language Week. 'Ofa ke ke ma'u ha uike lelei'. Have a great week.

Regards, Dr Cherie Taylor-Patel.

## Kakano Trip at MOTAT



On Friday Kawakawa went to MOTAT to learn about flying things. We went to the classroom and we played with flying things. I really loved the science experiments. I put the things into the flying machine. That day was so much fun.

By Nora

I went to MOTAT. I learnt about aeroplanes. We did lots of experiments about how things fly. I made a paper plane that I put into the air tunnel. It pushed it up to the sky. I had fun.

By Renee

I went to MOTAT with my dad. We learnt about how things fly. I went into the air tunnel. It blew my hair everywhere!

By Persayus

On Friday I went to MOTAT and we learnt about flying. We did science experiments. I liked going into the parachute. We had fun on our trip.

By Rio



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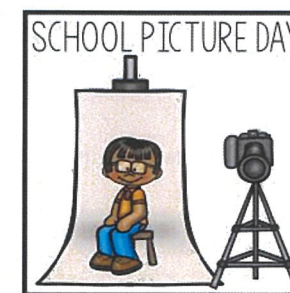
## COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS

### Class and Individual Photos - Monday, 18th August

Don't be late for school! Photos will start at 9.10am.

A sibling photo request form went home this week. Please return the form to the office, if you would like your children photographed together. You can also call the office and we will fill one out for you. 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. Sorry, no pre-schoolers, Flanshaw students only.



## 'Half Day Coming Up! Tuesday, 19th August

### 'Teacher Union Meeting'

Flanshaw Road School will be closed to students, from 12.40pm. All teachers will be off site for the Teachers Union Meeting! Please find alternative care for your child/children on this day.

## Kowhai Kids Club - Half Day Programme

Will you need childcare for Tuesday afternoon? 'Kowhai Kids Club', will be open from 12.40pm on this date so please enquire now! Charges will be \$18.50 from 12.40pm – 3.00pm. Normal charges apply for after 3.00pm to 6.00pm.

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## Cans for the Salvation Army

At the end of last term we had a pyjama day and students brought a can for the Salvation Army. This week Mio and Whaea Reid took the cans to the Salvation Army foodbank in Henderson. There were 320 cans. Thank you everyone who brought cans.

Mio at the Foodbank.



Thank You again.

for your kind donation of fruit for our children.



## Board of Trustees' News

The next Board of Trustees' meeting

## Calendar of Events

15 Aug	Pohutukawa Class Assembly
18 Aug	Class & Individual Photos
19 Aug	Half Day – Teacher Union Meeting, close 12.40pm
22 Aug	Teacher Only Day – No School
26 Aug	Netball Te Atatu Zone Day
29 Aug	Daffodil Day Kawakawa Class Assembly
3 Sept	Team & Group Photos
12 Sept	Matai Class Assembly
15–21 Sept	Maori Language Week
16–17 Sept	Arts' Show
19 Sept	Last Day of Term 3

## Teacher Only Day Friday 22nd August

Teachers will be working hard, off site, with other schools in the area.

There will be no school for our students on this date. Please can you make alternative arrangements for your child/children.

If you need care for your child/children, please contact 'The Kowhai Club' that runs from our school hall.



We will hold a one-day holiday programme on Fri 22nd August. The cost would be \$45 from 7.30am to 3pm and \$15 from 3 to 6pm.

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## Tutoring

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



## 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 Katie, our School Bursar, to advise her and state what the payment is for. Katie's email is: [katie@flanshawroad.school.nz](mailto:katie@flanshawroad.school.nz). You can download a uniform order form from our website.

## Congratulations

Saraya Anthony  
From Totara

