



Newsletter No.26

Week 6, Term 3.

# Flanshaw Road School

"Growing Leaders Of Tomorrow"

21st August 2025

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S LAPTOP



Our roll today is 347.

### Thought for the Week



Tongan Language 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 has hundreds of ears but cannot hear a thing?

A cornfield!



Malo e leilei. Oku mau fakatauange 'oku mou sai kotoa he uike ni, 'a ia ko e Uike Lea Taka-Tonga. Greetings – We hope you are all well this week, which is Tongan Language Week. Being well and staying well is hard at this time of year. We thank you for your support of our teachers and staff, who, like you have families they are trying to care for and keep well. Flanshaw is lucky to have a team of relievers that know the school and students well. Because of this, and the work our Team Leaders do, disruptions to programmes are minimised.

It has been a busy week at Flanshaw Road School. Pohutukawa Class ran a super assembly last Friday. Students have been on trips. Our new propagation shed now has a fence around it. Teachers participated in their second mathematics professional development session this term, and will do more PLD at the 'Teacher Only Day' on Friday, with Te Kawerau ā Maki iwi facilitators. This week support staff completed PLD focused on learning more about catering for neuro diverse students.

On Tuesday afternoon, teachers attended the NZEI Union Meeting, to discuss the government's collective bargaining offer. The current proposal on the table is, in effect, a pay cut. Votes on remits at the meeting will be collated and used to inform the national strategy for 'what comes next'. Thank you for your support. It is never great when pay and conditions are being eroded, wherever it happens.

On Wednesday, we had our 'Annual Teacher Swap' block. Run by the Student Council, students in each class got to work with a teacher from another team between 11.00 am and 12.30 pm. It is one of the ways we look to strengthen connections with students across the school. Classes had fun. Teachers enjoyed teaching at another level and Rachita Ghadiya, teacher of Tanekaha Class, was a very efficient principal as well. Thank you to the Student Council for your organization and your help on the day.

*School is closed tomorrow, as we have a 'Teacher and Staff Professional Development' day of learning.* In this profession, there is always more to learn. Our teachers and staff are great role models for our students, in that they are constantly looking to how they can improve their practice.

Regards, Dr Cherie Taylor-Patel.

## Rerenga Team - Trip to Arataki – Persuasive Writing

### Why you should go to Arataki Centre

The Arataki Centre is very factual and it's got lots of things to do. Although, the superb views are the best. It has native trees that are wonderful. There are glorious views and if you're afraid of heights I suggest that you don't look down.

If you don't want to go outside, you can stay inside the Arataki Centre where you can watch an interesting movie about the land so you can see the views without having to go anywhere. You might even be able to watch it in peace and quiet. You can play Jenga inside too.

If you are lucky you might spot a few creatures in captivity, although, if you're super lucky you might see a lizard that's not in captivity. You can also go on a nature trail or have a wonderful nap on the couch inside.

There is so much to learn at Arataki Centre. You can learn about the people on the Pou. If you can find the map that's about the Waitakere Ranges, you'll be able to see where you are. When you look at the bottom of the trees you'll be able to see what they're called.

In conclusion, you should go to the Arataki Centre for the views, things to do and to learn something new.

By Stirling – Rimu Class



## COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS

# No School Tomorrow 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.

Vinita White

Director

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## Teachers Strike Support

The Government's 1% pay increase suggestion doesn't keep up with inflation, effectively teachers are taking a pay cut. Teachers are such valuable people in our community and deserve and need more!!

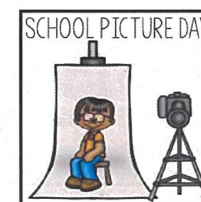
Use the charter school budget!!

All the best, you have our full support!

From Fran Munden Monro  
Parent

## Class and Individual Photos Were Taken On Monday

Soon, 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.

Thank You Michelle W  
for brightening our  
playground.



## Pihinga Team - Trip to Auckland Zoo

### Zoo persuasive writing

Meerkats are better than Flamingos.

In my opinion meerkats are better than flamingos because they can dig holes that they can fit in and flamingos can't dig holes at all.

I think that meerkats are also better than flamingos because they are much quicker than flamingos and much fluffier than flamingos which don't have any fur at all.

I also think that meerkats can be much cuter.

That is why I believe meerkats are better than flamingos.

by Hazel – Matai Class



## Board of Trustees' News

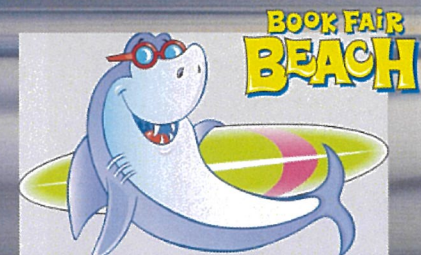
The next Board of Trustees' meeting

### Calendar of Events

22 Aug	Teacher Only Day – No School tomorrow!
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

## Congratulations to the following who won a free book from the Syndicate Draw:

<b>Kakamo</b>	<b>Pihinga</b>
Eliza - Akeake	Norvil - Pohutukawa
Shepard - Kawakawa	Silam - Matai
Jane - Akeake	Selene - Pohutukawa
<b>Rerenga</b>	<b>Te Mahuri</b>
Juana - Totara	April Lee - Tawa
Grace - Kauri	Nathan - Kahikatea
Nico - Rimu	Scott - Tawa



## 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.