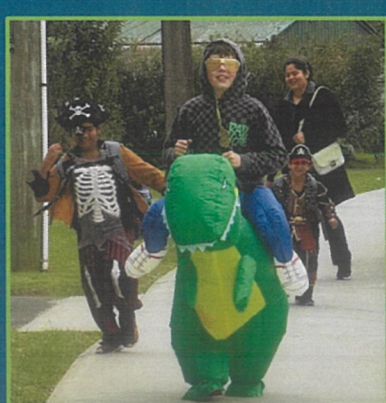
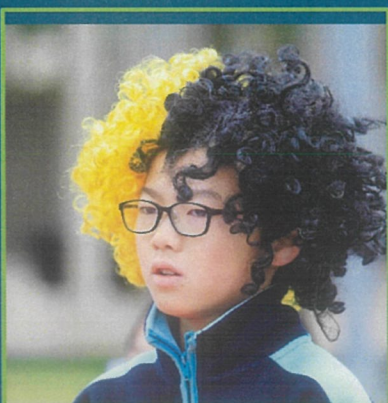




# Flanshaw Road School 'Book Fair Beach' Catch the Reading Wave - 2025







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"Growing Leaders Of Tomorrow"

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7<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 is fast, loud, and crunchy?

A rocket chip!

Tuesday was the day to be at Flanshaw Road School! Across the school, students and staff brought characters to life, as the fun of books were celebrated through the Annual Book Character Parade. The Book Fair Beach and "Catch the Reading Wave" theme, inspired some super home-made, exotic and clever costumes, which were appreciated by us all. Clifford the Dog was very excited to be at the parade and he made lots of people smile as well. Thank you to everyone for helping to make this such a special day.



If you have not had a chance, please check out the school library this week. Students' paper-plate sea-themed creations are on display in the foyer area. Books are also on sale until Friday morning.



On Wednesday of this week, nominations for the School Board of Trustees closed. Because we had more than five nominations, there will be an online election process. Please participate in this process by voting on the 13<sup>th</sup> August – and good luck to all our nominees. A supportive Board, that is there for students, staff and whanau, is a critical dimension of any effective school.

There has been a lot of talk in the news this week about changes being made to NCEA. While our secondary NCEA system is not perfect, no assessment system is. The dilemma of going back to an exam-based system, however, brings with it problems of different sorts. Assessment used to inform 'next steps in learning' is low stakes and has a positive purpose. One-off exams that are used to define a person's "success" in one area of learning, can distort students' perceptions of themselves as learners, and as multi-dimensional people with lots of talents and skills.

We are all more than our best or worst grade in high school. Finding a way forward, where there are a mix of options for assessment at high school and college, will be important to champion.

Regards, Dr Cherie Taylor-Patel.

## Welcome to our International Students



We are hosting 12 students from China and welcomed them with a Powhiri on Monday.

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

Coming home soon, will be a sibling photo request. Please return the 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!

## COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS

### 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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### Art Competition **BOOK FAIR BEACH**

#### Kakano

1st - Nora Fu (Kawakawa)  
2nd - John Lui Yuen (Kawakawa)  
3rd - Renee Heanaghan (Kawakawa)

#### Pihinga

1st - Riley Roxborough (Matai)  
2nd - Nayra Chand (Pohutukawa)  
3rd - Semi Cabenatabua (Matai)  
3rd - Mustafa Faisal (Matai)

#### Rerenga

1st - Oscar Mikkelsen-Hold (Ponga)  
2nd - Greycy Patel (Kauri)  
3rd - Issac Chand (Kauri)  
3rd - Oscar Lee (Rimu)

#### Te Mahuri

1st - Yssah Palicpic (Harakeke)  
2nd - Sanah Sohail (Harakeke)  
3rd - Steven Mewis (Harakeke)



Thank you to our photographers, Miss Sheryll and Fazeel Khan

### Board of Trustees' News

The next Board of Trustees' meeting

### Calendar of Events

15 Aug	Pohutukawa Class Assembly
18 Aug	Class & Individual Photos
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

Staff enjoy dressing up too!

## 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.