



Newsletter No.39

# Flanshaw Road School

"Growing Leaders Of Tomorrow"

Week 9, Term 4.

4<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S LAPTOP



The year is drawing to a close and now it is officially the 'Christmas Season'. Preparations for the festive season add another layer of mahi. I would like to thank all the parents and whanau who have helped this year with class trips, activities, camps, sports and community events. Every day, Flanshaw whanau add value, which enables us to provide a wide range of learning opportunities and experiences for our tamariki. Thank you all. Your contributions have been very, very much appreciated over this year.



Several parents have been asking whether the pool is to open over the summer break – and 'Yes, the pool will be open.' We have organized a roster of Flanshaw Road School staff to open the pool for the community on weekdays, excluding statutory holidays, from December 17 to January 30, from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Flanshaw staff will be ensuring the water testing is done and that the pool is safe for use. They are also there to ensure all pool rules are followed.

To keep everyone safe, we have provided guidelines that we expect pool users to abide by. Most importantly, adults must be at the pool to supervise their children. Adults are people 18 and over. The ratio of adults to students is 1 to 4; that is, if you have five children with you, you will need two adults there to supervise. Flanshaw staff are in charge. No one should be in the pool without a Flanshaw staff member present, and Flanshaw staff will be expected to close the pool if there are any problems. Our school site is well used by the community, and we hope all the pool will be enjoyed by whanau and friends over the Christmas break.

Tomorrow, we have the first of our end-of-year assemblies. The Certificate Assembly acknowledges the many ways in which our students have excelled through the year – academically, culturally, socially, in sports, as mediators, as leaders and as citizens who work, to make our school work for everyone. We have Year 6 Graduation on Monday, Trophy Assembly next Friday and student portfolios will be coming home next Friday as well.

Regards, Dr Cherie Taylor-Patel

### Certificate Assembly - Friday 05/12/25

On Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, the Certificate Assembly will start at 10.00am with Merit Awards for each Junior Class. After a break for morning tea, we will continue with the assembly at 11am, when we will present Merit Awards and Monitor Certificates to the Middle School and Senior School. Parents and Caregivers are welcome.

### Year 6 Graduation - Monday 08/12/25

The Year 6 Graduation is on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December, at 7p.m. This is a very special and formal occasion, to say goodbye to our students and their families. All Year 6 students are asked to attend and invitations have been sent home. Please bring a plate of finger food to share for supper afterwards (items will be eaten with a serviette and not heated up).

### Cup & Trophy Assembly – Friday 12/12/25

Our Cup and Trophy Assembly will start at 11am and finish at approximately 12.20pm. This will be a whole school event. Parents and Caregivers are warmly invited to attend, as this is a very exciting and special assembly. Parents and Caregivers will be informed if their child is receiving something at this assembly.

### WAITAKERE LEARNING SUPPORT (TEACHER AIDE) PROGRAMME AND ENVIROSCHOOLS LEARNING SUPPORT AIDE PROGRAMME 30 WEEKS FIXED TERM EMPLOYMENT (excluding school holidays) 20 HOURS PER WEEK

Waitakere Improving School Attendance Programme is continuing their "Return to the Workforce" programmes for parents who currently receive the **Sole Parent Support** benefit.

If you would like to know more, please come to the school office to pick up information.

Our roll today is 351.

Thought for the Week

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."  
- Winston Churchill

### 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

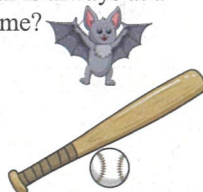
Please call, email or use the Skool Loop App, to notify the school office by 9.30am, if your child is not attending that day.

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

### Jokes of the week

What animal is always at a baseball game?

A Bat.



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## COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS Surfs Up In The Middle School

Surfing Onomatopoeia Poems  
Thump went the bus. Thump, thump as rocks came up to the bus. Zip!  
Zip! Zip! went the wetsuit.  
Splash! The surfboard flipped.  
Woosh, woosh, woosh. Waves zooming as fast as the flash.

By Zach

Woosh went the surfboard on the water.  
Crash went the waves on the beach.  
Zip! The wetsuit was tight.  
Bump! The bus took us home.

By Jaden

Vroom! went the bus zooming as fast as a leopard.  
Zip- the wetsuit was hot.  
Woosh- it was fun on the surfboard.  
Sploosh! The water was freezing.

By Leo



## Orewa Beach

A letter regarding the use of the Flanshaw Road School Pool and timetable over the summer break, will be coming home tonight, with the newsletter. It will also be added to Seesaw and on our school Website.

## Swimming Supervision Roster

December 2025 / January 2026

Monday – Friday

Except Public Holidays

1.00pm – 4.00pm

Closed on weekends for maintenance.

### IMPORTANT!

Changing Rooms will be closed, please change before arriving at the pool.  
Toilets will be open.

The Flanshaw Road School pool will be open, with supervision by school staff members – 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm on the following dates. No children are to be left at the pool unsupervised – adults 18 Yrs or over must accompany all younger children. Ratio – 1 adult to 4 children max. No swimming unless there is a Flanshaw Road School supervisor present.  
The pool may close if water testing reveals any issues with water quality.

December – 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31,

Jan – 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30.

## Flanshaws' Got Talent

A showcase of our students' talent.

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> of December

School Hall

11.30am

Whanau welcome

## Dental Clinic

If your child has a problem with their teeth and needs to see a Dental Nurse in a hurry, you can contact the Super Clinic at Edmonton Road School. The clinic is off School Road by their school hall. The contact number is: 838 2402

## School Holiday Guitar & Ukulele Group Classes!

Our Guitar Teacher, Nick Cebalo, is running a School Holiday Program. This will be held in our Whanau Room, for anybody at school from year 3 (next year) onwards wishing to learn Guitar or Ukulele. Click on his online links to see the timetable (and dates), which caters for both those who have never played before or need a refresher course (Beginner)- and those who have (Intermediate). This is also open to Flanshaw Road Alumni up to and including Year 8 students.

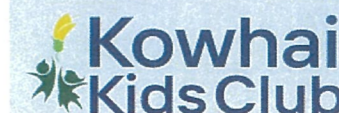
If you would like a flyer, please pick one up in the school office.

## Board of Trustees' News

The next Board of Trustees' meeting  
Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December.

## Calendar of Events

5 Dec	Certificate Assembly
8 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
12 Dec	Trophy Assembly Portfolios go home.
15 Dec	Classes visit 2026 classes.
16 Dec	End of Term 4 – Last Day- School Closes at 12.30pm
2 Feb 2026	Term 1 Starts



## End-of-Term & Summer Holiday Programme

Kowhai Kids Club Flanshaw will be open on the last day of term, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, from 12:30pm–6:00pm.

- 12:30pm–3:00pm: \$18.50
- After 3:00pm: Usual after-school rates apply

And then... get ready for summer fun! Our Holiday Programme will run from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> December and 5<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at the Flanshaw Road School Hall, 51 Flanshaw Road, Te Atatū South.

**Part-time enrolments, sibling discounts, and Work & Income OSCAR subsidies are available.**

Brochures are available online.

Enrol now: [www.kowhaikidsclub.co.nz](http://www.kowhaikidsclub.co.nz)

☎ 0800 KK CLUB | ☎ 0277 831 826

✉ [info@kowhaikidsclub.co.nz](mailto:info@kowhaikidsclub.co.nz)

**Come join us for games, activities, friends, and loads of summer sunshine!**

## 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.