



Newsletter No.39

Flanshaw Road School

"Growing Leaders Of Tomorrow"

Week 8, Term 4.

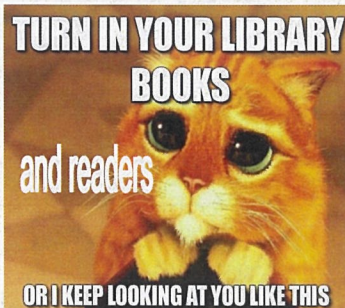
5 December 2024

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S LAPTOP



Our roll today is 360.

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:
10.20am - 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

Q: What kind of shoes do ninjas wear?



Sneakers!

This week, teachers and students have been collating information for Student Portfolios, that will be sent home to parents on Friday of Week 9. The portfolios will contain current achievement levels across a range of subjects, samples of work, evidence of learning, teacher and student assessments, teacher comments and a principal's comment. They will also include information about your child's teacher and class for 2025.



For reporting purposes, we have always used a mix of standardized assessment tools and school-based assessment tools at Flanshaw Road School. Standardized assessment tools provide strong, reliable benchmark information. Because they are used from school to school, when our students go to Intermediate, it is important that they know these tools and how they work.

The school-based assessment tools we use, ensure we assess what has been taught, for example what a class have focused on in Te Reo lessons, or skills students have developed in a medium of visual art. Criteria developed aligns with the bespoke units of work that have been designed to engage students, as well as cover different strands of each curriculum. At Flanshaw, we celebrate rates of progress a lot, because progress made is closely linked to effort put in. By comparison, achievement levels are the milestone a student is "at" in one moment in time. It is not fixed. It is not forever. It is a step on the way to "the next learning goal".

In other news, this week we have welcomed Katie Mareva to our school. Katie is our new bursar. Please introduce yourself if you meet her in the office, to help her begin to get to know our community.



In the next week, as well as prepping for end of year events, teachers, staff and students will be shifting furniture, as we prepare for internal classroom upgrades to begin. Having three building projects happening concurrently is a challenge. But, like the road works that have been done either side of the school, eventually, they will be done and what is left will be better than what was there before.

Principal - Dr Cherie Taylor-Patel

Year 6 Graduation Monday 09/12/24

The Year 6 Graduation is on Monday 9 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. Year 5 students are also invited to attend if they wish, to say goodbye and also prepare them for next year. **Year 5 students must be accompanied by an adult.** Please bring a plate of food to share for supper afterwards.

Certificate Assembly - Friday 13/12/24

On Friday, 13 December, the Certificate Assembly will start at 9.45am 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.

Cup & Trophy Assembly - Monday 16/12/24

Our Cup and Trophy Assembly will start at 11am and finish approximately at 12.40pm. 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.

Reminder - No hat, No play!

Please ensure your child has a named, regulation school hat and appropriate shoes for school. Hats are available for purchase at the school office.
Caps - \$17.00, Bucket Hats - \$17.00 and Wide Brim Sunhats - \$20.00 each.



COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS

Surfing at Orewa Beach

On Monday, we went on a trip to Orewa Beach. I sat next to Stirling. Whenever I said someone's name he would say it louder on the bus. Once we got there we had to walk down to the beach to the surf school. We put our bags down and they told us signs and dangers of the water. Then we got our wetsuits and blue shirts on. It was tight. Next we had to carry the surf board and put them in a circle. They told us how to surf. Then we had to carry them again. I caught a few waves. I had fun.

By Bobby in Kauri



Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora

Aotearoa New Zealand is at high risk of a pertussis (whooping cough) outbreak due to increased numbers of cases across the motu. **We have no cases at Flanshaw.**



We have an unusual Christmas Tree in our Sick Bay!

The weather is hot and children are peeling off their jackets. Make sure they are clearly named.

Please ask them to put them in their school bags, if they take them off.

If your child is missing a jacket, ask them to come and look.

Sport Uniforms Please return this week.

We are missing a number of sports uniforms, ie netball, basketball, cross country etc. Please check again at home and return them to the school office.

We are also asking for donated school uniforms. This will be for our second hand supply. Thank you.

Board of Trustees' News

The next Board of Trustees' meeting
16 December @ 6.30pm

Calendar of Events

9 Dec	Year 6 Graduation - 7pm
13 Dec	Certificate Assembly-Friday
16 Dec	Trophy Assembly -Monday
17th Dec	End of Term 4 at 12.30pm

**Term 1
Starts
Tuesday
28th January
2025**

60th Jubilee Memoribilla for sale in the School office



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 You can download a uniform order form from our website.



Jandal Day

Thank you to all the students who donated a gold coin to the Surf Life Saving organisation. We raised \$380.30. It was fabulous to see how many students and staff were wearing jandals, croc or slides.

By Mia (School Council secretary)



Half Day Tuesday, 17 December School closes at 12.30pm



Carpe Diem Kids Flanshaw will be open on last day of term **Tuesday 17th Dec** from 12.30pm to 6.00pm. Cost from 12.30pm to 3pm is \$18.00 and after 3pm the usual after school rates apply.

Carpe Diem Kids Flanshaw will be having a fun Holiday Programme at Flanshaw School from 18th to 20th Dec 2024 and from 6th to 24th Jan 2025. Part-time enrolments, Sibling discounts and WINZ subsidies are available. **Brochures are available online.** Enrol online on www.carpediemkids.co.nz Ph: 0800 CD KIDS/ 0800 23 5437 Mob: 021 1550242 Email: info@carpediemkids.co.nz