



Flanshaw Road School

"Growing Leaders Of Tomorrow"

Newsletter No.3

Week 3, Term 1.

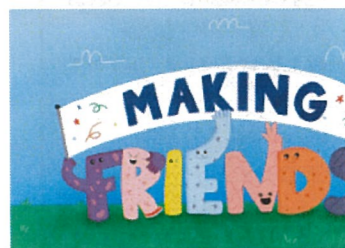
13 February 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S LAPTOP



Our roll today is 316

Thought for the Week



School Day

The school day starts at 8.55am.

Please ensure that your child has a good night's sleep and is up on time for school. If they are late, they need to report to the office for a green, late slip.

Change of morning tea time

Morning Tea:
10.30am – 11.10am

Lunch Break:
12.40pm – 1.30pm

School closes: 3.00pm

Joke of the Week

Q: What did one hat say to the other?

Stay here, I'm going on ahead. (going on a head)

In our first full week back at school, it has been encouraging to see our attendance levels improve each day. Teachers and students have been working on establishing the routines of learning that will maximise learning time through the year. This week our Te Mahuri Year 5 and 6 students visited Corbans Art Centre, as part of their Term 1 inquiry work. Classes have participated in 'Garden to Table' activities and swimming sessions have helped keep everyone just a bit cooler.



Even though our hall is currently being used by Karaka Class, our Whole-School Powhiri to welcome new students, whanau and staff will be held on Friday, in the hall. If you are able to attend, please go to the staffroom at around 9.30 – 9.35 am. As manuhuri, you will be guided through the powhiri process by our DP Maggie Reid and student Kapa Haka leaders.

One of our priorities at the beginning of the year is to ensure communication is set up with each family in the school. Most parents / whanau should now be linked into Seesaw, or have a text / email contact with your child's teacher. You should have also received a class newsletter that will have information about the learning focus for Term 1 and home-school routines your child's teacher is looking to establish and maintain.

One other thing we ask parents at the beginning of the year is to make sure you have the 'Skool Loop NZ' app on your phone. This is so we, as a school, can send out information to families quickly in the case of an emergency.

If you do not have the 'Skool Loop NZ' app on your phone, please follow instructions and download it.

We look forward to seeing as many of our new students and whanau as possible on Friday. We have also begun planning for our Term 1 'Whanau Fun Night', happening next Thursday 27 February – 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet teachers, staff and parents in an informal, relaxed environment. Finally, thinking about tomorrow, 'Happy Valentine's Day'.

Regards, Dr Cherie Taylor-Patel

Whanaungatanga New Parent Meeting

If you are new to Flanshaw Road School, we hope you have begun to get to know people in our community. We would like to invite you to a 'New Parent Meeting' at 9.00am on Monday, 17th February, in the school staffroom. It is an opportunity to meet other new parents, to meet some of the school staff and to learn more about our school. Pre-schoolers are welcome too. We look forward to seeing you there.

Garden to Table

We did Garden to Table this morning. First we looked at the swan plants. They have fluffy little seeds. The wind blows them around to disperse them. Then we harvested everything. We picked big tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, zucchinis, peas and watermelon.

Miss Jones cut up the watermelon in half and then into smaller pieces. We ate half the watermelon and shared the rest with Matai. The ripe watermelon was good, juicy and sweet. We should plant more watermelon next summer.
By Rimu Class



Group Guitar Lessons

We are fortunate to be able to provide Free Group Guitar Lessons with Nick Cebalo, for our Year 5 and 6 students. They will need their own guitar and to purchase the required music book. If you would like to take up the opportunity, please contact the school office for an enrolment form.

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COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS

Te Whānau o Waipareira Back-to-School Campaign

The above initiated campaign by Waipareira is to support our whānau within West Auckland with supporting basic purchases of school stationery and possibly school uniforms.

For those who may look at asking for refunds from their purchases, we will not be able to do this, but we are able to apply for funding to cover basic school costs targeting, specifically, our vulnerable whānau who are currently struggling.

We will have a station, setup at Cole Place, Te Atatu South, between 10am – 3pm, every Tuesday over February – March 2025 and available to whānau at your school to visit. This is a great opportunity to gather intel about how our whānau are feeling, trends noted in the community, how best we can support them, etc.....

Family Fun Night – 'Whanau @ The Whenua'

We have planned a 'Whanau Fun Night' for Thursday 27th February. This has, traditionally, been an annual event and an opportunity for parents and whanau to gather, enjoy a BBQ / picnic dinner and then meet the teachers and staff who will be working with your children this year. Please put this on your calendar.



Starting at 5.00 pm, there will be food on sale, or you can bring a picnic dinner. Around 6.00 pm, we will formally welcome people and introduce the 2025 teachers and staff. From there, you will be invited to go to classes and meet your child's/children's teacher/s and the parents and whanau of other children in the class. It would be great to see you there.

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THE PAPER NOTICES BEHIND

Download our Skool Loop app to keep up to date with school information. Notices, newsletters, absentee notifications and much more.



Seniors at the 'Corban's Art Centre



Board of Trustees' News

The next Board of Trustees' Meeting
Monday 17 February, at 6.30pm
In the Staffroom



Calendar of Events

14 Feb	Whole School Powhiri - 10.00
27 Feb	Family Fun Night 'Whanau @ the Whenua'
11 April	Term 1 Ends
28 April	Term 2 Starts
25 th April	ANZAC Day



BLUE TURTLE DESIGN AFTER SCHOOL CLAY CLASSES

Explore the textures and techniques of clay throughout Term 1! We will learn different techniques to create a variety of clay pieces. Please bring your creativity and a snack for after school. All materials supplied. Spaces are limited (max 10 students)

AGES 6 - 13 YEARS
THURSDAYS 3.30 - 5PM
13 FEB - 3 APRIL 2025 (8 WEEKS)

Te Atatu Community Hub
Tuturīwhātū Room
595 Te Atatu Road, Te Atatu Peninsula

For cost information and to book online, please contact Rowena: blueturtleclaydesign@yahoo.co.nz

Online Payments at Flanshaw

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.