



Flanshaw Road School

"Growing Leaders Of Tomorrow"

Newsletter No.3

Week 3, Term 1.

15th February 2024

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S LAPTOP



Our roll today is 304

Thought for the Week

A book is A DREAM
that you hold
in your hand.



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.

Morning Tea:
10.20am - 10.55am

Lunch Break:
12.40pm - 1.30pm

School closes: 3.00pm

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:

20th February

'He kai kei aku ringa' – 'Resilience, empowerment and hope'

This year, we are weaving the theme of 'Whanaungatanga and Whenua' through all our planning and teaching. Taking this theme at the most literal level, it is about the people in our school – the students, staff and whanau that are part of this place of learning.



Attendance – Maximising opportunities for success in learning:

Each day the roll is taken at school twice a day. If we have not heard from parents about why their children are away, our office team ring families to make sure students have not gone missing on the way to school. The Ministry of Education also track attendance data in schools because they are concerned about students who are not attending school regularly. When reading students' Term 4 Student Portfolios at the end of last year, I saw a strong link between attendance levels and student progress in learning. Where students had been away a lot, in many instances achievement levels were below expected levels. That was the pattern.

So, how have we started with attendance this year? On Day 1, 2024, we had 89% of our students attending school. This is the average rate of attendance over the first two weeks at school. This means that already, we have around 27 students who have had two or more days off school in the first two weeks. Some have been sick. But, some absentees have not been justified and are of concern. To progress in learning, students need to be at school every day. It is the 'whanau on this whenua' that will make this happen. It is parents, teachers and staff working together that will make this happen. Let's make it happen.

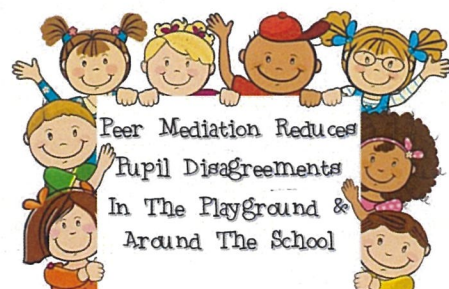
Peace Foundation Peer Mediation:

This week, students in the Senior School have begun training to be Peer Mediators. This involves student mediators learning how to help students, in the playground, resolve problems. There are four steps in the mediation process –

1. To listen to each student state what they think the problem is.
2. To clarify what they have heard to make sure it is correct.
3. To ask students to identify ways they could resolve the issue.
4. To support students to choose the strategy they want to try.

Our school sasa was created to reinforce the 'Cool Schools' four step process – and a clip of our students performing this can be found on the NZ Peace Foundation website. It is impressive, as are our students! Teaching strategies to resolve issues is part of building confident, empowered, resilient students, who know how to 'make a difference in the world'.

Regards, Dr Cherie Taylor-Patel



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COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS

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BUBBLES

Today I played with bubbles outside.
They had rainbow colours inside.
I blew them away.
They made me think of rainbows.
They were fun!

By Cody - Kowhai Class



Family Fun Night

'Whanau @ The Whenua'

We have planned a 'Whanau Fun Night' for Thursday 29th 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. Because of COVID and the 2023 weather events, we have not been able to host this since 2019. SO – please put this in the 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, introduce the 2024 teachers and staff. From there, you will be invited to go to classes and meet your child/ren's teacher/s and the parents and whanau of other children in the class. It would be great to see you there.



Board of Trustees' News

The next Board of Trustees' Meeting
20th February at 6.30pm
In the staffroom



Calendar of Events

29 Feb Thursday	Family Fun Night 'Whanau @ the Whenua'
12 April	Term 1 Ends
29 April	Term 2 Starts
25th April	ANZAC Day

Stay Hydrated

If you can, please provide your child with a water bottle. The days are hot and children need to stay hydrated, to get them through the day. Some children only take a few sips at a time from the water fountains. Our blue water fountains are filtered and they can refill their bottles at them. Please have a talk to your child/children, about drinking throughout the day.



Change of Address or Mobile?

Please contact the
School Office

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 Badrul, our School Bursar, to advise her and state what the payment is for. Badrul's email is: badrul@flanshawroad.school.nz

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