



Flanshaw Road School

"Growing Leaders Of Tomorrow"

Newsletter No.1

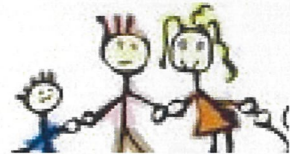
Week 1, Term 1.

30 January 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S LAPTOP



Our roll today is 309
A special welcome to
all of our new
children and their
families.



Thought for the Week

Friends



The only way
to have a friend is to
be one.

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

Joke of the Week

What did the duck say
after she bought
chapstick?



Put it on my bill!

Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa, Malo e leilei, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mālō ni, Bula Vanaka, Namaste, Nǐ hǎo, Nei hou, Ayubowan, Xin chàois, Lín hó, Annyeonghaseyo, Asalaam-walaikum, Konnichiwa, Hola, Kumusta, Guten Tag, Dobra dan, Bonjour, Ciao, Dia dhuit, Halò, Buon Giorno and greetings to you all, from our Flanshaw Road School Board of Trustees, our school leaders, teachers and staff. We hope you have all had a great summer break and have enjoyed quality time with whanau and friends.



Welcome back to school. For those of you who have been on-site you will appreciate that the school is a building site. We are still waiting for council approval to do the next phase of work on the administration building and the library, but the six classrooms being renovated are well underway. We hope that they will be ready for students by the end of March. Just to remind you, the office is next to Kowhai Class, and the Principal's office is located at the back of Manuka Class.

I would like to thank Andre Brooking, our Property Manager, Fazeel Khan our Grounds-Person, and our Cleaning Team – Sifa Tuataa and Belinda Trotter, for the work they have done around the school over the holiday break, to ensure everything is ready for the new term. Your mahi is much appreciated.

This week, we have a 'Teacher Only Day' on Friday so school is 'closed for instruction'. This is because teachers and staff are attending a 'Peer Mediation' workshop, run by the Peace Foundation. If you need childcare please contact 'Carpe Diem Kids' 0211550242 or info@carpediemkits.co.nz.

At the beginning of each year, hats and drink bottles are high on the agenda of 'important items to bring to school'. The sun is hot and burns quickly. Teachers and staff are ensuring students have sun screen on when they are outside, that they are wearing hats, or are staying in the shade if they do not. Our Term 1 Swimming Programme starts today and our goal is to support every student to become as competent and confident in the water as possible. Swimming is *not optional*, so please help teachers and staff with swimming organization by making sure your child's togs, towels and uniforms are all clearly named.

Class newsletters will be coming home to you today. Please look out for them.

Teachers have also been in the process of setting up class communication systems for 2025. Some parents use 'WhatsApp'; some will use Seesaw, text or email. What is important is that there is a system in place so you can contact your child's teacher and they can contact you. Having said this, teachers will work hard to ensure they respond to your queries within working hours, and within 24 hours, in most instances. *He tangata ki tahi.*

Regards, Dr Cherie Taylor-Patel

Have you downloaded our school APP yet?

Events, Notices, Notifications, Absentee, Newsletters

Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS



Teacher Only Day Tomorrow!
See you on time, on Monday, 3 Feb

Forms Coming Home Tonight

MUSIC LESSONS AT SCHOOL!

The Music Education Centre offers specialist music tuition for a range of instruments including Piano, Guitar, Drums and more!

IT'S CONVENIENT!

Have your child's music lesson right at their school and give them the opportunity to develop their skills through our individualised lessons that're both fun and educational! Learning music supports all areas of learning through developing confidence, creativity, concentration and so much more!

To enrol, please visit www.musiceducation.co.nz/pages/mis-enrolment

Sunhats and Footwear

We have noticed that some students do not have a school hat and footwear appropriate for school. It is really HOT in the middle of the day, so students do need hats and sun-screen (Flanshaw will provide sun-screen for students who do not have their own). Regarding footwear, we ask that students wear sandals with straps or trainers. Students cannot do fitness in jandals and our concrete is rough and hot on bare feet. The sun is so hot at the moment on the concrete that it can cause blisters on the soles of their tender feet.

Please ensure your child has a named, **regulation school hat** and appropriate shoes for school. Hats are available for purchase at the school office.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,
The Auckland Regional Dental Service (ARDS) is a Te Whatu Ora-operated service, which provides free dental care to children across the greater Auckland areas. In order to prevent any eligible children missing out on receiving free dental care, ARDS is cross-checking their own records with school rolls.
For our children's better oral health and wellbeing, our school roll will be shared with the service as required. To find out more information about ARDS, please visit ards.co.nz or call 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583).

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.



Board of Trustees' News

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



Calendar of Events

31 Jan	Teacher Only Day
6 Feb	Waitangi Day Public Holiday
14 Feb	Whole School Powhiri - 9.45
27 Feb	Family Fun Night 'Whanau @ the Whenua'
11 April	Term 1 Ends
28 April	Term 2 Starts

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 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.