



Newsletter No.23

Flanshaw Road School

"Growing Leaders Of Tomorrow"

Week 3, Term 3.

31st July 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S LAPTOP



Our roll today is 347.

Thought for the Week



"Life itself is the most wonderful fairy tale."

- Hans Christian Andersen

School Times

The school day starts at 8.55am. Report to the office for a green slip if you are late.

Morning Tea:

10.30am – 11.10am

Lunch Break:

12.40pm – 1.30pm

School closes: 3.00pm

Please pick up your child/children on time.

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 are the strongest days of the week?

Saturday and Sunday.

The rest are weak days!

While the weather has been wayward this week, our students have engaged in a wide range of great learning activities. Everyone enjoyed our 'Blue Mufti Day' last Friday, which was also an opportunity to revisit ways we keep ourselves safe around water.

On Monday 4th August, we will be welcoming a group of Chinese students to our school with a whole-school powhiri. These students are here for just two weeks, to practice and develop their English in an immersion situation. Visits like this create opportunities for our school to share our indigenous Māori culture, and to use protocols like powhiri, in an authentic context. For our visitors, powhiri becomes the first of the 'forever' memories they will make, during their time at our school.



Next week, we have our annual Book Week. It is a great time to focus on literacy, great books, fun authors and developing a love of reading.

On Tuesday 5 August, we will hold our annual 'Book Character Parade'.

This is where everyone comes to school dressed as a character from a book (or movie). At approximately 9.50 am, we have a whole-school assembly, to celebrate all our 'live' and lively characters. If you are free, please come and join in the fun. During 'Book Week', we also have a Scholastic Book Fair set up in the school library. Parents are welcome to purchase books, and prices are cheaper than in the shops. A percentage of the book sales made then enables us to purchase new books for the library.

For another week, nominations for the School Board of Trustees are open. If you want to contribute to our community in this role, you need to get a nomination form completed by 12.00 pm on Wednesday 6 August. Information about Boards can be found on the 'Whakaorōputanga Kaitiaki Kura o Aotearoa – NZ School Trustees Association' website. You are welcome to come to the next BOT meeting on 4th August, at 6.30pm, in the school staffroom.

Looking ahead, we have a 'Curriculum, Teachers' Only Day' coming up in August. On Friday 22 August, Flanshaw Road School will be closed for instruction. This is one of two days we will be using to review and update teachers and staff with changes that have been made to our NZ curriculum.

Regards, Dr Cherie Taylor-Patel.

Flanshaw Carpark Safety

Our Flanshaw Road driveway, can be a very dangerous place. Please only come into this carpark, to pick up a sick child from the sickbay or if you have given us forward information that you or a passenger has a medical need or a Disability Carpark sign, on your front window.

Please do not drive in, just because the gate is open!

We have many delivery and service people coming in and out and are not always aware of a child, standing in the carpark.

When walking into the school, please use the paths **around** the carparks, as we have put them there for your safety. Do not walk through the middle of the carpark with your child. Remember, you are setting an example for your child, for their future.

Please park outside the school gates.

Please do not use the pre-school driveway as this is for **their** drop offs and pickups only.

Thank you.



Class and Individual Photos - Monday, 18th August

Coming home soon, will be a sibling photo request.

Please return form to the office, if you would like your children photographed together. Photolife will take individual photos of all of our students, plus a class photo.

After photo day, you will receive a unique key code for your child/children. You will be able to go online to view and order their photos. You do not pay the school, as Photolife will only process online orders, then, they will be sent to us for collection. We will place the form on our Website, as well, for siblings!

COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS

Teacher Only Day Friday 22nd August

Teachers will be working hard, off site, with other schools in the area. There will be no school for our students on this date. Please can you make alternative arrangements for your child/children.

If you need care for your child/children, please contact 'The Kowhai Club' that runs from our school hall.



We will hold a one-day holiday programme on Fri 22nd August. The cost would be \$45 from 7.30am to 3pm and \$15 from 3 to 6pm.

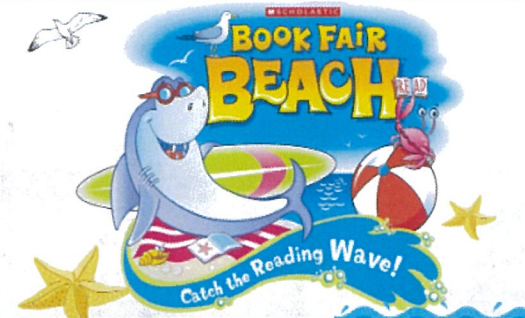
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Week 4 (4 August - 8 August 2025)

Scholastic Books to Buy

Dress Up Parade - Tuesday
Dress up as a sea creature, or your favourite book character

Art Competition with Prizes

Create a sea creature out of a paper plate

Books to be Won

Prizes for every syndicate

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Goodie Jar

Have you organised a costume for next Tuesday yet! If not, check with your teacher for ideas.

Patupaiarehe - Senior Clay Work

My sculpture was made fishing because that is the hobby I like to do with my family. Making this helped me express my creativity and it was like I was making my own world. In the end, it looked like a masterpiece and I would absolutely love to do it again.

By Yssah from Harakeke



I liked working with the clay and it dried fast so I used the tools very quickly. My sculpture has big shoes and a big head. I made it because it will look cool.

By Dylan from Harakeke



I made this house because making things is my hobby, plus, clay is amazing and I loved it. I made it with jar clay and paint. I enjoy making things at home.

By Jasmin from Harakeke



Free support for families struggling with a flooding event -

If you've been affected by a recent weather event, you don't have to go through this alone. [Visionwest](http://visionwest.org.nz) can walk alongside you to better understand your situation and provide support tailored for you. We're here to help with: one-on-one support, guidance on insurance, legal, and budgeting advice; information about financial assistance you may be eligible for; help navigating housing or tenancy issues; and providing connections to other helpful services in your community. Reach out to Visionwest at the Whānau Centre – let us know you've been impacted by a weather event and are seeking assistance. You can call 0800 99 0026, email whanaucentre@visionwest.org.nz or drop in to the whanau Centre at Visionwest, 97 Glendale Rd, Glen Eden, West Auckland.



Board of Trustees' News

The next Board of Trustees' meeting
4th of August 2025

Calendar of Events

1 Aug	Karaka Assembly
4-8 Aug	Book Week & Scholastic Book Fair
5 Aug	Book, character, dress up parade -Tuesday
15 Aug	Pohutukawa Class Assembly
18 Aug	Class & Individual Photos
22 Aug	Teacher Only Day – No School
26 Aug	Netball Te Atatu Zone Day
29 Aug	Daffodil Day Kawakawa Class Assembly
3 Sept	Team & Group Photos
12 Sept	Matai Class Assembly
15-21 Sept	Maori Language Week
16-17 Sept	Arts' Show
19 Sept	Last Day of Term 3

Tutoring

If you think your child would benefit from some extra learning, please contact Sheryll on 021 245 9044 or here at school.



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.