



Newsletter No.14

Flanshaw Road School

"Growing Leaders Of Tomorrow"

Week 3, Term 2.

15th May 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S LAPTOP



Our roll today is 334

Thought for the Week

Last Saturday, I was fortunate to go and see some of our Senior Kapa Haka Group perform for the New Zealand Zimbabwean Women's Social Club. The ngā ākonga (students) were well received by the women. Their way of showing their appreciation was new to some of the ngā ākonga. I would like to thank AD Ackerman for organising the performance. I would like to also thank Ad's husband as he supported the group by playing the guitar. The final group to thank are all the amazing whanau who brought the children to the performance.



On Tuesday when I came back from a meeting, I saw Akeake Class and children from Flanshaw Early Childhood Centre, learning from Fazeel Khan. Fazeel was talking to the children about the gardens. It was lovely to see how keen all the students were to listen to Fazeel and try parsley. I understand some of them liked it.

Yesterday I took a group of four ngā ākonga to the Stuff office in Grey Lynn. These four ngā ākonga are being supported, by journalists from Stuff, as they write their articles. This was the third time this year that they have been. The articles they write will be published in a Student Voice magazine. Flanshaw is the only primary school that attends these sessions. This year there are 40 ngā ākonga attending the sessions.

Tomorrow, as I mentioned last week, is **Pink Shirt Day**. The students do not have to wear their uniforms. The more pink they can wear the better! The student council are organising this event. They want everyone to bring a \$2 coin which will go to the Mental Health Foundation.

Later this year, in September, the Board of Trustee elections take place. If anyone is interested in finding out more about what being a board member entails you are most welcome to come to our next meeting which is on Monday 19th May in the staffroom. The meeting starts at 6.30pm. Our current board include the following people.

Luke Faesenkloet (Presiding member), Debra Barron (Deputy Presiding member), Marcel Fletcher, Sarah Bymolt, Betty Mitrova and Frances Atwell (staff trustee).

If you are unable to attend the next Board meeting you might like to talk to one of the current board members.

He waka eke noa

This whakatauki translates to "We are all in this waka (canoe) together". It emphasizes the idea of shared responsibility and working together towards a common goal.

Regards, Acting Principal – Maggie Reid

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:
10.30am – 11.10am

Lunch Break:
12.40pm – 1.30pm

School closes: 3.00pm

Joke

What kind of dance was the frog prince good at?

Hip Hop!

How do squids get to school?

They take an octopus!

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COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS

Pihinga Team Facts About Bugs

The ladybug has spots.
The ladybug is red.
The ladybug has wings.
The ladybug has legs.
I like ladybugs because they can fly.

By Abel Pohutukawa Class

The ladybug has 4 legs.
The ladybug is small.
The ladybug has spots.
The ladybug eats aphids.
The ladybug is red and black.
The ladybug lives on leaves.

By Lawrence Kowhai Class

The Wētā

BY MĀNUKA

INFORMATION REPORT

THE WĒTĀ

The Wētā is an insect. It belongs to the cricket family.

APPEARANCE

KATSON, JACK, JETT, IYLA, NIVAAN
The Wētā is black, green and brown. It has two long antennae. The Wētā has two large hind legs.

INTERESTING FACTS

TALLA, SAANVI, LUNA, SIPENI, INDIA
The Wētā is native to New Zealand. Also, the Wētā is nocturnal which means it sleeps in the day and is active at night. The Giant Wētā eats other insects.

CONCLUSION

Wētā are insects that live right here in New Zealand. They are like little dinosaurs as they have been around for so long. Wētā are special because they help keep our forests healthy by eating dead leaves and plants. They may look scary but they are really important for our environment. Be gentle with them if you see one!

HABITAT

CHARLIE, ELI TRISTAN, NYAL, FINN
The Wētā lives in some big caves and green gardens and in forests too.

DIET

KYLAR, ARAYA, RYDEN, TANGAROA, JIREH
The Wētā eats flowers and fruit and leaves.



PUMPKIN SOUP



Yesterday, Rimu Class made pumpkin soup with Kauri Class. We also watched soil videos and did a quiz. First we peeled the pumpkin. It was really hard. Then we cut the pieces up. We scooped out the seeds with a spoon because Matua Fazeel wants to plant them later. We cut up onions and added them to the water. Cutting the onions made Issac cry. Then we added the pumpkin pieces to the pot. We had to wait for it to boil.



Unwell Students

We have a tummy bug going around. Please can you keep your child home for 24 hours after the last time they have vomited or had diarrhoea. This is to reduce others from catching it. We have found that students are coming back too early, still unwell and being sent home again. Thank you.



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Board of Trustees' News

The next Board of Trustees' Meeting
19th of May

Calendar of Events

16th May

Pink Shirt Day

Totara Class Assembly



Let Kindness Grow

23rd May

Rimu Class Assembly

2nd June

King's Birthday Weekend
Monday Public Holiday

Dental Van



The Dental Technician team will be back on the 26th of May. This is to catch up on students who have missed, going to the Edmonton clinic.

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.



Tutoring

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



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.



We are proud to support the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand by celebrating Pink Shirt Day.

Speak UP
STAND TOGETHER
STOP BULLYING
KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA

FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025

JOIN THE MOVEMENT:
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