



Newsletter No.13

# Flanshaw Road School

"Growing Leaders Of Tomorrow"

Week 2, Term 2.

9th May 2024

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S LAPTOP



Our roll today is 322

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.

Morning Tea: 10.20am - 10.55am

Lunch Break: 12.40pm - 1.30pm

School closes: 3.00pm

Joke of the Week

WHY ARE FROGS ALWAYS SO HAPPY?



They eat whatever bugs them.

Welcome to NZ Sign Language Week. It has been a 'whoosh of a week' with lots happening at school. Students have been part of whole-school practices in preparation for the 'Born to Move' videoing, happening next Monday. If you have not yet seen, or signed, a permission slip for your child to be part of this, please follow this up with your child's teacher. To have all our students involved in this will make it a special 'whole-school' event.



This year our curriculum theme is 'Whanaungatanga and Whenua'. Inquiry planning for Term 2 has seen each team plan to build on learning done in Term 1. During the Term 1 holidays, several of our teachers did a 'Wearable Arts' workshop, to build their knowledge and creativity in visual art. They worked with Pita Terei, Kawerau-a-maki elder, story-teller and artist, and two other artists to hone their visual arts skills in mixed media. Pita helped make the links between the art of story-telling and the visual arts and we look forward to seeing how stories will be told through the Arts this term.

You may be aware the government has signalled changes in Education that will affect schools. The first of these is the establishment of a national public database for school attendance. A database in itself will not change attendance. What will change is how the ministry, the politicians and the media use the information in this national database to pressure schools and parents. School attendance in the first instance, is something parents control. While we do not want sick students at school, we do want students at school regularly. For a student to be deemed to be at school regularly, they must have 5 or less days away per term.

The second change the Minister of Education has announced, is a focus on 'Structured Literacy'. This is an approach to teaching foundation skills in reading and writing in the first three years of school. While it is good that professional development for junior school teachers will be available, as a country we do not have the capacity to do this by next year. At Flanshaw, we know students are well supported to develop foundation skills. Having said this, parents can add enormous value to the work teachers do by reading to and reading with their children each day. 'He waka eke noa.' 'We are all in this together.'

Finally, I would like to thank all the teachers at Flanshaw Road School who have made Te Reo professional development a learning priority this year. We are keen to upskill teachers, staff and students, so that by 2040, we really can celebrate our bicultural, bilingual heritage, 200 years on from the signing of 'Te Tiriti o Waitangi'.

Regards, Dr Cherie Taylor-Patel

## Van Gough's Sunflowers



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In Term 1, Rimu studied van Gogh's "Sunflowers in a Vase" artwork. Sunflowers were his favourite flowers. We sketched, chalked, crayoned and dyed our own "Sunflower" artwork.  
By Jackson

Rimu's Van Gough 'Sunflower in a Vase' crayon and dye artworks.

Van Gogh's Sunflowers  
I think my 'Sunflower' artwork is way better than van Gogh's "Sunflower" artwork. I worked really hard on my artwork.  
By Remi

## COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS

Students have been learning Sign Language this week



## NZSL ALPHABET

Have fun with your whānau, family and friends. Learn your name and teach others theirs!



## Mothers' Day - Lemonade Scones

- 4 cups (600g) Self raising flour
- 1/4 cup (56g) white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 300ml cream (1 small bottle)
- 300ml lemonade

### Method

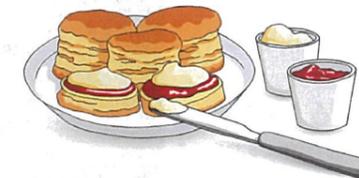
Preheat oven to 220°C conventional. Cover an oven tray with a sheet of baking paper or spray well with non-stick baking spray.

Mix all ingredients in a bowl to form a smooth dough (the mixture will be quite sticky).

Tip onto a floured bench and form into a 'round'. Carefully lift and place onto baking tray (a dough scraper helps) and cut into wedges. Leave with the sides touching - scones will pull apart after baking.

Alternatively, use a cookie cutter or knife to cut scones into rounds or squares. Bake for 15 - 20 minutes, until cooked through and pale golden. Cool on a wire rack, covered with a clean tea towel (this keeps the scones lovely and soft).

Cut in half and serve warm with butter, jam and whipped cream.



## Board of Trustees' News

The next Board of Trustees' Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> of May

## Calendar of Events

12 <sup>th</sup> May	Mothers' Day
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Scholastic Book Club Due
15 <sup>th</sup> May	FOF's Meeting
31 <sup>st</sup> May (Friday)	Teacher Only Day King's Birthday Weekend Monday a Public Holiday



## Mothers' Day Raffle



Our raffle will be drawn today, and winners notified this afternoon.

## 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](mailto:badrul@flanshawroad.school.nz)  
You can download a uniform order form from our website.