



Newsletter No.37

Flanshaw Road School

"Growing Leaders Of Tomorrow"

Week 7, Term 4.

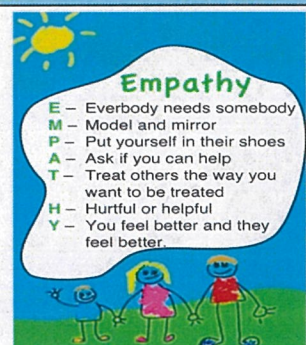
20th November 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S LAPTOP



Our roll today is 351.

Thought for the Week



School Times

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

Morning Tea:
10.20am - 10.55am

Lunch Break:
12.40pm - 1.30pm

School closes: 3.00pm

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

How do you fix a damaged Jack-o-lantern?



You use a pumpkin patch.

Being the Principal of Flanshaw Road School, is a privilege and a pleasure, never more so than when you see students excel. Last week, the group of 26 students who went to Rarotonga were outstanding. Through all the activities – visiting schools, doing the a cross-country 'Needle' hike, swimming with turtles and more, they made every day a winner. We landed at Auckland airport last Saturday evening, safe and sound, having had a rich week of immersion in Cook Island culture. Thank you to all the parents and staff who supported this EOTC adventure. Your mahi was much appreciated.



As we head into the last four weeks of the year, end-of-year progress in learning is being assessed for reporting purposes and to inform planning for 2026. Student portfolios will go home to parents on Friday 12 December. Our Board will receive our Annual Student Progress and Achievement Report at their last meeting of the year. This information also goes to the Ministry of Education. As well as this mahi, there are end-of-year events that teachers, staff and students are preparing for. These include a 'Flanshaw Has Talent' show, Year 6 Graduation and end of year assembly items.

This year, we will be holding a special assembly on Monday 15 December, to acknowledge Maggie Reid, our Deputy Principal of 24 years. It is difficult to quantify just how much Maggie has contributed to our community over the years, because every day she has done this in multiple ways – for tamariki, staff and whanau. She is a taonga and we are going to miss her a lot!

Maggie was part of the panel of Senior Leaders that appointed our new Flanshaw Road School Deputy Principal this term. Kathryn Eltringham was the successful applicant and will be joining the Flanshaw teaching team in 2026. Kathryn is an experienced teacher and senior leader, who has worked in a range of West Auckland Schools. Recently she has worked for 'Evaluation Associates' as a professional development facilitator, while also completing an education doctorate. Flanshaw teachers have worked with Kathryn in a range of contexts, and we are looking forward to having her on-board in 2026.

Finally, this Friday, we have a curriculum 'Teacher Only Day'. We are lucky to be working with a great mathematics facilitator, who will be supporting teachers to familiarize themselves with the Draft Mathematics' Curriculum. While debate reigns about the latest edition of the mathematics' curriculum, at the heart of the matter is teachers' capacity to teach mathematics well. That will be the focus of our mahi this Friday.

Regards, Dr Cherie Taylor-Patel

Rarotonga Trip

Last week, I travelled with my school from the New Zealand airport to Rarotonga. I was so excited as soon as we landed because the air was warm and the island looked beautiful. We stayed at this stunning accommodation right on the beachfront, and every morning we could hear the waves and see the ocean from our rooms.

During our trip we went snorkelling in the clear blue water, and I saw colourful fish swimming all around me. One day we went on a boat with a glass bottom and it was amazing to see all the sea life right underneath my feet.

In the evenings we explored the night market for dinner. My favourite part was eating the most amazing crepes. They were sweet, warm, and delicious. We stayed in Rarotonga for six days, and every day was full of fun and new adventures. It was an unforgettable school trip.

Report by Nikahla – Tawa Class



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NO SCHOOL TOMORROW

COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS

Curriculum Teacher Only Day Friday, 21st November School Closed

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



Kowhai Kids Club, will hold a one-day holiday programme on Thursday, 23rd of October.
The cost would be \$45 from 7.30am to 3pm and \$15 from 3 to 6pm.

Vinita White
Director

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Hearing and Vision

- The National Public Health Service – Northern region's Vision and Hearing Screening team will be visiting our school, next year to screen those in Years 0-2 who have not previously had their B4School screening or require a follow-up re-screen. If you do not want your child's vision and hearing to be screened, please notify the school prior to testing. Results of vision and hearing screening will be sent home with your child. The results may be shared with the school, including your child's teacher.



Featuring: DJ Elf in the house • 2 hours of music and dancing
party lights • smoke machine • bubble machine & lasers
Snacks and Christmas goodies provided
Dress Code: Come dressed in your favorite Christmas outfit!



Updating Immunisation Records WellChild A letter went home on Wednesday to those children for whom we do not hold a copy of their immunisation records.



This is a requirement that we need to have a copy of, even if your child is not immunised or it is incomplete.

Please can you bring their immunisation Certificate to the school office so we can photocopy or you can email the office – office@flanshawroad.school.nz

Dental Clinic

If your child has a problem with their teeth and needs to see a Dental Nurse in a hurry, you can contact the Super Clinic at Edmonton Road School. The clinic is off School Road by their school hall. The contact number is: 838 2402

Board of Trustees' News

The next Board of Trustees' meeting
Wednesday, 10th December.

Calendar of Events

21 Nov	No School - Curriculum Teacher Only Day
5 Dec	Certificate Assembly
8 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
12 Dec	Trophy Assembly
16 Dec	End of Term 4 – Last Day-School Closes at 12.30pm
2 Feb 2026	Term 1 Starts



End-of-Term & Summer Holiday Programme

Kowhai Kids Club Flanshaw will be open on the last day of term, Tuesday 16th December, from 12:30pm–6:00pm.

- 12:30pm–3:00pm: \$18.50
- After 3:00pm: Usual after-school rates apply

And then... get ready for summer fun! Our Holiday Programme will run from 17th to 19th December and 5th to 30th January 2026 at the Flanshaw Road School Hall, 51 Flanshaw Road, Te Atatū South.

Part-time enrolments, sibling discounts, and Work & Income Oscar subsidies are available.

Brochures are available online.

Enrol now: www.kowhaikidsclub.co.nz

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Come join us for games, activities, friends, and loads of summer sunshine!

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.