Flanshaw Road School

"Growing Leaders Of Tomorrow"

Newsletter No.37 Week 7, Term 4. 26th November 2026

From The Principal's Laptop



We had our final Te Atatu Cluster sports' event this week. Forty Flanshaw students competed at the cluster cross-country. Congratulations to our individual placegetters and to all those who did a 'personal best' time. Winning at Cross Country is a team game, as the combined finishing places of all competitors creates the overall team score. This means, everyone needs to help everyone to achieve their best. It is a blueprint I think would work anywhere.

This week, teachers and students have been focused on completing assessment tasks, to identify current achievement levels and next steps in learning. Student Portfolios are being prepared to hand out on Friday 11th December. As well as this, students and staff have been preparing goods for our Enviro Market Day next week. Next year, we have been thinking to develop a 'Whānau Gardening Initiative', where interested parents could do gardening workshops with Fazeel Khan, to support school and home-based gardening projects.

On Tuesday of this week, we were able to open the school pool for the summer season. Students are using the pool in lunchtimes and classes have swimming timeslots for the last three weeks of the year.

This summer, we will be opening the pool for our community during the holiday break. We have a team of Flanshaw staff members who have made themselves available to supervise between 1.00 pm and 4.00 pm on weekdays, excluding public holidays, from December 17 – January 29. Auckland Council lifeguards will oversee the pool for three weeks in January, when the pool will be open from 12.00 pm until 5.00 pm. There will be no charge for the use of the pool, but parents are expected to supervise their children in the pool, and the adult - child ratio is one adult (18 years or older) to four children. Following school rules and staff requests will ensure everyone enjoys this facility over what could be a very hot summer.

Finally, we will be farewelling two teachers at the end of this year. I would like to thank Jo Noema, teacher in Akeake and Libby Marriott in Ti Kouka, for all they have done to support students in their respective classes and for their contributions to all school events over the year. On behalf of all the Flanshaw teachers, staff and community, we wish them and their whānau all the best for the future.

Regards, Dr Cherie Taylor-Patel.



Our roll today is 392.

Thought for the Week



Weekly Attendance Report
20th – 26th November
97%

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

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

Q: What do Santa's elves do after school?

A: Their gnomework!



Certificate Assembly - Friday 11/12/26



On Friday, 11th **December,** the Certificate Assembly will start at 10.00 am with 6 Special Certificates for each Junior Class. After a break for morning tea, we will continue with the assembly at 11.00 am, when we will present Service to the School Centificates, Special Certificates and Awards to the Middle School and Senior School. Parents and Caregivers are welcome.

Year 6 Graduation - Monday 14/12/26

The Year 6 Graduation is on Monday 14th December, at 7.00 pm. This is a very special and formal occasion, to say goodbye to our students and their families. All Year 6 students are asked to attend and invitations will be sent home. Please bring a plate of finger food to share for supper afterwards (items will not be heated up and will need to be able to be eaten with a serviette).



Cup & Trophy Assembly – Wednesday 16/12/26



Our Cup and Trophy Assembly will start at 11.10 am and finish approximately at 12.20 pm. This will be a whole school event. Parents and Caregivers are warmly invited to attend, as this is a very exciting and special assembly. Parents and Caregivers will be informed if their child is receiving something at this assembly.

Half Day Wednesday 16th December - School closes at 12.30pm

Community & School News

Cross Country - Field Day

On Tuesday, a team of 33 brave Flanshaw students took part in the Cross Country Field Day at Te Atatū South Park. Despite the scorching heat, Flanshaw students rose to the challenge, showed great determination and gave it their very best!



A special congratulation to **Petal**, who achieved an outstanding result by finishing **2nd in the Year 5 Girls' grade**. What a fantastic achievement!

A big thank you to all the teachers and parents who supported the students with training and helped make the day possible by transporting us to Te Atatū South Park.



Last but certainly not least, thank you to all the whānau and supporters who came along to cheer on the Flanshaw students. Your encouragement and support made the day even more special!

Well done, Flanshaw! We are so proud of you all!

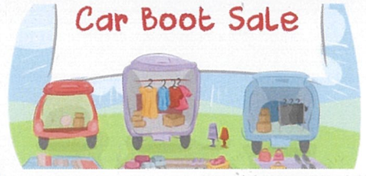
Nayla
Kahikatea Class





Car Boot Sale – Thursday, 3rd December

If you are interested in having a space at the Car Boot Sale, please contact the school office. This will be on the grassed area, inside the Flanshaw Road School gates. Cost per space is $15.00 and runs from 4.20pm to 7.00pm.



Bake Sale & Toys - 2.45pm to 7.00pm

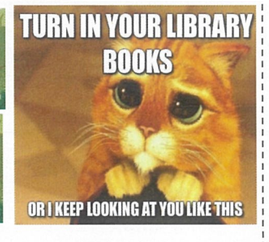
Same area as Car Boot Sale – All proceeds from the Bake Sale and Toys, plus the $15.00, car boot space, will go to the 'Make a Wish Foundation'. You can donate good used toys, to Tawa Class or the school office.

A Big Thank You

Motion Sickness is an independent New Zealand creative agency and company making bold, human ideas across advertising, design, film and digital.

Thank you for your kind donation of 12 boxes of photocopy paper and 15 pool noodles!





Board of Trustees' News

The next Board of Trustees' meeting: Tuesday, 8th December.

Calendar of Events

3 Dec	Car Boot Sale 4.20 -7pm Bake Sale & Toys 2.45pm
10 Dec	Garden to Table Sale
11 Dec	Certificate Assembly & Portfolios go home
14 Dec	Year 6 Graduation 7.00pm
16 Dec	Trophy Assembly End of Term 4 – Last Day School Closes at 12.30pm
2027	Term 1 Starts Tuesday, 2nd February 2027

Kowhai Kids Club

End-of-Term & Summer Holiday Programme

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

- **12:30pm–3:00pm:** $19.00
- **After 3:00pm:** Usual after-school rates apply

And then… get ready for summer fun! Our **Holiday Programme** will run from **17th to 23rd December** and **11th to 29th January 2027** 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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info@kowhaikidsclub.co.nz

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

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.