



Newsletter No.32

Week 2, Term 4.

Flanshaw Road School

"Growing Leaders Of Tomorrow"

16th October 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S LAPTOP



Our roll today is 351.

Thought for the Week

It takes a big
heart
to help shape
little
minds.

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 does the moon cut his hair?

Eclipse it.

(He-clips-it)

It has been a busy, focused week here at Flanshaw Road School. Students have been producing quality work and enjoying a wide range of activities. Andre Brooking, our property manager, has begun preparing the pool for use this term, as soon as the weather fines up. It is great for our students to be able to do some water confidence and water safety swimming sessions before the Christmas holidays.

During Term 4, as well as running our normal programmes and events, we also begin planning for 2025. Below is our timeline for the process of organizing 2026 classes –

Weeks 1 and 2	Schools receive staffing entitlement information and use projected roll numbers to plan the number of teachers that will be in each team in 2026 and the approximate class sizes for 2026.
Weeks 3 and 4	Teaching teams for 2026 are confirmed. Information is gathered from teachers, staff and parents to inform the organization process.
Week 5	Senior leaders create draft class lists for 2026.
Weeks 6 and 7	Teachers and staff check lists and provide feedback so adjustments can be made if needed.
Week 9	Class teachers and classes for 2026 are added to Student Portfolios when lists are finalized.
Week 10	Student Portfolios go home to parents on Friday of Week 10.

When creating classes, there are a range of factors considered. These include students with specific learning needs, students' friendships, who they work well with, academic levels, students' interests and talents, the social mix of the whole group, the gender balance of the group and teacher strengths. There will be changes to teaching teams in 2026, and as has been said, teaching teams will not be finalized until Week 5.

Student Portfolios will be sent home on Friday of Week 10 and will have information about your child's class teacher, year level and room for 2026. This is done so there is time to meet your child's teacher if you have any queries or concerns you want to discuss before year end. In the last week, on Monday 15 December, students will spend some time with their 2026 class, so as to help them have a stress-free start to the new school year. If parents have any concerns or queries, we are happy to meet with you before the year ends.

Regards, Dr Cherie Taylor-Patel.



Pohutukawa Class, during the Shake Out drill today.



COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS

Nationwide - School Union Strike Day

Thursday, 23rd October

There will be no school for our students on this date. Please can you make alternative arrangements for your child/children. There will be school on Friday, 24th. 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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Curriculum Teacher Only Day Friday, 21st November School Closed

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. Details are the same for the Teacher Union Strike.

Matal Class

Take a ride
Across the sky
Near the water
I went to the river
We looked at a
Hokioi bird
A feather he gave me



An acrostic poem by Ashleigh

The Taniwha
Taniwha has a long tail and he has patterns. He is beautiful and he is really big. He is very cool, but sometimes he snores all the time.

A description by Sienna

The Taniwha
Taniwha has patterns on it and its colour is purple. It has big eyes and it even has big, sharp teeth. The Taniwha has a long tail and large wings.

A description by Josiah

Taniwha
The Taniwha has big eyes The taniwha doesn't have any ears. The taniwha has lots of patterns, So I like them.

A poem by Hazel



OH NO!



Our school's old clothes dryer has completely worn out! Do you have a dryer at home that you are not using and would like to gift to our school? We use it daily for uniforms, kitchen towels, etc. Please let the office staff know if you can help. We would greatly appreciate it.

PHOTOLIFE – Class, Portrait, Team and Group photos, will be given out today! If you did not order photos and would still like to order some, a sample photo is provided, with your child's unique code. You will be asked to pay a delivery charge, to your home.

Be Sun-wise TERM 4



Regulation sunhats are compulsory in Term 4. No hat, stay in the shade!

Caps	\$20.00
Bucket hats	\$20.00
Wide brim hat	\$20.00

Board of Trustees' News

The next Board of Trustees' meeting Wednesday, 29th October.

Calendar of Events

23 Oct	No School – Teacher Union Meeting
27 Oct	Labour Weekend Monday Public Holiday
4 Nov	Cricket Field Day
5 Nov	Whole School Cross Country
21 Nov	No School - Curriculum Teacher Only Day
5 Dec	Certificate Assembly
12 Dec	Trophy Assembly
16 Dec	End of Term 4 – Last Day- School Closes at 12.40pm
2 Feb 2026	Term 1 Starts

Spare Uniforms

If you have uniforms that your child/children have outgrown, the school would love to have them for the sickbay and second hand uniforms.

Flanshaw Uniforms – Order Direct

You can order uniforms directly from the 'Uniform Shop', anytime, especially during the holidays. But, you will be charged a delivery fee to your address.

Ross Robertson
Phone: 09-426-9797

<https://www.schooluniform.co.nz/>

Flanshaw Office does a uniform order every Monday morning, no delivery charge.

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.