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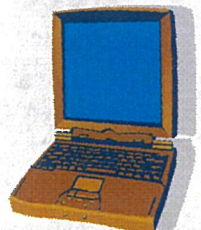
Flanshaw Road School

"Growing Leaders Of Tomorrow"

Week 3, Term 4.

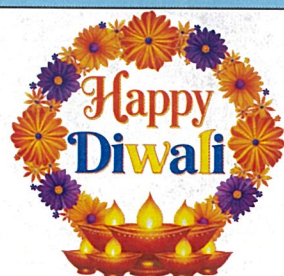
22nd October 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S LAPTOP



Our roll today is 351.

Thought for the Week



To our Indian Community

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

Why are cats good at video games?

Because they have nine lives!

It has been great to see just how hard students are working across a range of different curriculum subjects this week. Teachers and students have some clear goals they are wanting to achieve before the end of the year and work being produced is of a high quality. Thank you all for your support of your children. Well-established home routines and parent support in learning are ways you add value every day.

While we have begun planning for 2026, next year we will be without Maggie Reid, our Deputy Principal of 24 years. This is because Maggie is retiring at the end of this year. Her contribution to our school community for nearly quarter of a century, as a teacher, an Associate Principal, Deputy Principal and Acting Principal (four times) has been significant. She has also been a lead teacher in the WAPA 2020+ network of schools for sixteen years, contributed to national leadership initiatives and is an accredited education coach. I know she will be missed by students, staff and whanau. As the term progresses, we will be taking time to acknowledge all she has done for our school. For now, she is part of the change we are planning for, going forward.

Speaking of change, next year, Heather Kluit will be with us for just a few weeks before she goes on Maternity Leave. The Flanshaw team are delighted for Heather (and Karl) and we wish them well for the coming months.

Tomorrow, teachers and support staff will be taking part in the first ever 'Mega Strike' and, as a profession, we do not do this lightly. We do this because we need to attract and retain quality teachers in our profession. 'Bad faith bargaining' has seen the government offer teachers and staff what is, in effect, a pay cut. It is the same in the health sector, which is why the unions have come together. At a systems level, undermining the public sector is a political strategy used by governments that want to privatize education and health. If schools cannot attract and retain quality teachers, private education becomes an option. Countries around the world that have strong public education systems get the best student achievement results. Keeping our public education system strong is important. Keeping teachers in the profession, and in New Zealand, is important. Doing our best, for our tamariki, is what is most important!

Please consider joining us tomorrow, so our government get a clear message that education and health workers' work is valued by us all. The Queen Street rally starts at 11.00am in Aotea Square.

Regards, Dr Cherie Taylor-Patel.



NOTICES



Protect your tamariki against
Measles

Measles is a serious disease that can spread very quickly. Measles erases your child's immunity to the disease. Your child needs 2 doses of the vaccine to be fully protected.

Measles begins with a high fever, cough, runny nose, and red, watery eyes, followed by small white spots (Koplik's spots) inside the mouth. A red blotchy rash then appears, starting on the face and spreading down the body. On lighter skin, the spots appear red, while on darker skin, they may look purple or be harder to see, and can merge together as they spread.

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THE PAPER NOTICES BEHIND

Download our Skool Loop app to keep up to date with school information. Notices, newsletters, absentee notifications and much more.



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COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS

Nationwide - School Union Strike Day

Thursday, 23rd October
NO SCHOOL TOMORROW

There will be no school for our students tomorrow (Thursday). Please can you make alternative arrangements for your child/children. **There will be school on Friday, 24th (please contact the office if your child is having Friday off).**

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

0800 552 582 / 0277 831 826
info@kowhaikidsclub.co.nz
www.kowhaikidsclub.co.nz

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.



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.

thetrustsarena.co.nz

the trusts arena 65-67 Central Park Drive, Henderson.

Need something to do with the kids next week for Strike Day? Drop in anytime - we have you covered at The Trusts Arena!

STRIKE DAY
THURS 23 OCTOBER
8:30AM - 3:00PM

BOUNCY CASTLE SPORTS GAMES AND MORE! CAFE OPEN

ADULTS FREE KIDS \$15

Carpark \$1 Per Hour

*Children must be supervised by their parent/guardian at all times

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
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.