



Newsletter No.31

# Flanshaw Road School

"Growing Leaders Of Tomorrow"

9<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Week 1, Term 4.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S LAPTOP



Our roll today is 350.

### Thought for the Week

### Happy Mooncake Festival



We wish our Chinese and Vietnamese families Happy Mooncake Festival – Zhongqiu Jie (Chinese) or Tết Trung Thu (Vietnamese)

### 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 do elephants have corrugated toes?



To give the ants a 50/50 chance to not get squashed!

'Ni sa bula vinaka' and a warm Fijian welcome back to everyone in 'Fijian Language Week'. An especially warm welcome to our new students, whanau and staff. Tomorrow, Friday 10 October, we have our Term 4 powhiri, to formally welcome newcomers to our school. If you are free, please join us at 9.45 am in the school hall.

Term 4 is always a term with a split focus. On the one hand, teachers and students are focusing in on key skills and knowledge they want to consolidate before the end of the school year. At the same time, planning for 2026 is also underway. In 2026, the government requires all schools to have a three-year Strategic Plan in place. The new Board has begun to draft this plan which requires your input. So that this can happen, we will be sending the 'Draft Flanshaw Road School Strategic Plan (2026 – 2028)' to you via See Saw next week. We will ask you to fill in a quick survey covering each key area in the plan. They are:

- A) Academic foci
- B) Cultural / Te Tiriti o Waitangi goals
- C) Social skills' development
- D) Physical skills and opportunities
- E) Environmental education mahi
- F) Community priorities and projects

If there are any key things you want to see our school focus on in the next three years, please fill in the survey and send it back to us. In November, we will collate your feedback, together with feedback from our staff and students. We want the final Strategic Plan to be 'our' document – something that we all can contribute to and work on in the next three years.

Another 2026 planning process done this term is the 'Organization of Classes for 2026'. Next week, I will share the process we use to put together classes, which involves a range of considerations and steps. But, before we can do that, we need to finalize our teaching teams for 2026. This mahi is in process.

Regards, Dr Cherie Taylor-Patel.



## Whanaungatanga - New Parent Meeting

If you are new to Flanshaw Road School, we hope you have begun to get to know people in our community. We would like to invite you to a 'New Parent Meeting' at 9.00am on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> of October, in the school staffroom. It is an opportunity to meet other new parents, to meet some of the school staff and to learn more about our school. Pre-schoolers are welcome too. We look forward to seeing you there.

**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.

**PHOTOLIFE** – Class, Portrait, Team and Group photos, will be available on Friday or early next week. They will be sent to the class teacher.

## 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.

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, 23<sup>rd</sup> of October.

The cost would be \$45 from 7.30am to 3pm and \$15 from 3 to 6pm.

Vinita White  
Director

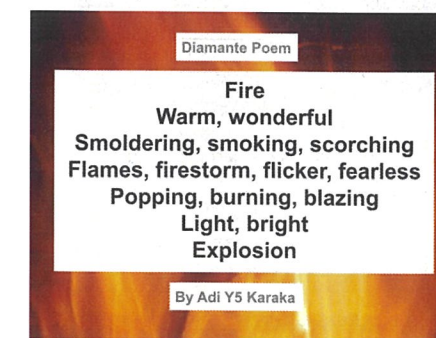
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### My Speech Journey

Last year after the school speech finals, I started thinking about what my speech topic should be for next year. I wanted to choose wisely because this year would be my last year in the school speech finals (if I made it through.) I thought about it long and hard and decided my speech topic would be about the meaning of life. I did a lot of research with the help of AI and I interviewed some people to find out what they think the meaning of life is. Once I had written my speech and was happy with it, I practiced over and over again until I was ready to share my speech with my class. I was grateful to get through to the semi-finals along with Yssah and Rishab. Then I was even more grateful to get through to the finals. The judges for the finals were Whaea Taylor Patel and Councillor Shane Henderson. I was feeling very nervous, especially because I was second to last to do my speech, but I gave it my best shot. I couldn't believe it when Shane Henderson announced that I was the winner of the Year Six Speech Competition. I felt so happy, relieved and grateful for all of the support from my friends. But it wasn't over yet as I had to go through to the Te Atatu Cluster Speech Finals, although I didn't place. I was grateful for the experience and I enjoyed listening to all the AMAZING speeches. Overall this year's speech journey for me was successful and I am very proud of myself and I hope everyone who did their speech this year also feels proud, because doing a speech can be extremely scary. So well done to everyone. By Awhina.

## 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.



## Literacy Pous by Matai Class



## Be Sun-wise



## TERM 4

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

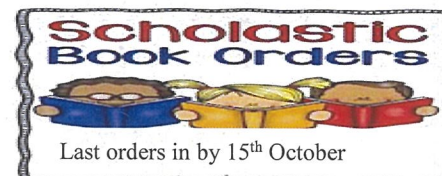
Caps	\$20.00
Bucket hats	\$20.00
Wide brim hat	\$20.00

## Board of Trustees' News

The next Board of Trustees' meeting Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> October.

## Calendar of Events

10 Oct	Whole School Powhiri
13 Oct	New Parent Meeting
23 Oct	No School – Teacher Union Meeting
27 Oct	Labour Weekend Monday Public Holiday
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



## 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](mailto:katie@flanshawroad.school.nz)

You can download a uniform order form from our website.