



Flanshaw Road School

"Growing Leaders Of Tomorrow"

Newsletter No.29

Week 9, Term 3.

11th September 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S LAPTOP



Our roll today is 349.

Thought for the Week

Kids don't need things. Kids need parents who spend time with them.

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
Please pick up your child/children on time.

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 skeletons so calm?
Because nothing gets under their skins!

With just one week to go, teachers and students have been focused this week on finishing artwork, ready for our 2025 Flanshaw Road School Art Exhibition next week. We invite families to come and view the artwork in the school hall on Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 September, from 3.15 pm to 6.30 pm. Students from our Kapa Haka groups will be performing at 3.15 pm each day, to open the exhibition. An event not to be missed, we will be asking for a \$5 family koha to cover the costs of art supplies. A sausage sizzle fundraiser and a coffee cart will be onsite on Tuesday and Wednesday.



The inspiration for our art exhibition is the story of Te Au o te Whenua. He was a Te Kawerau-ā-Maki chief. Te Au o te Whenua was always focused on doing what was good for the people. He became famous as a peacemaker because he was successful in stopping the fighting over land between Ngapuhi, Ngati Whātua and Te Kawerau ā Maki iwi. His name, Te Au o te Whenua means the 'current of the land'. The story of Te Au o te Whenua highlights how important peace-making skills are for the wellbeing of people in any time - past, present and future. We look forward to celebrating our students' talents in the Arts with you next week.

Next week, we farewell Wajiha Khanam from Flanshaw Road School. Wajiha, one of our valued Learning Support staff, is returning to India. We wish her and her husband well for the future.

On Wednesday 17 September, we will know the results of the 2025 Board of Trustees elections. I would like to acknowledge Marcel Fletcher, Betty Mitrova and Sarah Bymolt for the work they have done as school trustees, for our tamariki, staff and school community over the last three years. Thank you all for your mahi, your support and your service. You are taonga.

Regards, Dr Cherie Taylor-Patel.

Learning Support Staff Job Opportunity:

We are looking to employ a Learning Support staff member for 10 hours per week in Term 4. If you are interested in this position, please contact the Flanshaw Road School office for a Job Description.

Wrestlemania! But Minature....



Many kids across the world, dream of being a professional wrestler, especially at Flanshaw. But adults often wonder "Why" "Why do they dream of this unrealistic and dangerous career choice?" Well, for the fame obviously but also to prove to themselves, kids are often underestimated or treated poorly by adults. It is how most villains become evil in many superhero stories or movies, to show power and serve revenge on those who treated them without respect as a child. So you can imagine everyone wanted to know how to fight and get the respect that they deserve. So 20 kids attended wrestling training.

When we arrived at Rutherford College, we were all super excited, we entered the Gym. It had mats made of foam with a red circle in the middle of the mat. We started by warming up and we played games, ran, and even did forward and backward rolls. When we were warmed up we finally got into takedowns they taught us and demonstrated simple takedown techniques like a leg grab and twist. They taught us about 15 different techniques and then we gathered around the circle and fought the people equal o our size.

Overall the day was fun for everyone, even Gideon who suffered a wrist fracture while 1 V 1 fighting.

By Genevieve H – Tawa Class



Kowhai Kids Club Flanshaw will be having a fun Holiday Programme at the school hall at Flanshaw Road School, 51 Flanshaw Road, Te Atatu South from 22nd Sept to 3rd Oct. Part-time enrolments, Sibling discounts and WINZ subsidies are available.

Brochures are available online.

Enrol online on www.kowhaikidsclub.co.nz Ph: 0800 KK CLUB Mob: 0277 831 826
Email: info@kowhaikidsclub.co.nz

COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS



PhotoLife Photos are ready to order.

Keycodes are now available. You will be notified by email from Photolife, for Class and Individual photos. This is a new system, please check you junk or spam files if you do not receive them by next week. We also have a copy of your child/children's keycodes. Just give us a call and we can give them to you over the phone. All orders are done online and delivered to us.

Please note: Free delivery is available for all orders placed before **MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2025.**

Photos were taken by Photolife

Spring Poems by Rimu

So many newborn animals
Playing in fresh meadows
Rabbits hopping around
It's a lovely season
No-one disagrees – it is a happy time
Get up, wake up, Spring is here!

An acrostic poem by Linda,

Sleeping without hesitation
Pouring rain on us
Running kids on the playground
I love Spring
Never give up
Gusting wind all around us!

An acrostic poem by Louria,

Sun always shines brightly
Plants growing big
Raining so the plants can grow
Incredible animals play around
Newborn animals
Going to be a great Spring this year!

An acrostic poem by Aria-Rae,



Let's seek a new dawn in education

All tamariki in Aotearoa deserve an inclusive, engaging education which meets their needs.

However, cuts to school lunches, the reo Māori programmes, attacks on the quality of early childhood education and the scrapping of pay equity claims makes it clear this Government does not value the work of education professionals nor our children's learning.

The system is heading in the wrong direction. Educators are struggling and tamariki are being left behind.

As educators, whānau and community, we are calling on the Government to back our future. This means:

Tamariki need a teacher aide in every classroom

Fund a teacher aide in every class in Budget 2026.

Value educators fairly and ensure their work is secure

Attract – and retain – the best people to educate our tamariki, by delivering fair pay to all educators, making work secure and restoring pay equity.

Uphold te Tiriti o Waitangi in education

Protect te reo as a taonga for our tamariki by reinstating funding for te reo Māori learning for education professionals.

Defend quality early childhood education

Make early childhood education accessible, affordable, culturally appropriate and high quality for all tamariki, by retaining 100% qualified teachers and pay parity, and by improving teacher: child ratios.

Kimi haeata means seek the dawn, and we're seeking a new dawn in education. Back our future!



SIGN THE PETITION

Board of Trustees' News

The next Board of Trustees' meeting.

Calendar of Events

12 Sept	Matai Class Assembly
15–21 Sept	Maori Language Week
16-17 Sept	Arts' Show
19 Sept	Last Day of Term 3
6 Oct	Start of Term 4
27 Oct	Labour Weekend Holiday
21 Nov	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



Registrations Now Open

Join us for an exciting season of training and competition. Don't miss out!

WHEN	FEES
Wednesday nights 29 Oct 25 – 18 Mar 26 6pm start	2-4 years \$20 5-14 years \$30 Family \$60 Singlet \$30

WHERE
Rangview Intermediate School
5 Keru Place, Te Atatu South

REGISTER ONLINE
www.sporty.co.nz/glendeneac

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.