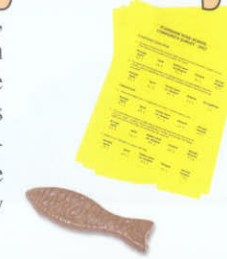




COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS

Annual Flanshaw Community Survey

Thank you to those families who have already returned their surveys, they **need to be returned by tomorrow**. We encourage you to fill it in and send it back to school so we can collate the information for the Board of Trustees. This information from our parent community is used to inform BOT decision-making and to ensure that, as a high-performing school, we keep improving, in all the ways we can. Please return the survey to the school office and every child from that family will receive a chocolate fish from the office staff.



Board of Trustees' News

The next Board of Trustees' meeting will be Tuesday, 30th of May at 7:00 pm in the school staffroom.

ASB School Banking

Wednesday – please bring banking to the school office, by morning tea time.



Calendar of Events

19 th May	Mobile Library Bus 11.15am – bring your library card and your borrowed books.
30 th May	Inter-school Rugby League Y5/6
31 st May	Senior School Museum Visit
2 nd June	Teacher Only Day (Friday) Queen's Birthday Weekend Monday is a Public Holiday (4 day, student weekend off)
6 th June	
13 th June	Starship Fundraiser – Dress up as your favourite person.
4 th July	Inter-school Football Y5/6
7 th July	End of Term 2
24 th July	Start of Term 3
29 th Sept	End of Term 3
16 th Oct	Start of Term 4
Dec - TBD	End of Term 4

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S LAPTOP



Our roll today is 377

Thought for the Week



School Day

The School Day Starts At 8.55am.

Please ensure that your child has a good night's sleep and is up on time for school. If they are late, they need to report to the office for a green late-slip.

Joke of the week

Why did the snake cross the road?



To get to the other sssssssside!

Winners from Last Week's

Ice-blocks went to: Arshi & Kanishk Jade & Braxton H Capri M

Well done ☺

Another week has whizzed by and teachers, students, support staff and parents have been involved in a huge array of learning activities within and beyond the school. For example, the Middle School have created Tibetan Freedom Flags that can be seen on display outside Rerenga Classrooms. Students going on the Samoan Trip are having their second sleep-over this Friday. Our 'Drone Project' students are working hard on skills to construct and fly drones and our Year 3 and 4 school netball teams have their first games of the season today. Basketball teams are developing team work through weekly games at the Massey YMCA, while Kapa Haka groups are working on a concert programme, ready for Matariki. Students are engaged in a range of STEAM activities that stretch their thinking and problem-solving skills and all our students are really working hard on reading, writing and mathematics as well!



As an Enviro-School, we have a range of different systems and initiatives on the go. Students in different parts of the school manage the Fonterra milk recycling systems, the worm farm, organic recycling and paper recycling. A team of Enviro-School Leaders are working with Mr Maul to oversee the 2017 'Garden to Table' Programme. This term, classes have planted a range of root crops and vegetables that can be used to make soup. The goal is to grow and harvest vegetables to make soup for everyone to share. This winter, in Auckland and in many parts of the world, soup kitchens will provide food for the most impoverished people in our communities. This programme is a way to model what it is to be a 'Sustainable Community'; that is, a community that can use its collective resources to provide for all.

Thank you to all the parents who have returned the Annual Community Survey. Your feedback is very much appreciated. This week students across the school will be doing Student Surveys. Information from these surveys check how they are feeling about their teachers, their work, their friends and school in general. We use this information to respond to concerns raised by individual students, but also to look for general areas our students think we need to improve. This is one of the ways we work on our core value - 'Nga Whakapiringatanga' – creating and maintaining optimal conditions for learning.

Finally, in two weeks, it is Queen's Birthday weekend and Monday 5th June is a public holiday. We have a 'Teacher Only Day' on Friday 2nd June, so if families can organize it, there is opportunity to have a four-day weekend.

Until next week, regards,
Dr Cherie Taylor-Patel



The Bird Barn and Pet Store

On Monday, Miss Sheryll took us to visit the 'Bird Barn' and 'Pet Store' in Lincoln Road. We loved all the different animals. There were noisy birds, brightly coloured fish, cute kittens, playful puppies, pretty chickens, lizards that like to climb on you as well as lots of other pets. They had two sulphur crested cockatoos that sat on our shoulders. Their names were Shelia and Doris. We were surprised because they said "hello, how are you?" They also laughed "ha ha ha!" at us. We would have loved to stay longer but we had to go back to school. Our families would also like to visit the Bird Barn and Pet Store, one day soon.

Written by Dasol and Esther from Kahikatea Class



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"Fly Me Up to Where You Are"

"Fly Me Up to Where You Are" started as an exhibition of Tibetan prayer flags made by children. Team Rerenga was inspired by this work and created their own art installation.

The Artist

Tiffany Singh is the artist who started "Fly Me Up to Where You Are", she has worked with thousands of children to make pieces of artwork for her exhibition. She thinks it is good to share what's important to you. Tiffany's main idea was to get children to share their hopes and dreams.

Tibetan Prayer Flags

In Tibet, you say prayer flags as lung ta, which means, "wind horse". Tibetans believe that when the wind blows on the prayer flags its message is sent on to the rest of the world. On the prayer flags, it asks for blessing of long life, good fortune, compassion, strength or wisdom. The colours are sorted into this order:

- Blue for sky/space
- White for air/wind
- Red for fire
- Green for water and yellow for earth. The flags are written in Sanskrit, the ancient language of Hinduism and Buddhism, supposedly the oldest in the world.

Team Rerenga

Team Rerenga started these flags during Term 1. They were linked to our inquiry topic, "Community". One of the first tasks was to think about your own hopes and dreams. Then, you had to use symbols to represent these hopes and dreams. These symbols are the ones that you can see on the completed flags outside of the Rerenga classes.

"Fly Me Up to Where You Are", has been an interesting topic. It has made us think more carefully about what our hopes and dreams are for ourselves, our families and the world. We have enjoyed the design process and seeing the finished product blowing in the wind!



Written by Ruby M, Indi and Danesh



Calling all 4 Year Olds

If you, your neighbours, friends or relatives have a pre-schooler who is likely to start at Flanshaw Road School in the next 12 months, it is time to enrol at school. Please, can you inform the school office and pick up an 'Enrolment Starter Pack'.



Do you own these Keys? Found over a week ago, around the Flanshaw Road area.



Communication Audit 18/5/17

For your child/children to be in the draw for an ice-block, please fill out this return slip. I have received and read the weekly newsletter from: _____ Room _____

Signature: Parent/Caregiver
Return to office on Friday morning.