

# FLEMINGTON SCHOOL

Thursday 1st February Week 1 – Term 1 – 2024

## Our Vision:

“To inspire confident, resilient and innovative learners to be successful in a fast changing world.”

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## RISE

*Respect - Integrity - Success - Empathy*

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 6th Feb: Waitangi Day – School Closed
- 12th Feb: 3-Way Conferences 2.15-5.30pm
- 13th Feb: 3-Way Conferences 2.15-5.30pm
- 14th Feb: WPC Year 8s visit A'Deanne's Bush
- 14th Feb: BOT Mtg 6.30pm
- 15th Feb: Year 7-8 Tech – Full Day
- 16th Feb: Year 7-8 Tech – Half Day
- 29th Feb: Year 7-8 Tech – Full Day
- 1st March: Year 7-8 Tech – Half Day
- 7th March: Bus Monitor Training
- 13th March: HB Rugby Coaching at school
- 18th March: EZ Swimming – Centralines Pool with Pōrangahau School
- 19 March: Bus Monitor Training – Constable Chē
- 27th-28th March: St John First Aid Training for the children
- 29th March: Good Friday – School Closed
- 1st April: Easter Monday – School Closed
- 2nd April: Easter Tuesday – School Closed
- 4th April: Year 7-8 Tech – Full Day
- 5th April: Year 7-8 Tech – Half Day
- 12th April: Last Day Term 1

### FRIDAY 2nd LUNCH MENU

Duty Person – Abby Taylor  
Menu – American Hotdog

### ATTACHMENTS

- Term Calendar
- Lunch order form
- Bus contract (read only – digital copy)

### ABBYS OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tue, Wed – 8.30am-3.00pm  
Thur, Fri – 8.30am-1.00pm

All dates are loaded or will be loaded onto the eTap calendar - which is in the eTap Parent App.



*Welcome back to school everybody! I hope you had a wonderful break and enjoyed some much needed sunshine over the summer break. It is great to see all the smiling faces of the tamariki back at school and some new faces too. Phil*

### NEW TEACHERS

Just following on from my emails to everyone over the break

It is great to welcome Heather Berge and Cherie Craig on to the teaching team for 2024. Heather is very excited to be leading Purimu's learning, which is fantastic. Cherie is temporarily covering the Year 4-5 class until Toni Trent starts with us on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March as the permanent Yr 4-5 teacher. Cherie will do an excellent job setting the class up for learning and we are very happy she has joined the team. We hope they all have a great time at Flemington.

### LEARNING ASSISTANTS

We have our two new learning assistants Anna Hare (5hrs a day) and Sonia Harrison (4 hrs a day) joining us this year which is fantastic and they have had a couple of great days to start the year. They have been moving around the classes getting to know the children and routines and we will finalise their timetable next week, depending on the needs of the children across the classrooms.

Thank you to the PFG for the ongoing support they provide to the school to enable us to have as such a great resource available to support the teachers and learning of the children.

### WILLIAM PIKE CHALLENGE 2024 FOR YEAR 8 STUDENTS

This will be the 3rd year our Year 8's we have taken part in the William Pike Challenge. This involves Outdoor challenges, Community Service and Passion Projects.

Mrs Marian Campbell and Lynne Meredith will be supporting it again throughout the year with the outdoor challenges and periodic visits to school to keep the students on track. **A couple of dates have been set so far:**

- 14th February (Wed) – visit to A'Deannes' Bush and Tukituki River
- 25th March (Mon) - William Pike is visiting CHB to introduce the WPC to all those children undertaking it this year. It will be a day at the Centralines Pool and Russell Park.

All Year 8 families/whanau should have got a welcome letter and information about the A'Deanne's visit. Can all Year 8 parent/caregivers please complete this permission slip available on the @school App to give permission for your child to take part.

### MINIBALL

Miniball is about to start up again for Term 1. If your child is interested in playing please let Abby know so your child can be registered.

Miniball: Year 1-4 will be played on Thursdays and Year 5-8 play on Fridays at the Centralines Stadium. Registrations close 9<sup>th</sup> February.



## FRIDAY LUNCHES

Coming home with this newsletter is the order form and menu for Friday lunches. **Please fill this out and return to school or email the office asap especially if you are wanting an American Hotdog tomorrow.**



Friday lunches are a school camp fundraiser so the money made goes towards helping cut the costs of your child's school camp...plus it is a morning off making school lunches! Each lunch comes with a small lemonade ice block.

**We need parent helpers for the Friday lunches so if you are able to be added to our duty roster please let Abby know - this is normally just twice a year if we can get enough helpers.**

## 3-WAY CONFERENCES AND REPORTING TO PARENTS IN 2024

### Initial Conferences: 12th and 13th February

- We will be conducting **3-Way Conferences in Week 3 - Term 1**
- This is happening very quickly this year and will enable whanau to connect with your child's new teacher, if that is the case, or reconnect from last and making sure the year is set up well for all involved.
- They are 15min sessions and if more time is required after this initial connection then that can be arranged with the teacher for another date.
- **Booking a time slot will be available through the @school App on Monday 5th February**

### Mid-Year Reporting

- **Mid-Year reports and 3-Way Conferences** will be early in Term 3

### End of Year Reporting in Term 4

- Reports are normally sent home in Week 9 of Term 4

The start of the year is a very important time and the more interaction we have between teachers & family/whanau & children - The stronger the combined effort and focus will be on helping the children be as successful.

### 2024 TERM DATES

**Term 1:** 31<sup>st</sup> Jan (Wed) to 12<sup>th</sup> April (Friday)

**Term 2:** 29<sup>th</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> July

**Term 3:** 22<sup>nd</sup> July to 27<sup>th</sup> September

**Term 4:** 14<sup>th</sup> October to 17<sup>th</sup> December (Tuesday)

– Prize Giving Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 1pm

## BUSES - Bus Behaviour Contract

As a reminder the Bus Contract, that all Parents/caregivers sign on behalf of, or with their children, when enrolling at Flemington School is attached.

Could everyone please **read** this through with your children as a reminder - Many Thanks.

Safety on the bus is major component of the service being provided.

## CHANGE OF BUS ROUTINE

If there is a change to your child's travel in the afternoon they need to bring a signed note or you can ring or email the school so we can mark the change on the bus list.

It can cause quite a lot of concern for the teachers at the end of the day if the child is saying one thing and the bus list says another.

If you are picking your child/ren up early please inform Abby in the office or record it on the whiteboard on the office counter.

If something is happening regularly in regard to going on the bus in the afternoon, please let Abby know so she can add it to the bus list.

Contacts:

The drivers for the routes are:

- **Glenda Jackson (Bush Rd route)**
- **Ph: 0211340158**
- **Karen Hine (Epae Rd route)**
- **Ph: 0221054614**
- **Sandra Ireland (Rotohiwi & Tourere Rd route)**
- **Ph: 0211368205**

Please let the drivers know if your child is not going to be on the bus in the mornings. It very helpful for them to.



## ROTOHIWI CLASSROOM OPENING & BLESSING



We had a very pleasant gathering to bless and officially open the new classrooms this morning. Huia Borrell conducted the ceremony and Enzo Miller and Jacob McDonald unveiled the names – which were transferred from the original rooms – Rotohiwi and Tourere

It is a bit confusing with the seniors being in Rotohiwi now but I am sure it will become the norm before very long.



## NEW STUDENTS

This term we give a warm welcome these new smiling faces at Flemington School.

Sienna Santiago, Summer and Storm Thompson join Rotohiwi, Ngawaka and Purimu classes (left). MacKenzie, Haylee and Parker Gordon join the Rotohiwi, Ngawaka and Ngahape classes (right). And Harriet McMullen joins Ngawaka class (centre).



Enzo Miller has turned 5 years old and now joins his big sister, Maddie at school. Welcome to Purimu class Enzo, we know you will love it in there with Mrs Berge!