

FLEMINGTON SCHOOL

Thursday 14th November Week 5 – Term 4 – 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

- 15th Nov: Yr 7 & 8 vaccination
- **16th Nov: Mud Run Set Up**
- **17th Nov: Mud Run!**
- **18th Nov: Mud Run Pack Down**
- 18th Nov: Teacher Only Day – **School Closed**
- 19th Nov: CHB Interschool Athletics – Held during the day this year
- 20th Nov: Our Kids Online session: 1.30pm, 3.15pm, 5pm, 6.30pm
- 26th-28th Nov: Ngawaka Camp (Wakarara)
- 27th-29th Nov: Yr 8's WPC Guthrie Smith Camp
- 5th Dec: Yr 7 & 8's Tech – Half Day (am)
- 9th Dec: Junior rooms 'Big Day Out' (Purimu, Ngahape) – Ranui Farm Park
- 11th Dec: BOT Meeting 6.30pm
- 12th Dec: Yr 7 & 8 Tech – Half Day (am)
- 13th Dec: Prizegiving - 1pm in the Hall
- 17th Dec: Last Day for 2024 – 1pm finish

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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou katoa,

We had a good couple of days with our ERO partner last week- with a bit more detail further on. The kids had a great day competing with Pōrangahau yesterday at Athletics with some hotly contested heats and finals. It was great to see a spread of red and green amongst the finals! I think this is the first year we have had all the Year 5-8 kids at the athletics run the 200m events – an awesome effort and achievement – there was lots of encouragement from Mrs Cosgrove that paid off. I had a couple of comments from Pōrangahau staff saying it was great to see our seniors having a go and it encouraged theirs to do it as well. A busy few days ahead for everyone with the windup to Sunday's Mud Run in full swing! It is awesome the effort and support that goes in to the whole Mud Run event from organising, sponsorship, auctions, set up and pack down and the marshaling, to the food and other workers on the day – It is truly amazing. I have said it many times before and will so do again the support that Hayley and Andy Barrett provide for this is next level – THANKS from the kids, families/whanau and all the staff at School! **Phil**

LEARNING ASSISTANT (TEACHER AIDE) – EXCITING OPPORTUNITY

Anna is unfortunately not going to be available for a few months so we are on the lookout for an awesome person to fill her shoes through to the end of the year and the first term next year – If you have a passion for helping and supporting the children and teachers achieve success for all - then give me a ring.

It may be that someone can fill in for the rest of this term but not next year. That could definitely be an option as well – or visa-versa – so don't let that stop you from giving me a call - Phil 027 7752404

Good Citizens



Lily Taylor

For being a supportive classmate inside and outside the classroom.

Georgie Wilson

For always being kind and caring and looking out for younger children in the playground.

Penny Johnston

For following the school values so well and encouraging others to do the same.

EASTERNZONE ATHLETICS

What a great day we have yesterday at Athletics, not too hot for a change! It was wonderful to see our older students supporting and encouraging the younger children with an all-round positive sportsmanship vibe. Many thanks to all of our wonderful helpers who made the day run more smoothly.

Students who have made it through to the Interschool Athletics competition next Tuesday 19th will be notified directly and an email will be sent home by Mr Bourke by the end of the week.

LIBRARY BOOKS RETURN

We are nearing the end of the year when we do our annual library stocktake. **Can all school library books please be returned by Friday 29th of November.** The school library will be closed after this date. Any missing library books after the stocktake is completed will be charged to your child's levy account.

If anyone is able to come and help with our library stocktake please let Abby know.

LUNCH MENU - FRIDAY 15th Nov

Duty Person – Kate de Lautour

Menu - Pie

Mud Run pre register ticket sales close 8pm Friday!

Pre-register tickets are significantly cheaper than buying tickets on the day so get in quick and get yourself a bargain, buy your tickets today!

www.flemingtonmudrun.com

MUD RUN UPDATE! – the final push, we are nearly there!

RAFFLE – A fantastic effort on selling your raffle tickets! Keep your sheets and money rolling in! Raffle winners will be drawn on Sunday at the Mud Run (any numbers pulled from unreturned sheets will be void). If you wish to deposit the money please put it into the PFG account 03 0779 0201585 00 If you have any more gourmet food items to donate please send them to school asap.

REGISTRATIONS – Pre-register ticket sales close on Friday 15th at 8pm. Pre-registering is much cheaper than buying your tickets on the day so jump online and get your tickets quick! www.flemingtonmudrun.com

MARSHALLS – Thank you for the offers of marshall help. With 70 marshalls on the course this year we have had to spread our reach for help that little bit further so we really appreciate the help!

Can marshalls please meet at the Polo Club at 9.00am on Sunday for your debrief, high vis and to collect your lunch, you will then be escorted out to your obstacle. Please look for the marshalls tent to meet at ☺



ERO UPDATE

We had a great couple of days with Kerry MacDonald from ERO last week. She is our Evaluative Partner and will continue that partnership over the next few years which is the new model that ERO are working under. It is a great process and great to have that ongoing relationship rather than the old process of seeing them every 3 or 4 years and no contact in between. Kerry also attended our October Board mtg as well. Kerry was very thorough and focused on the best outcomes for our students and how we go about achieving that. We used the School Improvement Framework as the guide for that. It is great to have someone like this who sees a large number of schools and all the knowledge and experience that gives her, to give her insight into what we are doing.

A very brief summary of her feedback was there is a high level on consistency and sense of purpose evident across the school, in classrooms and with the teachers, with learning assistants support happening seamlessly and once again with purpose and intent. The transitions of the learning assistants between classes and within classes when working with students happened without any disruption to the classes or children. All the staff were working cohesively as a team and the strong overall achievement data was a testament to the focus and effort happening. She was impressed with the interviews she had with some of the senior students and the feedback she got from some of our families/whanau. There are always things to work on, which is great to have and Kerry is aiming to have the draft report back to the board in the next few weeks, with the aim of having the published version out early next year.

A very BIG thanks to all the staff – teachers, learning assistants and Abby – for achieving this – WELL DONE ☺

OUR KIDS ONLINE – ROB POPE

Thanks for everyone that has been able to make it along to one of the sessions so far. It would be great to get someone from each family/whanau to get to one of the remaining sessions on the 20th.

- **Wed 20th Nov:** 1.30pm, 3.15pm, 4.45pm and 5pm and 6.30pm

There are 6 short videos, totalling about 85mins, covering Rob's live sessions, so quite a doable length of time.

This is the Promo video of his session [Our Kids Online Parent Evening](#).



SWIMMING

We are still not getting enough consistent increase in the temp to look at swimming but the pool just needs a vacuum and it is ready to go.



AGRIKIDS 2025

Registrations are now open for the 2025 competition, there are limited spaces so we need to get our teams in quickly so we don't miss out! **Competition date is 8th March, venue is TBC** (you will need to transport your child to and from the event).

Please email Jess Hunter if you would like your child to be in a team, jessh@flemington.school.nz by **15th November**.

Teams will be organised once numbers are confirmed. Jess will keep you posted as more information, such as the venue, comes to light.

2024 BREAK-UP/PRIZEGIVING

Friday 13th December, at 1pm.

Parents, grandparents, families, and the community are all invited to this year's end-of-year prize-giving where we will 'celebrate achievement and successes'. Please join us in the Hall at **12.45 for a 1pm start. The children will wear their school uniform for prize giving. All families are invited to the Polo Grounds after Prizegiving for some refreshments (bar open)**

Last Day of School - Tuesday 17th December – **Buses will run at 1pm.**

TEACHER ONLY DAY THIS MONDAY

A reminder we have a MOE designated Teacher Only Day happening this **Monday 18th November** -The school is closed for the children on that day.

'Gotcha!' Awards

Students caught displaying the school values in the playground



Archie deLautour



Parker Gordon



Henry Russell



Verdi Ormond

SCHOOL YEAR DATES

2024 – Friday 13th December - Prize Giving 1pm
Tuesday 17th December - Last day of school, 1pm finish

2025 - School will **start back on Monday 3rd February** and **finish on Wednesday 17th December** (Prize Giving Wednesday 17th December) - Primary schools have to be open for 193 days (386 half-days) in 2025.