

FLEMINGTON SCHOOL

Wednesday 11th February Week 2 – Term 1 – 2026

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:

- 12th Feb: Yr 7-8 Technology (full day)
- 13th Feb: 'Meet & Greet' afternoon – 1pm-3pm
- 16th-18th Feb: Life Education Trust bus visiting school
- 18th Feb: BOT meeting
- 26th Feb: Yr 7-8 Technology (full day)
- 27th Feb: Yr 7-8 Technology (full day)
- 3rd-4th March: Ngahape overnight camp at Porangahau
- 16th March: Easternzone Swimming Sports
- 19th March: Yr 7-8 Technology (full day)
- 20th March: CHB Interschool Swimming Competition (selected team)
- 26th March: Yr immunisations
- 2nd March: Last day of Term 1
- 3rd March: Good Friday

FRIDAY 13th LUNCH MENU

Duty Person – Jo Paget
Menu – American Hotdog

ATTACHMENTS

- Term Calendar (digital only)
- Winter Olympics info

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

Kia ora whanau,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2026. Our students and teachers are getting classroom systems and practices into place and the school has a happy and friendly vibe. Thank you to all of you that have popped in for a chat with me, it helps putting a face to the name and finding out a bit more about your children and what we can do for them.

We have a busy year ahead with the introduction of the new curriculum and the revised assessment and reporting criteria. Our plan is to get our year started, build relationships, get all our students wanting to be here and then make the required changes gradually when it fits in with us. Our focus will always be developing schoolwide practice, making the most of the school day and keeping the needs of our students at the top of our thinking.

Hopefully we will get to see lots (if not all) of you at our meet the Teacher / Parent / Principal event on Friday. Our teachers will be in class over lunchtime ready to answer any questions you may have. I will be in the Hall after lunch to have a quick chat with you and then we will finish with a very quick whole school assembly.

Enjoy the rest of the week and please, never hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns and queries. Nga mihi Glen



TEACHER/PARENT/PRINCIPAL 'MEET & GREET' AFTERNOON

Instead of our usual 3-way conferences this term we have decided to try something different and host a 'meet the Teacher / Parent / Principal' afternoon this **Friday 13th February**.

Our teachers will be in their classes over lunchtime (**1pm until 1-45pm**) so we warmly welcome our parents and caregivers to come and touch base with them and ask any questions you may have. The teachers may also like to take this opportunity to explain how the class programmes run and maybe what you could do at home to support your child's learning. If you have further questions or would like to discuss anything further we can organise a time at another date that suits both you and the teacher to sit down for a more in-depth discussion.

After lunch, Glen would like to meet with parents in the Hall for a quick chat about our expectations for the coming year and ways to get you more involved in our school. The day will end with a whole school assembly around 2.25pm. Buses will run at the normal time. We will be providing tea, coffee and cake to thank (bribe) you for coming.

LEARNING ASSISTANTS 2026

We are excited to welcome Clarissa Vella to our school team this year as an additional Learning Assistant! Many thanks to the PFG who have funded this third Learning Assistant which is a huge benefit to our tamariki and teachers. Nicki Harding continues on as Learning Assistant in the junior room this term doing a fantastic job with our newbies.

Sadly, we will be farewelling Sonia Harrison at the end of this month. Sonia has been an amazing asset to our team building an impressive knowledge base and beautiful relationships with our tamariki. She has an incredible green thumb too and our vege gardens have never looked so loved! We wish her the absolute best as she continues her Learning Assistant journey in at Terrace School. Aroha nui ki a koe Sonia.



LEARNING ASSISTANT

We are on the hunt for another Learning Assistant to join our Flemington Staff. If you love working with kids, are eager to learn, organised, and enthusiastic (and a whole lot of other things) we would love to hear from you. This position is available almost immediately.

For further information, please contact the school office 06 8554860 or email me at principal@flemington.school.nz

CONFIRMED CLASSES & ROLL FOR 2026 AND ALL STAFF

2026 CLASSES - We have a starting roll of 76

- ❖ Purimu, Heather Berge – 16 children Yr 0 – Year 2
- ❖ Ngahape, Jess Hunter & Geordie Haswell – 24 children Year 3 & Year 4
- ❖ Ngawaka, Toni Trent - 15 children Year 5 & Year 6
- ❖ Ngawaka, Nicola Cosgrove, Glen Richardson – 21 children Year 7 & Year 8

Learning Assistants: Sonia Harrison, Nicki Harding & Clarissa Vella

Office Administrator: Abby Taylor

Cleaner: Jill Loye

Caretaker: Perry Newburn

CONNECT WITH YOUR TEACHERS

Your children's teachers are the first port of call if you have any questions or queries about your child at school, whether around their learning, well-being or social interactions. They are best person to connect with as the first contact and are very willing to help ensure any queries or concerns are worked through.

SWIMMING 2026

It is expected that all children will take part in the swimming programme every day. If your child is not swimming - due to illness or injury - please provide a note or email for them to present to the teacher. Thank You.

- **EZ Swimming Competition** with Pōrangahau School
 - **Whole School – ALL STUDENTS**
 - **Monday, 16th March**, - at Centralines Indoor Pool, 10.30am - 2pm
- **CHB Interscholar Swimming Competition:**
 - **Friday, 20th March** – Selected school team - Centralines Indoor Pool.

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2026

- **2026 - Year Start and End Dates**
- **Term 1:** Wed 4th Feb - Thur 2nd April
- **Term 2:** Mon 20th April – Fri 3rd July
- **Term 3:** Mon 20th July – Fri 25th Sept
- **Term 4:** Mon 12st Oct – Thur 17th Dec

FRIDAY LUNCHES

Last week the lunch order form was sent home for each family to complete if they wish to order lunches.

order form and return to school or email no later than Tuesday 17th February.

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 ☺



Please fill out the

BOOKCLUB ORDERS

Book Club catalogues went home this week. Please remember **we are no longer taking cash at school** for these orders. Book Club only accepts credit/debit card or internet banking payments for orders. Books can be ordered and paid for either on the Scholastic LOOP web page (register at <https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz>) or by using the scholastic LOOP app. The orders will arrive at school.

LEVY ACCOUNTS

Statements for Levy Accounts were sent out last month. Can payments for these please be made asap. You can find your account balance on the @school app under 'accounts'. If you have any questions about your account please don't hesitate to ask me - Mistakes happen so it is always good to check ☺ If you would like to set up an automatic payment please let me know when it will start. Thank you – Abby



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NEW STUDENTS



Welcome Sabian Wilson-Scott who has joined Rotohiwi class as a year 7. Sabian has settled in well with the other year 7 boys. Welcome to Flemington School and community Sabian and whanau!

Elizabeth Hodge has turned 5 years old and has joined her brother Moses in Purimu. Elizabeth is enjoying discovering the new school environment. Welcome to your school journey Elizabeth!



A huge shout out to Taylor Made Gates who generously donated the repairs of our bench seats over the holidays. Its amazing to have the support of small businesses, please give back by supporting them whenever you can.

FUNDRAISING

FLEMINGTON'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE WINTER OLYMPICS 2026

We are excited to once again have the opportunity to be a part of the Winter Olympics fundraiser!

The Winter Olympics is a charity fundraiser and grassroots equestrian event that has been running in CHB for what will now be its 17th year this year. The event shares its funds raised with several organisations and charities with this year's main beneficiary being the Lowe Corporation Rescue Helicopter Service - an amazing cause!

This year our school is part of a group of 'Olympic Friends' who will also benefit from a share of the total funds raised. Our main role is running the **food tent** on the day as well as donating auction items for the online auctions which run alongside the event.

So how can you get involved?...great question! Firstly, let's circle that date! **Monday 27th April** (Anzac Day observed).

Next, please read the attachment coming home with the newsletter to see all the information around how we can support this event and the help and donations needed.

If you want more information or can help or donate in any areas mentioned on the info sheet please contact Maddy McLean maddyclark@gmail.com or the school office.

