

# Newsletter



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# Term One - Week 1



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# 14th February 2025

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Kia ora!

It has been a busy and productive few weeks, filled with learning, growth and a strong sense of community spirit. After settling in last week - we are turning our focus to rigorous learning across our kura. It is great to walk through our classrooms and to see our students engaged in their learning, being inquisitive and curious and demonstrating resilience when deep in the learning pit. We are committed to fostering a love of learning in every student and it's truly rewarding to witness their enthusiasm.

Extra-curricular programs are getting underway and we encourage students to get involved and make the most of the opportunities on offer. These activities provide invaluable platforms for students to develop their talents, build interpersonal skills, develop character and connect with their peers.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible work of our dedicated staff. Our teachers and support staff are truly committed to providing the best possible education and support for our students. Their passion and unwavering commitment are what make Ormond school such a special place. Our teachers are currently undertaking Structured Literacy Professional Learning Development (PLD) to further enhance their skills in teaching reading and writing. This will ensure our students receive the most effective and evidence-based instruction, setting them up for success in literacy as we roll out the new curriculum.

We're pleased to announce that our electrical and lighting upgrade and the completion of our new carpet installation, will begin on February 24th. This is a significant investment in our school's facilities and will create an even better learning environment for our students. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time and ask that everyone take extra care around construction areas, to ensure safety.

Please remember to come along to our Whānau Evening next Tuesday (18th Feb). This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with teachers, learn more about what's happening at our school and share a meal together. We look forward to seeing you there!

Ngā mihi nui

Shane Hooks,

Tumuaki /Principal.

## Key Dates Term One

- 17th February - BOT hui - 5:30pm
- 18th February - Meet the teacher / Whānau Picnic
- 24th February - Swimming Sports
- 7th March - Triathlon
- 12th March - Inter School Cricket
- 19th March - Inter School Swimming
- 26th March - Inter School Triathlon
- 2nd & 3rd April - Whanau Aspirations hui
- 8th April - Snorkelling - Rimu & Pōhutukawa
- 7th April - Weetbix TRY challenge
- 9th April - Kōwhai & Karaka Firewise Programme.
- 10th April - Inter School Rippa Rugby
- 10th April - Last Day of Term

**Note:** Depending on circumstances we may not attend all events. Dates are subject to change.

## Term Dates 2025

**Term One: 31 January - 11 April**

**Term Two: 28 April - 27 June**

**Term Three: 14 July - 19 September**

**Term Four: 6 October - 16 December**



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**ORMOND SCHOOL LEARNERS ARE GREAT PEOPLE WHO ARE:**

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Confident, Thinkers, Self managers, Shows  
Perseverance**

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## MALI



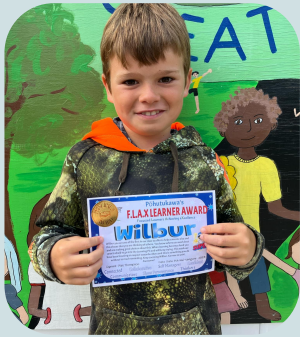
Mali, it has been great to see you come back from the holidays not only ready for learning but also ready to step up as a leader. As one of the students who has been in Kōwhai the longest you already know how the classroom runs. That means you can support the new students in our class and that is exactly what you are doing. You help others by showing them how to behave, where to find things or how to do the activities. You have stepped up to be a great role model in Kōwhai. Ka pai tō mahi, keep it up!

## HENRY

Henry, you really are a delight to have in our class. You have started 2025 with a bang, constantly showing what a role model you are, managing yourself, stretching yourself in your learning, having beautiful manners and be super helpful and kind. We love seeing what a Powerful Learner Superhero you are Henry, ka mau te wehi!



## WILBUR



Wilbur you are one of the first in our class to offer to help someone else and this shows that you are thinking of others. You know where you work best and are making good choices about this. When learning becomes hard you aren't afraid to go into the Learning Pit and will keep trying. This week we have been focusing on respect towards others and this is something you do without too much reminding. Keep zooming Wilbur. Ka mau te wehi, Awesome!

## MASON

Confidence to give things a go and self management have been our class goals this week and Mason you have smashed them both! Your concentration and work ethic have been on point and you have joined in confidently with the range of sporting, singing, dancing and academic activities thrown your way! Kei ōu ringaringa te ao!



# TIDY KIWI AWARD - WEEK 2

## Kōwhai



# NAU MAI, HAERE MAI.... TO OUR NEW KAI AKO



## **Casey Maddock**

Student teacher.

Tena Koutou Katoa

Ko panekiri te Maunga

Ko Waikare taheke te awa

Ko Ngati Ruapuni te iwi

No Wairoa ahau

E noho ana ahau ke Rere

I am an ECE teacher taking on my Graduate Diploma in Primary Education. I will be working alongside Mrs Thompson in the Pohutukawa class. I am very thankful to be here at awesome Ormond School. I look forward to meeting all the students and whanau.

Nga mihi mahana,

Casey.



## **Hailey Durston**

Student teacher.

Hi! My name is Koka Hayley and this is my third year of training to be a teacher. I have been at 3 schools so far, Mangapapa School, Makaraka School, and Te Hapara School.

I want to be a teacher because I love being around kids and I want to be able to make school a fun environment.

My aim as a teacher is to be a safe person for students to come to.



## **Cristal Kemp**

Manawakura Advisor, Whiti Ora Tairāwhiti.

Cristal will be working with our tamariki and staff each wednesday for term one. She brings a wealth of experience and knowledge within the health and wellbeing sector and it is a privilege to welcome Cristal to our kura. Focus areas for term one are the joy of movement and fundamental Motor Skill development.



# ***OUR SCHOOL BOARD***

Your Current School Board Members:

- Principal: Shane Hooks
- Chairman: Jerry Cook
- Teacher Rep: Angela Scott
- Parent Reps & Committee: Simon Bousfield, Sonia Gardner,  
Fiona McKibbin
- Secretary: Ashlee Garnham

First Meeting: Monday 17th February at 5.30pm

A notice from this meeting will be provided in the following week's newsletter.

The Board of Trustees will be at our Whanau Picnic/Meet the Teacher evening on Tuesday, 18th February 2025

## Fundraising Committee

Our first meeting of the new year took place on Tuesday, 11th February 2025 at 2.00pm.

Your 2025 Committee Members are:

- Zara Bousfield
- Ashlee Garnham
- Bea Tomlinson
- Jenny Randall
- Jess O'Dwyer
- Sonia Gardner

Any fundraising ideas for future events are all welcome!

## LEARNING FOCUS 2025

Our learning focus throughout 2025 is Kaitiakitanga. In term one we will be exploring how we can be Kaitiaki of ourselves and our Hauora. Students will be investigating how looking after our Hauora and Well Being helps us learn, grow and thrive.

Possible topics include:

- How can we take care of our Hauora (wellbeing)?
- How do our bodies get energy from the foods we eat?
- Why is daily movement / physical activity important?
- How can I manage myself and my emotions?
- How can I keep myself safe and healthy?

Harold the Giraffe and the Life Education truck are visiting us this week and will link directly into the kaupapa above. This is always exciting for our students and we welcome Beau and Harold to our kura.

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## ORMOND SCHOOL MEET THE TEACHER / BOARD WHĀNAU PICNIC

A great time for our new and old whānau to meet our schools Board Members and your child's new teacher. A shared BBQ under the trees will provide an opportunity for whānau to reconnect and make new connections to begin our new school year on a positive note.

**18th Feb 2025**  
Start At 5PM

### Shared BBQ

Bring a salad, or pack of patties  
Cutlery and own drinks.  
Sausage sizzle provided.

**RSVP BY 14TH FEB**



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# NOTICES & UPDATES

**Sun hats:** Term One is wear your hat term. Students are required to wear a wide brimmed or bucket hat whilst in the playground and during outdoor activities. School hats are available in the office for \$25.00

## Communication

Communication is key. If your circumstances or contact details have changed from what we have on record, please update these with our school office as soon as you can.

## Morning drop off, afternoon pick up.

Our staff will be on site and supervising children from 8:15am. For the safety of the tamariki, please do not drop them to kura before this - unless prior arrangements have been made with our school office. Afternoon pick up time is 2:45pm from our office porch area. Please ensure you sign your children out with Mrs T.

## Swimming

Swimming is part of our school curriculum under Health and Physical Education. The expectation is that all students actively participate in the program to the best of their ability. Regular participation is necessary to be considered for the interschool swimming sports later in the term.

## School Assemblies.

School assemblies will be held each Friday morning - 8:50-9:15am. We encourage whānau to join us if possible and share in celebrating the week and the achievements of our students.

## Project update

An electrical and lighting upgrade, alongside the recarpeting work still to be completed, will begin the week of the 24th of February. Please take extra care moving around the school during these times.

## Skool Loop App

A lot of our vital information is available through the Skool Loop App. This includes links to our weekly newsletters and services such as reporting an absence. Please download the app to your phone if you have not already. Information on how to do so is outlined below.



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