

Newsletter



"Growing Great People"
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Kia ora Ormond School Whānau!

Term 2 is well and truly pumping! Our learning focus of Kaitiaki of our Environment is well underway, with lots of hands-on learning experiences designed to increase our students' understanding of important concepts. It's fantastic to see their engagement and enthusiasm in becoming guardians of our natural world.

The Critical Importance of Attendance

Our term one attendance data breakdown:

- **Regular:** 53 students (66%): over 90% attendance: absent for fewer than 5 days.
- **Irregular:** 13 students (16%): 80%- 90% attendance: absent for between 5-9 days.
- **Moderate:** 9 students (11%): 70%-80% attendance: absent for between 10-14.5 days.
- **Chronic:** 5 students (6%): 70% attendance or less: absent for 15 days or more.

Attendance is extremely important if we want to see progress in all aspects of our students' development – socially, emotionally, and, most importantly, in their learning and academic attainment. For students to truly learn and thrive, they must be at school consistently, week in and week out. Regular attendance is crucial - positive outcomes are many, some of which are highlighted below:

- **Building Foundational Knowledge:** Each day at school builds upon the last. Missing even a few days can mean students miss critical foundational concepts that are essential for understanding future topics.
- **Developing Social-Emotional Skills:** School is a primary environment for developing crucial social skills like cooperation, communication, and empathy through daily interactions with peers and teachers. Consistent attendance helps students build strong friendships and a sense of belonging.
- **Maximising Academic Progress:** There's a direct link between regular attendance and academic achievement. Students who are consistently present have more opportunities to engage with lessons, participate in discussions, and receive direct support from teachers, leading to better learning outcomes.
- **Fostering a Love of Learning:** When students are consistently at school, they are more likely to feel connected to their learning journey and develop a deeper interest in the subjects. This consistent engagement can ignite a lifelong love of learning.
- **Establishing Positive Routines:** Regular attendance helps students establish positive routines and habits that are vital for future success, both in their education and beyond. It teaches responsibility and the importance of commitment.
- **Boosting Self-Confidence and Self-View as a Learner:** When students attend regularly, they're consistently engaged in learning, making progress, and experiencing success. This builds their self-confidence in their abilities and fosters a positive self-view as a learner. They see themselves as capable individuals who can grasp new concepts and contribute to their learning journey, which is crucial for motivation and future academic pursuits.

We understand that sometimes absences are unavoidable due to illness or unforeseen circumstances. However, we urge all families to prioritise school attendance as much as possible. Let's work together to ensure every child has the best possible chance to succeed. Your support makes all the difference!

Have a great weekend...

Shane Hooks
Tumuaki /Principal.

F.L.A.X Award Recipients



LEVI

Welcome aboard our Kōwhai ship, Levi. It has been great to watch you settle so quickly into school life. Your cousin was there to hold your hand at the start but your confidence has grown hugely already and you are becoming much more independent. You play and learn with anyone in our class. Plus, you are keen to learn and are always ready for a challenge. Those are all traits of a powerful learner so keep it up. Well done on a great start to your learning journey, Levi, ka mau te wehi!

WILLOW

Willow, you have had an amazing start to your learning journey in Karaka! I have been super impressed with your can-do attitude. You are keen for all learning opportunities and take pride in presenting your learning to a high standard. You persevere when new learning is tricky, sticking at it and problem solving until you work it out. It is lovely to see you shine when you are successful in your learning! Keep up your amazing attitude and work ethic Willow, you are a Powerful Learner Superhero, ka mau te wehi!



BENTLEY

Bentley is so great to see you at school every day, this makes such a difference for you. Your quiet manner and shy smile make you someone others like to sit beside because you are focused on your learning. You know to choose a good learning spot and that it is ok to go into the Learning Pit. You give everything a go Bentley and we see your confidence growing daily. Keep this attitude and effort going Bentley
You are soaring to the moon, Tu meke!!!!

KARMALEE

Karmalee you have had a fantastic week! You have demonstrated focus and effort towards your schoolwork, and it's making a real difference to your learning. On top of that, I am impressed that you put your hand up to give rugby sevens a go! Your willingness to step outside your comfort zone and confidently try a new sport is brilliant.
Kia kaha tonu rā.



TIDY KIWI AWARD - WEEK 3

Kōwhai



IMPORTANT KAUPAPA...

PARENT PORTAL - MOE

The Ministry of Education has launched a new and informative webspace for parents and whānau, designed to help them support children's learning at home and strengthening the relationship between families, schools and kura. Well worth checking out!

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE PARENT PORTAL](#)

SICK OF RUSHING? AFTER SCHOOL CARE NOW AVAILABLE

Tired of rushing around, pick up kids from here, there and everywhere? Take the pressure off, get some space, or even enjoy some 'me' time - while your kids play with their mates and enjoy themselves for an hour after school. Check out the link below for information on our After School Care program - starting on Monday the 26th of May.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS FURTHER INFORMATION ON OUR AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM](#)

ORMOND SCHOOL WORKING BEE - SUNDAY 25TH MAY

Our School Board have set the above date for a community working bee to get our kura looking ship shape for winter. We would love to see you - if you can make it - many hands make light work! 10am start.

NGĀ MAHI

Water Blast / Wash / Spray and walk away:

- Entrance ways, Buildings, Deck / outdoor carpet, Roof, School signage, Playground / Shade sails.

Grounds:

- Weed spray boundary / under fruit trees.
- Trim and prune trees / bushes
- Remove green waste.

Gardens:

- Box out garden beds and Ngahere.
- Wood Chip gardens / Stone small areas for easy care.

Other:

- Clean Gutters out
- Dump run - school wide clean out.



Please bring any tools or gardening equipment that you may have for jobs specified above.

Kai and refreshments provided!

ENVIRONMENT INQUIRY: SEED COLLECTING



THANK YOU!

A massive Thank you to Craig Walker for giving up his valuable time last weekend to clean, prep, & paint our Rugby Goal Posts.

They look brilliant and will be a point of pride when we host other schools for inter-school rugby later in the year.

What a legend! If you have any painting work needing to be done, give Craig a call!

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Key Dates Term Two

- 19th May - Waiherere Awa School Trip
- 21st May - Gymnastics Festival
- 2nd June - King's Birthday Holiday
- 11th June - Inter School Fast 5 Netball
- 16th June - BOT Meeting
- 18th June - Inter School Rugby 7s
- 19th June - Ormond Matariki Celebration.
- 20th June - Matariki Holiday
- 27th June - Teacher Only Day

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

STARTING AT ORMOND...

If you have a child ready to start school, or know someone that does - we would love the opportunity to sit down and have a chat about what our amazing kura has to offer and how we dedicated to achieving our vision of "Growing Great People". Please contact our office to make an appointment, or pop in when you can.



NOTICES & UPDATES...

Winter Sports Draws.

Football & Rugby start this term. The draw for each week can be found on each sporting bodies website - and usually their FaceBook pages. Please see the direct links below:

- Football: [CENTRAL FOOTBALL WEBSITE](#)
- Rugby: [RUGBY EXPLORER APP](#)

Streamlining communication

As communicated in term one, moving forward - all communication regarding your child's learning will be via the SeeSaw platform.

All other communication regarding administration, events, sports, opportunities etc will be via our Skool Loop platform / app or email.

Growing Great People – Te tipu i te nui...



Stay “in the loop” with our communication app!

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Simple free download:
In Google Play & App Store search ‘Skool Loop’ & choose our organisation once installed.



GROWING GREAT PEOPLE TE WHAKATIPU IWI NUI

ORMOND SCHOOL LEARNERS ARE GREAT PEOPLE WHO ARE:

Communicators, Collaborative,
Connected, Confident, Thinkers, Self
managers, Shows Perseverance

Don't forget:

OUR 4 R'S

AT ORMOND SCHOOL ARE:

**RESPECT
RESILIENCE
REFLECTION
RESPONSIBILITY**

When we are using these 4 values, we
are

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