

Newsletter



"Growing Great People"
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Kia ora!

What a great Whānau Evening we had on Tuesday! It was inspiring to see so many families come together to celebrate our school community. The energy and wairua were positive and it was a joy to observe the connections being made between families, students and staff. Thank you to everyone who attended and made the evening a success. Events like these truly highlight the strong community spirit that makes our kura such a special place.

This brings me to a crucial point: the vital link between home and school. We firmly believe that a strong home-school relationship is the cornerstone of student success. When we work together, sharing information and supporting each other, our students thrive. Your involvement in your child's education, whether it's attending events like our Whānau Evening, communicating with teachers, or simply engaging in conversations about their learning, makes a significant difference.

Another key factor in student success is regular attendance. Being present in the classroom is essential for students to fully benefit from the learning opportunities provided. Every day counts and consistent attendance helps students build a strong foundation, develop essential skills and stay connected with their peers. We understand that sometimes absences are unavoidable, but we encourage you to prioritize school attendance whenever possible. The Government's target of 80% of students attending 90% of the time is one we wish to achieve and surpass.

This term, our learning focus is on being Kaitiaki of ourselves and our Hauora. We are exploring what it means to be healthy and well, both physically and emotionally, and how we can be guardians of our own wellbeing. This includes learning about healthy food choices, the importance of physical activity and strategies for managing our emotions. To support this, we've introduced morning fitness activities to get our students moving and energized for the day. We believe that these initiatives will contribute to a positive and healthy learning environment for all our students.

Ngā mihi nui

Shane Hooks, (Tumuaki /Principal.)

Key Dates Term One

- 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



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
BEING A GREAT PERSON!

F.L.A.X Award Recipients

SAM



Sam, in just three short weeks, you've made some great progress. Transitioning from Kindy to school is a big step, and you've handled it with increasing confidence. After a slightly hesitant start, you are now used the routines and are thriving in your learning, showing great perseverance. This week I have watched you keep on trying to write your 'sssss', and now you can write them. You even stayed inside to finish your ABC puzzle, when your classmates were playing on the deck. Well done, Sam, on such a fantastic start to your learning journey! I can't wait to see what a powerful pirate you will become!

LYRIC

Lyric, we love the way you have stepped up as a Year 3 role model in our class. You go out of your way to help others with their learning and you are kind and thoughtful when someone is upset. You are challenging yourself in your learning and starting to take more risks. Always super respectful and a great self manager, you are a Powerful Learner Superhero Lyric, ka pai tō mahi!



MOLLY



Molly you have settled into Pōhutukawa with ease. You make sure you know what you are working on and get straight onto your mahi. You are focused on your learning and like to be around others who are focused like you. You are kind and respectful to everyone in our class and have a great attitude to your learning, going back to improve it where you can. Keep this going Molly, you are soaring to the moon. Ka mau te wehi!

LEO

Leo this week you have shown the learner qualities confidence and perseverance. You have had the confidence to give things outside your comfort zone a go and shown perseverance when things have been tricky for you, by never giving up. What a super star attitude! Ka pai tō mahi!



TIDY KIWI AWARD - WEEK 3

Rimu



EOTC BLANKET CONSENT FORM

During the year, classes often conduct their learning outside of their classroom - heading out for class excursions around our community - to increase students' understanding of concepts and to reinforce key aspects of learning.

These class excursions, sports trips and extra-curricular opportunities need your consent. As they happen often - we have developed a 'EOTC Blanket Consent form' which will cover your child for low risk EOTC experiences during their time at Ormond School. This form has been developed using the guidelines and requirements from the Ministry of Education. This means that, by signing the form, you give consent for your child to participate in low risk EOTC activities - without having to sign a permission form every time a trip or excursion occurs. Please note that you will still be fully informed of all EOTC events / trips in advance of them happening. Information will be communicated via our skool-loop platform - so if you are still to download the app - please do so.

For events in which risk is a significant factor - such as camps, overnight trips etc - you will receive a separate letter and separate permission form.

Please click on the link below for further detail and to fill out and sign the form itself.

[Ormond School 2025 EOTC Blanket consent form.](#)

MORNING SCHOOL RUN & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We are starting initial conversations around the possibility of putting in place two initiatives, which we feel may help our school community.

1. Morning School run (to town): We are exploring the possibility of creating a morning school run to town. This would assist our school community by enabling families who have children attending Intermediate School, or High School in town, a transportation option in the morning - meaning our families would no longer need to drop their children into town at the start of each day.
2. After School care (at Ormond): We are exploring the possibility of creating an after school supervision option. This would take the pressure off families regarding pick up time, especially if they are also picking other children from town, or if whānau work in town.

Both of the initiatives above are in the initial stages of discussion / exploration. For any action to be taken around them, we first need an indication of whether they are needed, or would be supported by our school community. Once we have an indication of interest, we will then move forward and develop an action plan - this would then be communicated to our whānau in due course. If you feel either would be of benefit to you and your whānau, please let us know via email: principal@ormond.school.nz

SMOOTHIE MAKING IN KŌWHAI





MOUNTAINS TO SEA
CONSERVATION TRUST



EXPERIENCING
MARINE RESERVES



Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve Community Snorkel Day

Saturday March 1st, 11am-4pm

FREE EVENT

- Celebrate Seaweed with Experiencing Marine Reserves (EMR) and Department of Conservation by connecting with our beautiful moana and experience a guided snorkel on the reef with our EMR coordinators
- Ages 5+ welcome, all children under 16yrs must be accompanied by an adult (in and out of water)
- FREE hire of equipment on the day, sausage sizzle, sand castle competitions and spot prizes available!

MUST register at Eventfinder to secure a snorkel session

Further details upon registration or for more information please contact:

Amy Hardy 0277139152



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai



Paikea Whireia Trust
(Whangara Marine Committee)



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

Sandpit

We are looking to enhance our Sandpit play area - if whanau have any old 'sandpit / beach' toys such as plastic buckets and shapes etc that their children have grown out of - donations would be greatly appreciated.

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.

We are here to help

We strive to ensure our kura upholds our School Values at all times and consequently is a safe and comfortable place for our students, staff and whānau. Our school values are Being Respectful, Responsible, Resilient and Reflective. These apply to everyone that is part of the Ormond School community - the Principal, Staff, Teachers, Students, Parents, Caregivers, Whanau, visitors and our School Board. This enables our staff to bring their best to school and creates an environment where our students can thrive. However, we are aware that from time to time issues do arise that need to be addressed, to ensure our school culture remains a positive one. If this is the case, early communication is vital, as we look to be as proactive as we can in order to mediate the issue and find a resolution. With this in mind, please see our Complaints Policy and Procedure guidelines below.

[Ormond School Complaints Policy and Procedure](#)



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tō rā
whakatā**

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a great
weekend!**

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