

Newsletter



"Growing Great People"
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Kia ora Ormond School Whānau

What a whirlwind of a week we've had at Ormond School! We've been buzzing with activity, from learning about healthy eating with Alana from Whiti Ora Tairāwhiti, to honing our Rippa rugby skills with Ryan from PBRU. And, of course, a huge congratulations to our incredible Ormond swim team who represented us with pride and enthusiasm at the Inter School championships on Wednesday!

As we reflect on these busy days of extra-curricular opportunities, it's crucial to pause and ask ourselves, "Where should our focus be regarding these events?" Research suggests that at this age we should be focused on building strong, resilient and compassionate individuals. Our students' identities should be built upon and rooted in their character, their culture and their values..

At this age, our celebrations should be centered on developing and demonstrating values such as:

- Effort: Recognizing and celebrating the hard work put in, regardless of the outcome.
- Integrity and Honesty: Demonstrating trustworthiness and ethical behavior in all they do.
- Helping and Supporting Others: Lending a hand to classmates, friends and anyone in need.
- Kindness & Compassion: The way our students support each other, both in and out of the kua.
- Dedication and Commitment: Showing up and giving their best effort, whether in the pool, on the field, or in the classroom.
- Perseverance and Determination: Facing challenges with resilience and a positive attitude.

Of course, we are delighted when our students achieve success, such as our swim team's fantastic representation. Winning and making representative teams can feel great - and aiming high is essential. However these successes should be recognised as a wonderful by product of core values (such as those noted above), and not be the primary focus. It is natural that missing out can lead to disappointment, but we want this to be short lived and have minimal impact on a child's esteem. We want to avoid children questioning their worth, breaking down, or becoming overly upset - as a result of missing out on selection - of failing to place in an event.

It's important that our children understand that their worth is not tied to winning or losing. We want to foster a healthy perspective where success is seen as a bonus, an outcome of their dedication and character, not the sole measure of their value. This is sometimes hard to explain to our tamariki - but we must make continued efforts to do so.

The well-being and development of our children are of utmost importance. We should aim to celebrate their character, their values and their effort. When we focus on these qualities, success naturally follows and it becomes a truly meaningful achievement. Students also feel good about themselves, build confidence, believe in themselves and thrive.

On another note, Mrs Thompson won't be with us for the next three weeks as she undergoes long-awaited surgery on her knee. We wish her all the best for a speedy recovery and we look forward to having her back on board come term 2... perhaps showing the students how it is done with a new knee come cross-country day? Time will tell!

Ngā mihi nui,

Shane Hooks (Tumuaki /Principal.)

F.L.A.X Award Recipients

WILLOW



Willow, it is amazing to see how much you have enjoyed and embraced our maths focus of patterns. You have demonstrated such creativity and a unique ability to think outside of the box. You have really taken the lead, and have become super confident in yourself. We have loved seeing how you always support your friends and encourage them in everything they do. Keep up the great work Willow, you will find many more treasures with this awesome attitude! Ka mau te wehi.

RUBY

Ruby, what a great Year 3 role model you are in Karaka! You are always kind, respectful and thinking of others and their feelings. You are challenging yourself to step up and step out in your learning in Literacy and Maths and you are seeking out extra opportunities and mahi to improve further. Your confidence is growing all the time! We love seeing what a Powerful Learner Superhero you are Ruby, ka pai tō mahi!



HONOUR



Honour you are a quiet learner who is growing in confidence every day. You talked to mum about your learning goals with ease and this is proof of that confidence. You are making great choices about your learning spot and because of this are focused and are completing your tasks. Powerful Ormond School learners know they are in charge of their learning and this is you Honour. Ka mau te wehi! Awesome, Watch out moon, Honour is on her way!

PIPPA

Pippa, you're a shining example of someone who gives their all. You consistently put forth your best effort in your studies, going above and beyond in your free time. Your sporting efforts and kindness towards others are also highly valued. Rimu is especially proud of your initiative in organizing the raffle for our end-of-year home camp, and your hard work selling tickets and juices over the weekend.

Kei ōu ringaringa te ao!



TIDY KIWI AWARD - WEEK 7

Rimu



Aspiration Hui

Our Aspiration hui will be happening on Wednesday the 2nd and Thursday the 3rd of April. These hui are for students to share their learning, goals and achievements with their whānau. They are a celebration of learning and are student lead - with minimal teacher involvement.

The Aspiration document will be sent home next week for whānau to reflect on and fill out. It is a special time to connect with your child and build their esteem.

At your hui, you will have 10 minutes alongside your child and their teacher to begin the kaupapa. Thereafter the teacher will step aside and move on to the next whānau, allowing your child to take the lead (the ultimate goal). You are then encouraged to move through your child's learning space, check out their work books, view their learning displays and celebrate their successes.

Please note that these hui are focused on positives and if there are any concerns regarding your child's learning or approach to school, a separate meeting will need to be arranged between whānau and the classroom teacher.

TO BOOK

1. Download the Skool Loop app (instructions can be found here: [Skool Loop for Parents](#))
2. On the Ormond School page - select 'Bookings'.
3. Select "Aspiration Hui, T1, 2025"
4. Select your child's teacher.
5. Select the day you wish to come (Wednesday 2nd, or Thursday 3rd April).
6. Select the time that suits you.
7. Confirm Booking and submit form. You will get a email confirming your booking.

Key Dates Term One

- 26th March - Inter School Triathlon
- 2nd & 3rd April - Whānau Aspirations hui
- 8th April - Snorkelling - Rimu & Pōhutukawa
- 7th April - Weetbix TRY challenge
- 9th April - Kōwhai & Karaka Firewise Programme.
- 10th April - Inter School Rippa Rugby
- 11th April - Inquiry learning celebration / Last Day of Term

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



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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!

LEARNING AT ORMOND!



EXTRA-CURRICULAR!



INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING

On Wednesday, Ormond was well represented at the Inter-School Swimming championships. A brilliant effort from our team - giving it 100% and supporting each other throughout the day. Thank you to the parents who helped out with transport and at the event. Ngā mihi Mrs Parsons for all your organisation.
GO ORMOND!

A SPECIAL MENTION

THANK YOU PIPPA!

Pippa has taken it upon herself to initiate fundraising effort for the end of year home-based camp. A great example of active citizenship and service in action.

She organised a raffle to kickstart efforts, then juicie sales at the dog trials last weekend - where she pulled in a few friends to help.

Well done Pippa - you personify our Vision of "Growing Great People"..



NOTICES & UPDATES

Touch Rugby Draw

The touch rugby draw can be found on the organisation facebook page each week. Please see direct link to the touch associations facebook page here: [Touch Draw](#)

Guitar lessons at Ormond

We are excited to offer guitar lessons at Ormond School, run by Ricky Boyd of The Band School. These lessons provide a fun and structured way for students to learn guitar in small groups. To sign up and make payment - visit the Band school website - please click on the direct link below: www.thebandschool.co.nz/ormond

Sports Uniforms

We are looking to do a stock take of all our sports uniforms. If you have any Ormond Sports shirts / shorts / jackets etc, please return them to kura. They are a valuable asset and we seem to be missing a lot at present. Thank you!

Inquiry celebration

Our inquiry learning celebration will be on Friday the 11th of April. Students will be presenting their learning across the school - what they have learnt regarding our focus topic for term 1 - Looking after ourselves and our Hauora. More details will be in our next newsletter - but please lock in the date. Approximate times at this stage are 11:30am-1:30pm (TBC)

Streamlining communication

From the start of term two, 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. This means, that for the majority, we will be replacing hard copy notices and permission forms, with digital notices and online google permission forms. This will not only be good for the environment, but also streamline our organisation behind the scenes and enable us to better plan opportunities for our tamariki. Please ensure you are connected with the SeeSaw and Skool Loop platforms. If you have any questions or queries regarding this shift, please contact us.



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**Ko ngā pae tawhiti whaia
kia tata, ko ngā pae tata,
whakamaua kia tina**

*The potential of tomorrow depends
on what we do today*

~Whakataukī~
(Maori proverb)

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