

Newsletter



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Term Two - Week 1



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Kia ora Ormond School Whānau!

Welcome back to the start of Term Two! I trust you all had a refreshing school holiday break and managed to spend some valuable, quality time with your children.

Before we fully embrace Term Two, I want to take a moment to reflect on the final week of Term One and acknowledge the truly amazing efforts of our students at the inquiry learning celebration. It was a showcase of true learning in action as students confidently presented their knowledge and understanding to their whānau and the wider community. I was blown away at the creative ways the students presented their work and how they were able to articulate the key findings from their term of study. As we continue to set high expectations across our kura, our students continually rise above them.

As we look ahead to Term Two, a wealth of opportunities awaits. A key focus for us this term is on building confidence and a positive self-disposition around learning. We want to ensure that all our students believe wholeheartedly in their ability to learn and understand that they are capable of progress, improvement, and ultimately, success. I encourage all our students to embrace the learning experiences and challenges that lie ahead, knowing that they have the potential to achieve great things. Our key competency focus is 'Relating to Others', a vital aspect of our school culture, and we will be exploring how our behaviour and words impact those around us. Let's all maintain a positive focus and strive to build strong and respectful relationships.

This term, we are also delighted to welcome a number of new students and their families to Ormond School. A huge and warm welcome to you all! We are truly excited to have you join our school community and look forward to working alongside you to 'Grow Great People'. Finally, a special good luck to all our students who will be representing our school, and local clubs, in winter sports tomorrow. We are incredibly proud of your commitment, all the best! Have a great weekend,

Ngā mihi nui,

Shane Hooks

Tumuaki /Principal.

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI.... TO OUR NEW STUDENTS!



A huge welcome to our new students who have joined us. We welcome **Kortez Te Maipi-Brown, Vincent Norman, Ruie Moore, Navy Todd, Saelym Fleming and Levi Edwards** and their whānau to our Ormond learning community. We are thrilled that they have joined us to begin their learning journeys.

F.L.A.X Award Recipients

ASIA



Asia, it is so good to still have you in our class. You are a hard worker who tries her best and gives everything a go. You like learning new things and understand that, in order to get better, you need to practice. Sometimes, you carry on practicing your new skill while everyone else is playing. That is showing great dedication! You have an awesome attitude towards learning but also towards others in the class. You look after everyone the way you want to be treated: with kindness. Ka mau to wehi, I can't wait to see how far you will sail this year, powerful pirate!

ELLY

Elly, you have had a brilliant start to Term 2! You are super focussed on your learning, working hard and doing extra practise to help with your understanding of new mahi and making a big effort to learn your times tables. You put 100% effort into everything that you do. You are caring and helpful, always respectful and a great self manager. We love seeing what a Powerful Learner Superhero you are Elly, ka pai tō mahi, keep it up!



IZZY



Izzy you have grown in confidence from the beginning of the year and this is so good to see. You are a quiet learner who just gets on with your tasks and stays focused until finished. You are able to share your learning with others and know that you are responsible for your learning. Your shy smile hides just how capable you are. Izzy you are a great student in Pōhutukawa and a powerful Ormond School Learner right there! Watch out moon, Izzy is coming. Ka mau te wehi, awesome!!!!

ARLO

Mrs Dods and I were really impressed with how you've shown our school focus this week: 'to make good choices even when others are not watching.' You've done a fantastic job of concentrating on your work, even with distractions, and you've been so respectful to your classmates by working quietly and using your time wisely to stay on task. Ka pai tō mahi!



TIDY KIWI AWARD - WEEK 1

Rimu



LEARNING KAUPAPA...

Matauranga Maori

One of the key goals of our kura is to increase our knowledge, understanding, delivery and curriculum integration of Matauranga Maori and Te Ao Maori.

As part of this journey we are reaching out to our community and extending an invite to pop in and have a korero regarding this kaupapa. Listening, learning and growing our understanding from our school whanau and community is a great place for us to begin progressing towards our goal.

If you are passionate about this kaupapa - have knowledge that you are open to share - or simply keen to be part of the conversation and journey - please let us know. Pop in for a chat or email Shane at:

principal@ormond.school.nz.

Inā kei te mohio
koe ko wai koe,
I anga mai koe i
hea, kei te mohio
koe.
Kei te anga atu ki
hea

If you know who
you are and where
you are from,
then you will
know where you
are going



Inquiry learning: We want you!

This term our inquiry learning focus topic is: Kaitiakitanga - Taking Care of Our Environment

Our school wide key understandings that we want all our tamariki to understand by the end of the term are that:

- We hold responsibility for and have an impact on our environment.
- Our actions have positive or negative consequences for our environment.

We would love you, as our community, to be actively involved in our learning. If you have any ideas of activities / possible excursions / resources that could be used to enhance our students' understanding of these concepts - we would love to hear from you.

If you have certain expertise that you are open to sharing with our students - perhaps by coming into kura and sharing your knowledge - please let us know!



ONLINE SAFETY...

As the world continues to become more and more digitally connected - it is extremely important that our tamariki are educated about how to stay safe online, and the impact that digital overuse or misuse can have on their health and wellbeing. .

While each household will have their own thoughts and approaches to their children's access to the digital world - research provides clear evidence that having controls in place regarding what they have access to online, and the amount of time spent on devices, are essential.

It is something to consider carefully as our children grow - early intervention and education are key as our children begin to navigate their way through the online world.



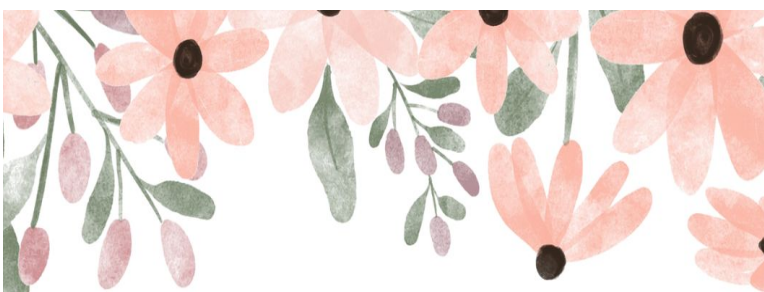
A GREAT RESOURCE:

A great resource to help families navigate this kaupapa is linked below. It is called - Our kids Online and has been developed by Rob Cope and his team. It has amazing information, tools, resources and tips for families regarding the impact the digital world can have, the dangers to watch out for, and how to stay safe. [OUR KIDS ONLINE](#)

RUN THE COAST...



As part of our PE program this term - we are introducing the 'Run the Coast' Challenge. Students will run each MONDAY morning - starting 8:50am, record their distance and look to cumulatively reach townships around the east coast. We would love for whanau to join us - walk, jog, or run with the children. Alongside this Well Being initiative - we are also looking to create an endurance team to extend the students who wish to be challenged - we know we have a lot of endurance athletes in our community - please pop along if you are keen to help out / be involved!



She & Me Celebration

Celebrating the wonderful
wāhine/women in our lives.

Friday 9th May
1.30pm

Invitations to follow.



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Key Dates Term Two

- 7th May - Inter School Soccer
- 12th May - BOT Meeting
- 16th May - Pink Shirt Day
- 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.



IMPORTANT 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:
https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=xyz.statedge.xplorer.app&pcampaignid=web_share

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.



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

Don't forget:

OUR 4 R'S

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are

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