

Newsletter



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Kia ora Ormond School Whānau!

As I sit to write the newsletter each Thursday, it is always a great time to reflect on the happenings of the past week. What has really stood out this week is our incredible tamariki and the strong sense of community that they bring to our kura. This newsletter highlights just a few examples of why they are the superstars of Ormond!

Roaring School Spirit!

Our recent House Day was an absolute blast! The energy and enthusiasm on display were infectious. It was fantastic to see our students, across all year levels, coming together in their house colours, participating with such gusto in the various activities. From spirited chants and creative costumes to friendly competitions, the day was one to remember and a powerful reminder of the strong bonds and camaraderie that exist within our school. A huge thank you to the staff who put in so much effort to make the day such a memorable and fun-filled occasion for everyone. These opportunities to celebrate together are vital in fostering a strong sense of belonging and school spirit!

Interschool Football Tournament: Effort and Values Shine Bright

Our school football team recently participated in the inter-school tournament, and while the final results may not have gone our way, what truly stood out was the exceptional effort, sportsmanship, and teamwork displayed by our players. They represented our school with pride, demonstrating great resilience and commitment throughout the day. Win or lose, the values our tamariki exhibited – respect for their opponents, perseverance in the face of challenges, the importance of working together – and never ever giving up – are qualities we are incredibly proud of. Well done to the teams for their approach and for embodying the true spirit of healthy competition.

Positive Relationships: Our Tamariki Leading the Way

At the heart of any community lie strong, positive, and healthy relationships. It is a pleasure to witness our tamariki actively fostering these connections within our school. Whether it's through collaborative projects in the classroom, supporting each other on the sports field, or simply showing kindness and empathy in the playground, our students are demonstrating a remarkable ability to build and maintain positive relationships. This is a testament to their understanding of the importance of connection, and the values we strive to instill in them. They are leading the way in creating a supportive and inclusive environment – great role models for us as adults!

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to more exciting events and learning opportunities in the weeks ahead.

Have a great weekend...

Shane Hooks

Tumuaki /Principal.

F.L.A.X Award Recipients



SAELYM

Welcome aboard our Kōwhai ship, Saelym! You have settled in super smoothly to everything here. I have noticed you are pretty quiet, but it is clear you pay attention because you always know what's up. When you get to do your activities, you totally zone in and get things done with awesome focus. Plus, you are a good friend to everyone. I can't wait to see you grow into a powerful pirate. Great start to your learning journey, Ka mau te wehi!

CAITLIN

Caitlin, we are impressed with your can-do attitude and your commitment to your learning. You pick up new concepts quickly and you have been working hard on maths strategies and learning your 3 and 4 times tables. You are growing your ability as a writer by adding more ideas and detail to your stories. You are a kind and caring member of our class and you like to help others with their learning if they get stuck. Tau kē, what a Powerful Learner Superhero you are Caitlin! We are so lucky to have you in Karaka!



BROCK



Brock you are an incredible learner. You love challenges and when things get hard you know that if you keep trying you will get it. Going into the Learning Pit is not as scary as it sounds, it means you are learning! You are always ready to share your ideas or answers with the class and will help others if they need it.

Your bubbly nature and cheeky smile make you someone others like to work alongside.

You are really soaring to the moon Brock.
Keep this great attitude going, Ka mau te wehi!!! Awesome

RYDER

Ryder, your impressive efforts this week have shone both in and out of the classroom. Your meticulous detail in creating your Mother's Day card was a testament to your care, and your talent and teamwork on the soccer field were fantastic to see. Kia kaha tonu rā. Keep giving it your all!



TIDY KIWI AWARD - WEEK 2

Karaka



LEARNING KAUPAPA...

PARENT PORTAL - MOE

The Minister of Education launched a new and informative webspace for parents and whānau this week, designed to help them support children's learning at home and strengthening the relationship between families, schools and kura.

What is the new webspace and what does it include?

The Parent Portal is an online platform that provides parents and whānau with easy-to-use resources and tools to support their child's education at home. It allows them to work in partnership with their school or kura and to keep informed about what their child is learning.

This new webspace aims to create a more transparent and supportive educational experience for both students and their whānau. It is designed to support every child's learning journey by offering tools and resources that make it easier for parents and whānau to help with their education, at home and at school.

It enhances communication between parents, whānau, teachers, schools and kura, ensuring everyone is on the same page about student progress. Additionally, it provides parents and whānau with the knowledge and resources needed to actively participate in their child's education, meaning they can complement it with learning at home and have meaningful conversations with teachers and kaiako.

Please note - that all children learn at different rates and have different strengths and needs. Their learning level may not directly correlate with the national expectations outlined on the Parent Portal site. This site should be used to support student learning, not compare them against other students.

**CLICK HERE TO ACCESS FURTHER INFORMATION
REGARDING THE PARENT PORTAL**

*Hapaitia te ara tika pumau ai te
rangatiratanga mo nga uri whakatipu.*

*Foster the pathway
of knowledge to strength, independence
and growth for future generations.*

EXCITING NEWS...

AFTER SCHOOL CARE SERVICE - STARTING SOON!

After consultation last term - we will be starting an after school care service at Ormond. This will allow students to remain at school until 4:00pm - and take pressure off families who are working / picking other children up from town. If students are on site past 3:00pm (without a parent / caregiver), they are expected to be enrolled into this service.

Overview:

- This service is supervision only - it is not organised learning, or activities. Students will be supervised as they play, with the same rules and expectations as our school day. If it is wet, indoor activities will be provided for students to enjoy. A snack of fruit & a milo will be provided.
- Mrs T will be in overall charge of the program, with other staff supporting as needed.
- There is a cost to this service. Families who wish to use the service need to pay in advance for a full term - with the cost reflecting how many days a week they will use the service. Payments are to be made online to our school office. Please reference your name and "after school" as a reference. Account = ASB: 12-3170-0133467-00
- The cost is \$5.00 a day per child. If there are multiple children from the same family - additional children are charged at \$2.50 per day (Two children = \$7.50, Three children = \$10.00).
- Once a child has been signed on for the term and payment received - the cost is fixed regardless if a day is missed due to a child being absent from school / on holiday etc, or if the child is picked up at 3:10pm, or 3:59pm. All children must be picked up and under parent / caregiver supervision from 4:00pm.

For the current term - we will be starting this service the week beginning Monday the 26th of May. The service will run for 5 weeks until the end of the term. It will then be reviewed and advertised again for term 3, if it is being utilised well by our community.

Please click on the link below to sign up Term 2 as outlined above:

[After School Care Service T2 2025](#)

**Kāhore taku toa i te toa
takitahi, he toa takitini**

*We cannot succeed without the
support of those around us.*

- famous Maori saying

MAHAKI WAI CONNECTION VISIT



ORMOND SCHOOL'S FIRST OFFICIAL HOUSE CHALLENGE





Speak UP STAND TOGETHER STOP BULLYING

KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA

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Key Dates Term Two

- 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.



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.

Spoons for school lunch:

We have noticed that many students have been requesting spoons for their school lunches. Unfortunately, these spoons are not being returned, and our supply is running low. To help us manage this issue, we kindly ask that you provide a spoon from home for your child/children to use with their lunch.



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

Don't forget:

OUR 4 R'S

AT ORMOND SCHOOL ARE:

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are

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