



Ormond School Newsletter

24th of April 2026
Week 1 Term 2

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

Our first week back after the holidays has been an absolute blast, and it has been wonderful to see our tamariki settle so quickly back into "learning mode." The classrooms are already buzzing with energy, and it has been a highlight for the staff to hear about the amazing adventures and family experiences our students enjoyed during their time away. There is a real sense of focus and enthusiasm across the school as we dive into the new term's curriculum.

Over the first few weeks we will be wrapping up our first inquiry learning kaupapa of the year. This unit, titled "How I Learn Best," has been a fantastic journey for our students as they have worked to identify their individual learning styles and distinguish which habits and behaviors support their progress versus those that might hinder it. By exploring how the Key Competencies enable effective learning to happen across various contexts, our students are gaining the tools they need to succeed both in and out of the classroom. This topic was directly linked to our Strategic Plan and the feedback we received from our community, as we continue to focus on strengthening a robust, learning-oriented culture here at Ormond School.

In addition to our classroom work, we were very pleased to welcome the Education Review Office (ERO) to Ormond this week. It was a constructive and positive experience having them work alongside us to identify our school's key strengths and help us map out our next steps for growth; I look forward to sharing more specific details regarding their visit and our future goals later in the term.

As we look ahead, the schedule is filling up fast, so I encourage you to keep a close eye on the events section in each newsletter to stay updated on everything happening across the school.

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful and reflective ANZAC weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone back safe and sound next week.

Nga mihi nui,

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Growing Great People – Te Whakatipu Tangata



Ormond School F.L.A.X Awards



ALBIE

Albie, it has been wonderful to see you return from the holidays so settled and ready to learn. You have done a fantastic job of managing yourself and ignoring distractions. When things don't go your way, you are 'bouncing back' much faster now. You are doing a great job of following directions and showing respect by putting your hand up to wait for your turn. I've also noticed that your friends are really enjoying playing with you because you are being such a calm and respectful member of the crew. Way to go, Albie! Keep up this amazing effort and you will discover many more treasures. Ka pai tō mahi!



SAELYM

Saelym, you have had a great start to Term 2, getting straight into learning mode and being a positive role model for others with great mat manners. We have noticed how well you are doing with making your reading sound fluent and your quick recall of basic facts. You are also showing that you are a great team member in our key competency challenges, persevering and involving everyone in your group. Mīharo Saelym, keep up your amazing attitude to your learning, you are a Powerful Learner Superhero!



MADISON

Maddy you are showing what a Powerful Ormond School learner is. You focus on your learning and are always ready to help others. You are happy to share your ideas with others and are ready to take on new challenges. Going into the Learning Pit doesn't faze you. Your cheerful and happy nature rubs off on those around you. Well done on a great start to Term 2.

Keep soaring to the moon and stars Maddy, Ka mau te wehi!



ZOE

Zoe, it has been a pleasure having you join us in Rimu! You are a wonderfully conscientious worker who always strives for excellence. Your confidence in sharing ideas and asking great questions shows what a dedicated learner you are. By collaborating well with others and choosing the perfect workspaces, you have truly boosted your learning this week. Keep up the fantastic work!. Mauri mahi, mauri ora!

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 1 KŌWHAI

HOUSE POINTS:

- 1st – Horouta
- 2nd – Waipaoa
- 3rd – Takitimu
- 4th – Ahititi



Te taenga atu Attendance

ATTENDANCE

The more students are absent from school, the less chance they have for success – especially within academic attainment.

With the MOE raising the bar with the new NZ curriculum – increasing what students should know and understand within each year group – it is especially important that children are at school as much as possible. Each week a report is generated which shows how our kura is doing in relation to the overall goal of having most students attend school at least 90% of the time. This has been attached below.

As part of the attendance initiative – when students move between the zones – green, yellow, orange and red – parents and caregivers will be contacted by their child's teacher to check in and have a korero. Some may also receive an email / letter outlining the worry about missed learning time, and the goal of improving attendance.

These letters are templated via the MOE – but sent out by schools across the country (Please note that this response is aligned with students being Truant / or unexplained absence).

Each zone below initiates a different response – these responses are outlined in our AMP – which if you didn't see it a few weeks back – is linked here:

[Ormond school AMP](#)

If you receive call, email or letter about attendance – it is not us trying to make things difficult – but rather an attempt to work together to increase attendance of your child, so they can learn and grow to their full potential in our school setting.

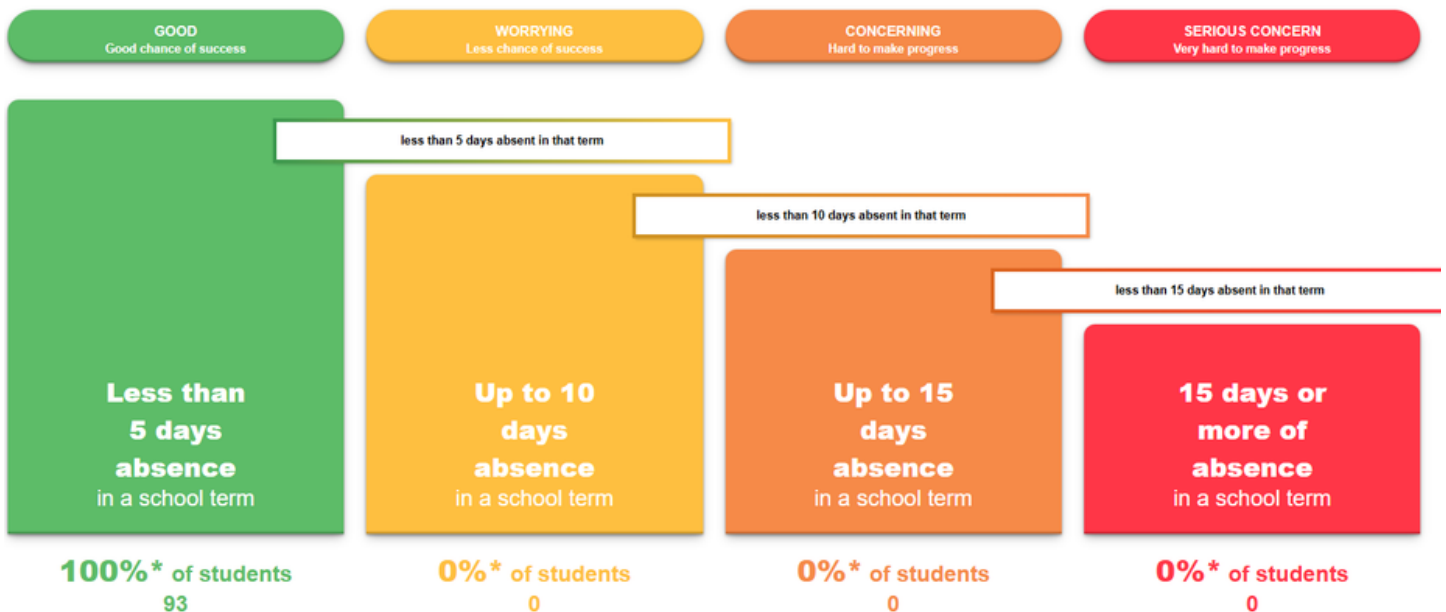
Let's get our kids to school and get them learning!

ATTENDANCE TO DATE FOR TERM 2 2026

Stepped Attendance Response - STAR

Responding to all absences

The Government's target is for **80% of students to attend regularly**, that is to attend school more than **90% of the time**.





Nga Panui Nui

Notices & Updates

KEY DATES TERM 2

- 27th April – ANZAC holiday
- 29th April – Inter School Rippa Rugby
- 4th May – Weetbix Try at Makauri School
- 11th May – BOT Meeting
- 13th May – Inter school football
- 20th May – Gymnastics festival
- 1st June Kings Birthday Holiday
- 3rd June – Fast 5 Netball Tournament
- 17th June – Inter school Rugby 7s
- 22nd June – BOT Meeting

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 / EVENTS

CAR POOL

If you are interested in networking with other parents / whanau regarding car pooling too and from school, please fill out the google form below (Car Pool: Indication of interest).

Please note that this will be a networking kaupapa between families in the community – not a school run initiative. This is due only to the school being unable hold no responsibility for adults driving students too and from school, or the condition of vehicles / registrations / WOFs or safety.

We are simply looking to support our families by collating names and contacts to get the kaupapa up and running between community members.

Once information is collated, we will send a spreadsheet of interested people, with contact details out to each person who is keen to be involved. From here, people can then network together directly to develop a car pooling system.

[Car Pool: Indication of interest](#)



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CATTLE GRAZING OPPORTUNITY

An exciting opportunity is available for anyone interested in getting involved in our school cattle project. We are looking for community members who may be willing to take on a small number of cattle to graze and finish on their farm this year. Following the success of last year's initiative, which generated a strong profit, this project continues to be a valuable way to support our school. Funds raised go directly toward enhancing our programs, projects, and providing additional support such as teacher aides. If you, or someone you know, would like to be part of this rewarding initiative, please get in touch with Tim Gardner 0273555001 for more information. We appreciate the ongoing support from our community.



ORMOND SCHOOL

SUPER RAFFLE

PRIZE WINNERS

1ST- NET WAITITI - SOLD BY EVELYN-SPENCER

2ND- BUNDY - SOLD BY TONI DURSTON

3RD- BEC KENNEDY - SOLD BY THOMAS & BRIAR

4TH - ELYSHA MEMON SOLD BY CORBAN J

5TH - MIKERE SOLD BY TONI DURSTON

6TH - WARREN MILLIGAN - SOLD BY KEA

7TH - BRUCE GARNHAM - SOLD BY RIOS & MALI

8TH - SHARLENE DOUGLAS HURIWAI SOLD BY
EVELYN-SPENCER

ORMOND SCHOOL WILL BE IN
TOUCH WITH ALL PRIZE WINNERS
REGARDING COLLECTION.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!



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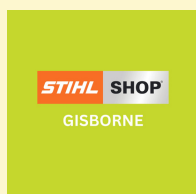
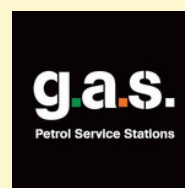
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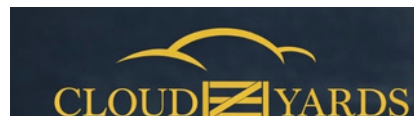
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