



Ormond School Newsletter

22nd August 2025

Week 6 | Term 3

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

We hope all is well with you and your whanau – there is a lot of illness at present – stay healthy and wrap up warm!

While the information below was shared with you all last week via email, due to the importance of the consultation, I felt it was prevalent to share again on this platform. If you have already completed the consultation survey – thank you – if you haven't found the time as yet, we encourage you to put some time aside to let us know your thoughts!

ORMOND SCHOOL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION: STRATEGIC PLAN 2026–2028

Community consultation survey: Click here to complete:

[Ormond School Community Consultation: Strategic Plan 2026–2028](#)

As part of our school planning, we are undertaking a crucial community consultation process that will directly influence our strategic plan for 2026–2028. This consultation is your opportunity to help shape the direction of our school for the next three years.

Your voice is an incredibly important part of this journey – we want to know your aspirations for your tamariki (children) so we can build a plan that truly reflects the hopes, goals and aspirations of our whānau (families) and our wider community.

Our aim is to achieve 100% participation from all our families in this vital consultation. Every voice counts, and the more we hear from you, the better we can tailor the learning experience at our school to reflect our community vision. We believe that when there is a strong alignment between the school, our whānau, and the community, we have a much greater chance of making a significant, positive impact on our students' lives.

Strategic planning ensures we're all moving in the same direction with purpose and clarity. When this direction is co-created with our community, it becomes a powerful shared vision. This collaboration strengthens our school's identity and ensures our efforts are meaningful and relevant to the children we serve.

The information you provide will be anonymous and handled confidentially by the School Board. We cannot stress the importance of this process enough—please set aside some time to have your say – your voice is important and we want to hear it! Together we can make the biggest difference.

We appreciate your time, insight and feedback. Your valuable contribution will help us plan the direction of our kura as we move forward together.

Nga mihi nui,

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Growing Great People – Te Whakatipu Tangata



Ormond School F.L.A.X Awards



SAM

Sam, you are well deserving of this certificate because you are working so hard in all areas of your learning! You come into our classroom quietly and always choose a great learning spot. If someone distracts you, you simply move without making a fuss, which is a fantastic skill. You also work really well on your own, again picking a good spot to focus. This means you make the most of your learning time, even when you are not directly with the teacher. As a result you are making good progress in all areas of your learning. Ka pai tō mahi! You can be proud of your dedication and excellent choices!



RUBY

Ruby, yesterday during our speeches, we saw just how far you have come and how much your confidence in yourself has grown. You put so much effort into your ideas when you were writing your speech and you practised and practised and practised some more, until you felt confident that you knew it off by heart. We are so proud of your efforts and the confident, positive, can-do attitude that you had yesterday Ruby – you are a Powerful Learner Superhero – kā wani ke!



HONE

Hone you are a quiet learner who knows that the best learning spot is not next to friends. You are kind to others and are ready to help them with their learning if you can. It is so good to see you going into the Learning Pit with new learning Honē, you persevere and don't give up. When you stay focused on your learning you are flying to the moon! Keep this attitude going. Ka pai tō mahi, Honē. Keep it up!



EMILY

Emily this week you have impressed with your dedication to learning. You have been working incredibly hard and showed great perseverance, especially when tackling some of the more complicated maths problems. Emily you are also an amazing friend. You have shown teamwork and kindness by helping with the recyclable wearable arts projects. You also bring a wonderful, cheery smile to school which sure is contagious. Ka pai tō mahi!

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 6
KŌWHAI

HOUSE POINTS:

1st: **Horouta & Takitimu**
2nd: **Ahititi**
3rd: **Waipaoa**



Te arotahi o te akomanga

Class focus...

CLASS FOCUS: POHUTUKAWA

Paper Plates

As part of our inquiry topic of "Kaitiaki of our environment", Pohutukawa has been learning about everyday disposable items vs everyday reusable items. We focused on paper plates as we often use these at our school events. We are telling you why they are very bad and that we need to use second hand reusable plates. Check out our facts below.

- 9 billion trees are cut down each year in New Zealand to make paper plates, bowls, cups etc.
- Cutting down trees impacts our environment.
- 3.3 billion paper plates in New Zealand are used each year.
- 430 billion paper plates and cups are used each year in the world.
- The paper production process often involves the use of chemicals like chlorine, which can contaminate water sources if not properly managed.
- Paper plates can't be recycled because they often have grease on them after use, they also sometimes have a waxy coating that makes it hard to recycle.
- If you burn paper plates it makes bad smoke for the environment due to the chemicals used in making them.
- Paper plates are only used once and then thrown away.
- Using paper plates is terrible for our environment and wasteful.
- 85 students use paper plates each term, that is 320 paper plates going to the rubbish each year.
- We need to use stronger plates, instead of using paper plates we could use real plates that we can reuse and reuse again.
- The school could purchase second hand plates from the salvation army.

This is what we have learnt about paper plates this term and why we should stop using them. Our challenge to our school is to stop using them and make better choices for our environment.

Pohutukawa's collective ideas collated and presented by Jake Walker, Darcee Gardner and Izzy Tomlinson.





Te Ako Mahi

Learning in Action

Learning Enquiry Celebration – Wearable Arts

As part of our end of term Learning Enquiry Celebration, our tamariki have been busy creating amazing hats out of recycled materials! This hands on project is not just about creativity it's also about learning to be kaitiaki (guardians) of our environment. The students have explored sustainability, recycling, and how we can all do our part to care for Papatūānuku.

Whānau are warmly invited to join us on Tuesday, 17th September at 1.15pm for our Wearable Arts event, where our children will showcase their learning and the incredible creations they've made. We can't wait to celebrate this special journey with you!



Growing Great People – Te Whakatipu Tangata



Marautanga Taapiri Extra Curricular

HOUSE COMPETITION - The Great Egg Drop

Our tamariki took on the ultimate test of creativity, teamwork, and engineering in the Great Egg Drop Challenge! Each team was tasked with designing and building a protective structure to keep their precious egg safe from a giant drop using only the materials they brought from home. With lots of laughter, clever thinking, and collaboration, the challenge was a huge success... not a single egg cracked! The excitement in the air was contagious as students cheered each other on and celebrated their uncracked victories.
Ka mau te wehi, tamariki mā what an egg-cellent effort!





Ngā Panui Nui

Notices & Updates

KEY DATES TERM 3 / 4

TERM 3:

- Every Friday: Primary Rugby & Netball.
- 27th August: Inter-school X-country
- 3rd Sept: Inter-school Fast 5 Netball.
- 4th Sept: Ormond Speech Finals 5:30pm
- 10th Sept: School Board Elections.
- 10th Sept: House comp (PM).
- 12th Sept: He & Me celebration 2:00pm
- 17th Sept: Inquiry-learning celebration WOW event.
- 19th Sept: Last day of term 3.

TERM 4: Key dates week 1...

- 9th October: Pet Day
- 10th October: Teacher Only Day (MOE Math PLD).

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.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION: STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2026–2028

As per our recent communication – we are now starting the crucial community consultation process that will help shape our strategic plan for 2026–2028. We want to hear your voice – the hopes, goals and aspirations you have for your child / children. This information will be collated and allow us to draw out key themes across our school community. These key themes will drive our strategic direction and help shape our school wide kaupapa and learning experiences across the next three years.

If possible, we would like to hear from everyone before Monday the 1st of September.

We look forward to hearing your voice. Ormond School Board.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS OUR COMMUNITY CONSULTATION](#)

INQUIRY LEARNING CELEBRATION: WEARABLE ARTS – RECYCLED STYLE!

On Wednesday the 17th of September – our last week of term – we will be holding our inquiry learning celebration focused on our kaupapa: Kaitiaki of our environment. Just like our celebration at the end of term one, this celebration will showcase all the learning our tamariki have undertaken across the term – in a fun and engaging manner. Our students will drive the event – and this time round we will be putting on a Wearable Arts showcase. The catch us all material must either be recyclable / reusable / of sustainable.

If you have anything you think could be used – please drop it in to school!



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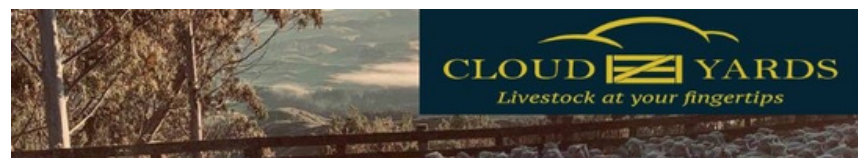
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