



Ormond School Newsletter

29th August 2025

Week 7 | Term 3

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

The weeks are certainly coming and going in a blink of an eye! It's hard to believe we're already so far into the third term. This time of year is always full of incredible learning and opportunities for our tamariki, and it's been wonderful to see their growth in action.

I recently had the privilege of attending class speeches over the past few weeks, and they were absolutely outstanding. The students truly blew me away with their courage and confidence, as well as the way they supported one another.

The kaupapa (theme) was "Three Wishes: Two for the World and One for Me." It's a theme that asks our students to think beyond themselves, to consider the wider world and the changes they wish to see. The ideas they put forward clearly indicate that our community is in a great place, as the next generation has us covered. Our students wished for kindness, compassion, equality, peace, and safety for all, alongside a deep sense of community wellness and generosity. Seeing them articulate these powerful wishes with such conviction was heart-warming. They spoke not just of big-picture issues but also of small, everyday acts of kindness that can make a difference. It's a testament to the values they hold and the caring young people they are becoming.

Please be sure to book our Speech Finals into your diary for next Thursday at 5:30 pm. We would love for you to join us and celebrate the amazing achievements of our students.

I'm continually impressed by the hard work and enthusiasm our students show every day, whether they're in the classroom tackling new challenges, out on the sports field giving their all, or getting creative with our various arts and cultural programs. Their curiosity and dedication make our school a vibrant and exciting place to be.

We hope you all have a great weekend – good luck to all those competing in the Rangatira Tavern Hunting Comp!

Nga mihi nui,

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Ormond School F.L.A.X Awards



INDIE

Welcome aboard our Kōwhai ship, Indie! It has been great to watch you settle into our classroom. You are quickly adapting to your new environment, and the way you happily say goodbye to your mum each day shows your growing confidence. You are a kind member of our class and you can show patience like you did when waiting for your turn to paint. These are great skills to have. Ka pai tō mahi, Indie, keep up the great work!



STERLING

Sterling, we were very impressed with your focus this week. You have been quick to line up and get ready for your mahi. You have made great choices on the mat, often choosing to be away from your friends so you are not tempted to chat. You have finished all learning and even offered to help your friends if they need help. Keep making good choices Sterling, what a Powerful Learner Superhero!



GEORGE

George you are always happy to share your knowledge or treasures with our class. You are growing in resilience and are on your way to taking charge of your learning. You have taken time with your recycled creation and this shows that when you stay focused on your learning you are flying to the moon. Well done George, keep that great attitude going. Ka mau te wehi. Awesome



INDIE

Indie, you are a shining example of what it means to be an exceptional learner and a great friend. Your commitment to learning, shown through your excellent focus and great effort, and your willingness to help others, is something to be truly proud of. The confidence you showed in your speech was fantastic—you held the audience's attention with your expression and your body language. Keep up the amazing work! Mauri mahi, mauri ora!

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 7

RIMU

HOUSE POINTS:

1st: **Horouta & Takitimu**

2nd: **Ahititi**

3rd: **Waipaoa**



Te Ako Mahi

Learning in Action

CLASS SPEECHES

A huge congratulations to every student across the school for completing their speeches! Each and every one of you showed incredible mana, confidence, and determination as you stood up and shared your voice. It takes real courage to speak in front of others, and you all rose to the challenge with pride and strength. Ka mau te wehi – you’ve made your teachers, whānau, and school proud!



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Marautanga Taapiri

Extra-Curricular

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

Ensuring our students understand the importance of community and that a good community only comes about through the effort and contribution of all of its members – is a key kaupapa at Ormond.

A) Our students celebrate Daffodil day.

B) Kyle, Jake and Ted contributing their time to our school by delivering our community consultation around Ormond, and Jake volunteering to tidy up our front deck to make it look awesome for our community!





Ngā Panui Nui

Notices & Updates

KEY DATES TERM 3 / 4

TERM 3:

- Every Friday: Primary Rugby & Netball.
- 3rd Sept: Inter-school Fast 5 Netball.
- 4th Sept: Ormond Speech Finals 5:30pm
- 8th Sept: He & Me celebration 1:30pm
- 10th Sept: House comp (PM).
- 17th Sept: Inquiry-learning celebration WOW event.
- 19th Sept: Last day of term 3.

TERM 4: Key dates week 1...

- 6th October: First day back T4
- 9th October: Pet Day
- 10th October: Teacher Only Day (MOE Math PLD).
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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 UPCOMING EVENTS:

ORMOND SPEECH FINALS NIGHT:

Thursday the 4th of September – 5:30pm start – School Hall.

HE & ME CELEBRATION:

Celebrating the amazing men in our children's lives. Fathers, Uncles, Brothers, Cousins, Koro, Grand-dad etc.

Monday the 8th Sept at 1:30pm. Please meet in the school hall.

INQUIRY LEARNING CELEBRATION: WORLD OF RECYCLABLE ARTS

A mind blowing show put together by our students to showcase their inquiry learning across term 3.

Wednesday the 17th of September – 1:30pm start. School Hall.



Ngā Panui Nui

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PET DAY

Pet Day this year will be on Thursday the 9th of October, the first Thursday back in Term 4. We trust you will be thinking about Pet Day and hope your children will use the holidays to get ready to enter their pets and items of choice.

The categories for entry items are as follows:

THINGS CHILDREN CAN MAKE AT HOME:

- Wildflower and Grasses in a Jar
- Floral Arrangement
- Miniature Garden – Junior/Senior
(No bigger than 20cm x 30cm)
- Recycled Wind Chimes
- Vegetable Novelties
- Pikelets and Cupcakes (2x on a plate for judging)
- Plain Iced Cake
- Hospital Box – Decorated shoe box with a get well card, posy and small chocolate bar.

These are taken to the hospital for patients at the conclusion of Pet Day.

PET CATEGORIES:

- Best Dressed Pet and Owner
- Birds (in cages)
- Cats and Horses Photos
(send to office@ormond.school.nz)
- Puppies (under 1 year old)
- Large Dogs
- Small Dogs
- Open Pet Section
(if your pet has not been entered in another section)
- Best behaved pet
(must show obedience / follow instructions)
- Dog Obstacle Course
- Lamb / Champion Lamb

SAND SAUCER arrangement to be made at school.

Please bring a saucer and flowers.



For all new parents that are unsure of how our Pet Day works, there will be a display / demonstration at School on the the last day of Term 3 (19th of September).



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