



Ormond School Newsletter

12th September 2025
Week 9 | Term 3

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

How great is it to see the sun back? Spring is here and we are looking forward to better weather as we finish off term 3 and head into term 4. It was brilliant to have a lot of students returning to school this week, after our kura was severely impacted by illness over the last fortnight. August was definitely tough for some of our students and families.

As we continue our journey of learning this year, I want to share and draw attention to our Ormond School Learner Qualities. We believe that by nurturing these seven qualities, we are preparing our students not just for academic success, but for a lifetime of growth and achievement. This is reflective of our holistic view of education and delivers on our vision of "Growing Great People".

Here is a closer look at each quality and why it matters:

- **Connected:** Our students build strong relationships with others and understand how different ideas and subjects link together. They feel a sense of belonging to our school and wider community.
- **Collaborative:** We teach students to work effectively in teams, sharing ideas and respecting different viewpoints to achieve shared goals. This skill is essential for problem-solving in any setting.
- **Self Manager:** We empower students to take ownership of their learning journey, setting goals and managing their time and responsibilities. This is the key to becoming a proactive and independent individual.
- **Perseverance:** We encourage our students to have a "growth mindset," facing challenges with determination and learning from setbacks. It is the grit that allows them to keep going and succeed.
- **Confident:** Our learners believe in their abilities and are willing to take risks, ask questions, and share their ideas. This self-belief is what unlocks their true potential.
- **Thinkers:** We teach students to be critical and creative, going beyond memorisation to question, analyse, and innovate. This is a vital skill for navigating a complex and changing world.
- **Communicators:** We guide our students to express their ideas clearly and listen actively to others. Effective communication is the cornerstone of all relationships, both in and out of the classroom.

By reinforcing these qualities at home, you are helping us prepare our children not just for school, but for a lifetime of success.

A reminder to everyone that we have our Term 3 Inquiry Learning Celebration on Wednesday, starting at 1:30pm. Please book it into your calendars if you can... our students are pumped to share their learning with you!

Nga mihi nui,

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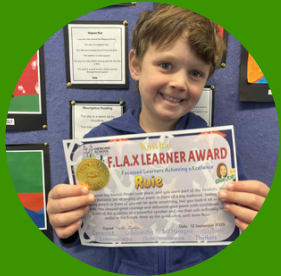
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Ormond School F.L.A.X Awards



RUIE

This week the Recital Finals took place, and you were part of the finalists. You did a fantastic job at saying your poem in front of a big audience. Seeing that many people in front of you can be quite unsettling, but you took it all in your stride. You showed great courage and delivered your poem with confidence. This is one of the qualities of a powerful speaker and one that will definitely be useful in the future. Keep up the good work, well done Ruie!



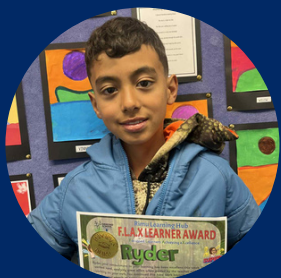
JAKE

Jake, we have been super impressed with your increased focus and effort in your mahi this week, showing how capable you are as a learner. On Wednesday night we were really proud to see your confidence shine through on stage in your poem recital, speaking clearly with a good pace. Congratulations on coming 1st place, a great achievement! You are a Powerful Learner Superhero Jake, ka mau te wehi!



JULIAS

Julius you have settled down to learning in Pōhutukawa. You are taking charge of this and your learning tools and know that it is your responsibility to be ready each day. This is so great to see. You know where a good learning spot is and how important it is to focus on your own learning. You have had a term of amazing growth Julius, keep this attitude going. Watch out stars!!!! – Tu meke



RYDER

Ryder, your commitment to your learning has been excellent this week. You have worked hard, applying great effort when guided by the teacher and also when working on your own. You continued this hard work beyond the classroom by practising your speech at home and delivering an excellent one at the school finals, showing impressive poise and confidence in front of a large crowd. Mauri mahi, mauri ora!

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 9

KARAKA

HOUSE POINTS:

1st: **Horouta & Takitimu**

2nd: **Ahititi**

3rd: **Waipaoa**



Te Ako Mahi

Learning in Action

Ormond School Speech Finals

On Wednesday night, our Speech Finals took place, and what an incredible evening it was! Our talented finalists showed outstanding courage and confidence as they delivered their speeches in front of judges, teachers, and whānau. Each speaker impressed with their powerful messages, poise, and passion. A huge congratulations to all participants you did yourselves and our school proud!



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Marautanga Taapiri

Extra-Curricular

He and Me Celebration

We had a fantastic turn out for our He and Me celebration on Monday it was wonderful to see so many dads, uncles, and grandfathers joining us! The tamariki were buzzing with excitement as they proudly gave their handmade cards, poems, and gifts to their special guests. The fun didn't stop there the field came alive with laughter and energy during a game of Ultimate Tag and Snatch the Cone. A huge thank you to all the whānau who came along your presence truly made the day unforgettable for our tamariki!





Ngā Panui Nui

Notices & Updates

KEY DATES TERM 3 / 4

TERM 3:

- 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).

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:

AFTER SCHOOL CARE TERM FOUR:

If you would like to utilise our After School Care program in term 4... please click on the link to do so: [After School Care T4 25](#)

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.



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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.





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