



Ormond School Newsletter

31st October 2025
Week 4 Term 4

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

Celebrating Our Amazing Teachers!

Today is National Teacher Day, and as such, I wanted to dedicate this newsletter to celebrate the incredible, dedicated, and inspiring team we have here at Ormond. We know you see the amazing work they do, but we want to take a moment to shine a bright light on their commitment and dedication to the cause. Our teachers and staff are truly the heartbeat of Ormond, creating the positive environment where our students thrive and succeed. Their collective efforts are the foundation of everything that makes our school community so special.

Our team's roles extend far beyond simply teaching the required curriculum and delivering lessons. They are not only expert educators—crafting engaging units, assessing student achievement, and helping every child progress—they wear many other hats that support the whole student. They act as informal counsellors offering a listening ear when needed, and are unwavering cheerleaders who celebrate every small victory and major milestone with genuine enthusiasm. Everything positive that happens at Ormond—is a direct result of their time, effort, and energy. Their dedication ensures that our students feel valued and empowered to reach their full potential.

Teaching is a profoundly demanding profession with a huge workload that often goes unseen. Our staff members are often the first to arrive in the morning and the last to leave in the evening, dedicating countless hours outside of the instructional day. This time is spent planning and preparing lessons, and diligently assessing and providing feedback to ensure continuous academic growth. Furthermore, they invest significant personal time in attending professional development sessions to stay at the edge of educational best practices, and freely give their time to run engaging extracurricular activities that enrich student life. Despite this demanding schedule and heavy workload, our team consistently brings a positive attitude and unwavering energy to the school. This passion is the very spark that ignites curiosity, fosters a love of learning, and creates the special, committed culture we value at Ormond.

I could write a book detailing their efforts and dedication, but for now, let this message serve as our most sincere appreciation.

To all our amazing teachers and staff:

Thank you. Thank you for your tireless effort, your profound dedication, and the powerful passion you bring into our classrooms. You are true champions for our students, and the entire Ormond community is profoundly grateful for everything you do!

Have a great weekend!

Nga mihi,

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Growing Great People – Te Whakatipu Tangata



Ormond School F.L.A.X Awards



VINNY

Vinny, it has been great to see you more settled this week! You have followed instructions and jumped into activities both on the mat and around the classroom. I was especially impressed to see you participate in the entire kapa haka session and clearly enjoy yourself. You also approached every event in athletics with a great "give-it-a-go" attitude, proving that you are ready to make the most of each learning opportunity. Keep up this fantastic work, Vinny, and you will soon be racing toward many more treasures!



ELLY

Elly, we love your positive, can-do attitude to your learning. You are always keen for a challenge and you are not afraid to go into the learning pit when you find something tricky - you keep trying until you work it out. You continue to grow in confidence and in your ability as a learner and you are always ready to help others. Well done Elly, you are a Powerful Learner Superhero, ka pai tō mahi!



WILBUR

Wilbur you are one young man who is always ready to help others either inside or outside the classroom. Your cheery nature and how you focus on your learning make you someone others like to sit and learn beside. You don't give up when things get hard and that is what Powerful Ormond School learners do. You have a great attitude to your learning and others Wilbur, keep it up. Ka mau te wehi Awesome!!



CAITLIN

Caitlin, this certificate is for your truly outstanding contributions over the last two weeks. You have consistently gone above and beyond by completing all your own mahi, actively helping your peers, taking the initiative to sand boards for absent classmates, and dedicating your time over the weekend to help make the school disco a huge success. Your effort and commitment are truly awesome! Mauri mahi, mauri ora!

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 4
Pōhutukawa

HOUSE POINTS:

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



Whakanui...

Celebration!

Happy National Teachers Day!

Today we celebrated National Teachers' Day a special opportunity to recognise and thank our incredible teachers for all that they do. Their dedication, creativity, and care make a huge difference every single day, helping our students learn, grow, and shine. A big thank you to all our amazing teachers for your hard work and commitment we appreciate you!

Absent: Michelle Dods





Te Ako Mahi

Learning in Action

SCHOOL ATHLETICS

What a fantastic day of energy, effort, and school spirit! Our students gave it their all in every event from sprints and relays to long jump and ball throw. The cheering from the sidelines was just as impressive as the performances on the track! Check out these great photos capturing the excitement, determination, and smiles from our Athletics Day. Well done to everyone who took part and made it such a successful event!



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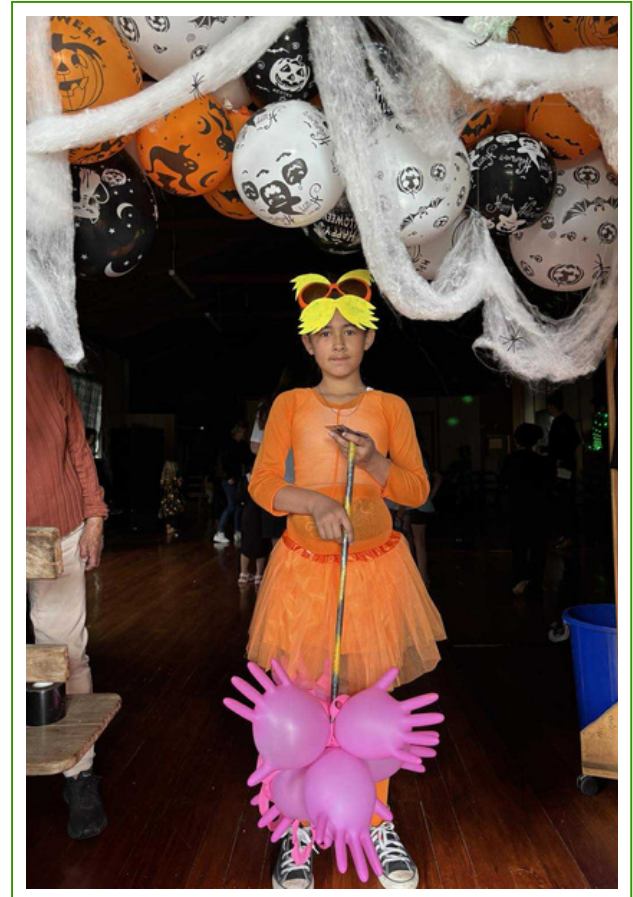


Marautanga Taapiri

Extra-Curricular

HALLOWEEN DISCO

What an amazing night! Our school disco was a huge hit – the dance floor was full, the music was pumping, and everyone had an absolute blast! The students showed off some incredible dance moves and the costumes were outstanding – from sparkly outfits to creative characters, the effort and imagination were awesome to see. A big thank you to Koka Ash for her organisation and to everyone who helped make the night a memorable event!





Ngā Panui Nui

Notices & Updates

KEY DATES TERM 4

- 4th November: Inter School Athletics
- 5th November: School Photos
- 11th November: Kapa Haka Festival – Ormond 1:15pm start.
- 18th November: Year 6 Intermediate Visits
- 27th November: Music Performance
- 1st–5th December: Year 5 & 6 Home Camp
- 8th December: BOT Meeting
- 11th December: Year 6 Leavers Dinner
- 12th December: Prize Giving
- 15th December Kiwa Pools Day
- 16th December: Last Day / Water Fun 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICES / EVENTS

Measles

Please see the information below from the National Public Health Service | Tairāwhiti

We now have confirmed cases of measles in NZ with no known link travel, telling us that there is undetected spread of the virus, so let's be prepared for it if it comes here so we can keep our community, especially our most vulnerable whānau, protected.

Tairāwhiti has low immunisation rates, which puts our community, especially young pēpi and hapū māmā who can't yet be vaccinated, at serious risk.

This information isn't about making families immunise their children, that choice is each individual's families to make – and that choice must be respected. This information is simply to provide insight, so that our Tairāwhiti community is aware.

If you wish to explore immunisation, MMR vaccinations are available locally:

Kowhai House (295 Palmerston Rd) – Well Child nurses provide MMR and other vaccines, Mon–Fri 9am–4pm, late night Wed until 6pm. Walk-ins welcome.

Sean Shivnan Pharmacy – Offers MMR for those aged 3 years and over. Book online at bookmyvaccine.health.nz.

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SWIMMING TOGS & TOWEL AND SUN HATS

Swimming Togs, Towel & School Hat Every Day!

A quick reminder to please make sure tamariki bring their swimming togs and towel every day this term, Also, with the warmer weather, it's important that every child brings their wide-brimmed hat each day to stay sun safe. they can bring their own or there are School Hats available at the office for \$25 each. please make sure hats are named
Ngā mihi!

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We've noticed that some students are eating most or all of their lunch during morning tea, leaving them with little or nothing for lunchtime. This can make it harder for them to stay focused and energised throughout the afternoon.

Please take a moment to chat with your child about saving part of their lunch for lunchtime, and consider packing a little extra if they're coming home hungry or seem to need more during the day. Thank you for your support in helping keep our tamariki fuelled and ready to learn!

MIDWAY SLSC NIPPERS 2025 AGES 4-13

SUNDAY 2 NOV 10AM

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