



Ormond School Newsletter

30th May 2025
Week 5 | Term 2

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau

We are extremely grateful and proud after witnessing the spirit of our school community at last weekend's working bee. The turnout was brilliant, and the results speak for themselves – our school looks amazing! Gardens boxed and chipped, drains and gutters cleared, trees pruned, Ngahere planted and tidied, entrance ways and classrooms water blasted, weed spraying done... a testament to the power of collective effort.

Our school is more than just a place of learning; it is the heart of our community. It's where friendships are forged, where children grow, and where memories are made. A strong community provides a sense of belonging, a network of support, and a shared vision for the future. When we work together, we create an environment that enriches not only the lives of our students but also every family connected to our school.

Beyond the physical improvements of the working bee, what stood out was the powerful example set by all of you as adults. Our children watched as parents, caregivers, teachers, and friends rolled up their sleeves and worked side-by-side for a common goal. This kind of role modelling is invaluable. It teaches our tamariki about teamwork, responsibility, and the satisfaction that comes from contributing to something larger than oneself. They learned that a great community doesn't just happen by chance; it's built through the deliberate effort, action, and contribution of its members.

This leads us to a crucial question: What kind of community do we want our children to build for their future? We want them to create communities where everyone feels valued, where helping hands are readily offered, and where challenges are met with collective strength. To achieve this, we must teach them the importance of contributing and normalise helping from a young age.

When we actively involve our children in community efforts, we instill in them the understanding that their actions have an impact. We show them that being a responsible citizen means giving back and supporting those around them. By making participation a natural and expected part of their lives, we empower them to become the kind of individuals who will, in turn, build strong, compassionate, and thriving communities for generations to come. If we want a truly great community, we all have a responsibility to build it.

Have a great long weekend!

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Growing Great People – Te Whakatipu Tangata



Ormond School FLAX Awards



RUIE

Welcome aboard our Kōwhai ship, Ruie! You're off to an awesome start.

You've got great manners on the mat, and we can really see how keen you are to learn and practice everything, like how fast you picked up writing your name! You're brilliant at following instructions, you are very respectful - following our class treaty by being kind. You always try your best, and you're super helpful too. This is a fantastic start to your learning journey, Ruie.

Keep up that great work!



JULIUS

Julius, what a great week you have had in Karaka! You have had a can-do attitude, persevering with your learning until you have got it! I am super impressed with the amazing writing you have produced, full of description and detail - it is so exciting to read! Not only are you flying high with your learning, you are also leading our class Dojo points, showing what a Powerful Superhero you can be in our class. Ka pai tō mahi Julius, keep up the good work!



DARCEE

Darcee you are a kind and caring member of Pohutukawa. You will stay focused on your tasks and are always ready to help others. You are a role model for the other learners in our class with the focus you have. You are becoming more confident at sharing ideas with the class which is so great to see. You know that a good learning spot makes all the difference for you and others.

Keep your positive attitude and effort going Darcee.

You are soaring to the moon, Tu meke!!!!



ELLUSION

Ellusion you have been a superstar this week! You have been deeply engaged with your literacy learning and shown us that you can blend sounds together to read words and put sounds together to write words. Kōkā Suellen and I have been super impressed with your positivity towards your reading and the number of books you have read this week! Ka pai tō mahi!

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 5 KARAKA

HOUSE POINTS:

1st: **Waipaoa**

2nd: **Ahititi**

3rd: **Horouta**

4th: **Takitimu**

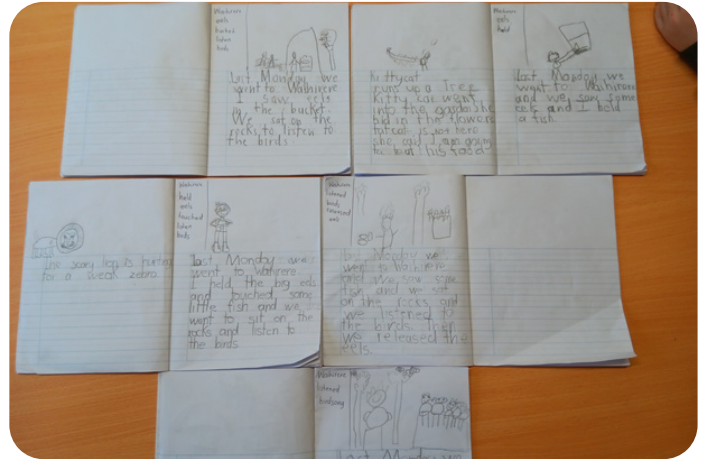
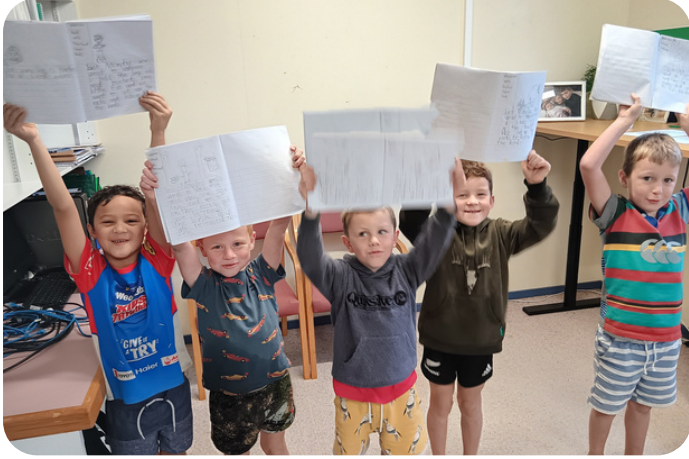


Ormond School Learning in Action





Ormond School Extra Curricular





Ormond School NOTICES & UPDATES

KEY DATES DATES TERM 2

- 2nd June – King's Birthday Holiday
- 4th June – Wai connection stream visit
- 16th June – BOT Meeting
- 18th June – Inter School Rugby 7s
- 19th June – Kura Matariki Celebration
- 20th June – Matariki Holiday
- 27th June – Teacher Only 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.

SICK OF RUSHING? AFTER SCHOOL CARE NOW AVAILABLE

Tired of rushing around, picking up kids from here, there and everywhere? Take the pressure off, get some space, or even enjoy some 'me' time – while your kids play with their mates and enjoy themselves for an hour after school. Check out the link below for information on our After School Care program – starting on Monday the 26th of May.

[CLICK HERE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON OUR AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME](#)

WINTER SPORTS DRAWS

Football & Rugby start this term. The draw for each week can be found on each sporting bodies website – and usually their FaceBook pages. Please see the direct links below:

Football: Central Football Website
Rugby: Rugby Explorer App

STREAMLINING COMMUNICATION

As communicated in term one, moving forward – all communication regarding your child's learning will be via the SeeSaw platform.

All other communication regarding administration, events, sports, opportunities etc will be via our Skool Loop platform / app or email.