



Ormond School Newsletter

12th December 2025
Week 10 Term 4

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

As we near the final school bell of the year, there is a lot for us to be proud of and grateful for at Ormond school. This newsletter marks our last communication of 2025, and it is dedicated to saying thank you and wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

To our incredible students—the heart and soul of our school: You have once again amazed us. Whether you achieved academic milestones, excelled on the sports field, discovered a new passion in the arts, or simply showed kindness to a peer, you have brought energy and positivity to our classrooms every day. We have watched you embrace challenges, demonstrate resilience, and grow in remarkable ways. We are so proud of the young people you are becoming, and we cannot wait to see the great things you will achieve next year. Enjoy this well-deserved break!

To our phenomenal staff: Thank you for your unwavering commitment and tireless efforts. Being an educator, or working in a school context, is more than a job; it is a calling, and you answer that call with passion, creativity, and dedication. This year, you navigated complex challenges, created excited learners, and ensured that every student felt seen, supported, and challenged. The progress we celebrate is a direct result of the hours you spend planning, mentoring, and pouring your hearts into your work. Each and everyone of you have gone above and beyond your official job descriptions and that is what makes our school thrive.

To our parents and caregivers: Education is a partnership, and your support is the foundation of our success. Thank you for the trust you place in us, for attending parent-teacher interviews, for assisting with class excursions, for volunteering at events, and for encouraging a love of learning at home. Your engagement and belief in our mission to "Grow great people" makes a significant difference. We are grateful for your continuous partnership.

To our devoted School Board Members: Thank you for your vision, strategic guidance, and countless hours dedicated to ensuring the long-term health and stability of our school. Your leadership allows us to plan for a bright future.

Finally, to our Wider Community: Thank you for your ongoing commitment. Whether you are a local business sponsoring an event, a community organization providing resources, or a neighbour offering a helping hand, your support enriches the educational experience of every child here. Your involvement truly makes us a community school.

As we reflect on the successes of 2025, we are energized for the new year ahead.

For now, I wish you and your loved ones a safe, happy and restorative holiday season. Please take time to relax, recharge, and enjoy the magic of Christmas and New Year's.

Travel safely, cherish the moments, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for an exciting year on Monday the 9th of February.

Nga mihi nui,

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Growing Great People – Te Whakatipu Tangata



Te Ako Mahi

Learning in Action

Learning Enquiry – Kaitiaki of our community

A Huge Thank You to Our Amazing Supporters!

We are so grateful to all our whānau who generously donated brand-new items for our hospital boxes. Your kindness helps bring comfort and joy to families when they need it most.

A special thank you to The Warehouse Gisborne for their incredible donation of \$500 worth of presents your support makes a huge difference! We also want to acknowledge Bea Tomlinson for her outstanding dedication and leadership in running this project. Bea, your hard work and heart have been truly inspiring.

We also want to celebrate our Pōhutukawa tamariki, who showed wonderful kaitiaki of the community by donating canned goods and pre-loved toys to the Salvation Army. Their generosity and community spirit remind us what giving is all about.

Thank you all for helping us support our community in such meaningful and heartfelt ways. ★



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Ormond School Prize Giving 2025

Congratulations to our Ormond School 'Great People' for term four. These outstanding individuals have been stepping up and stepping out of their comfort zone, consistently demonstrating the Ormond School School values and Learner Qualities. Ka mau te wehi!!

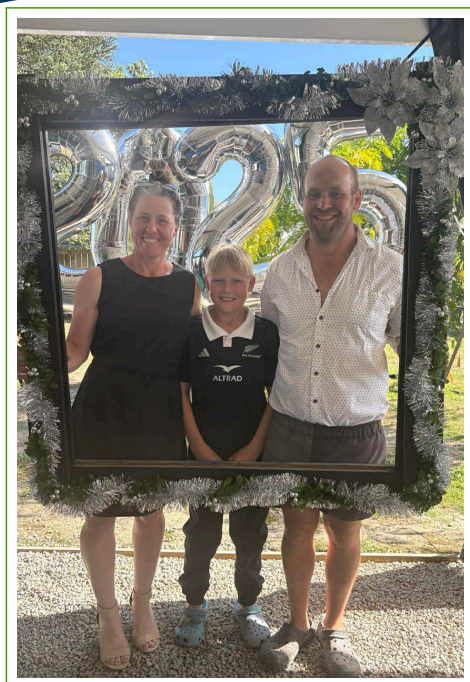




Wharautanga Taapiri

Extra-Curricular

Year 6 Leavers 2025





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Notices & Updates

KEY DATES TERM 4

- 15th December Kiwa Pools Day
- 16th December: Last Day / Water Fun day / finish 12:30pm

TERM 1, 2026:

- Our School office will be open Wednesday the 4th and Thursday the 5th Feb.
- Stationary packs will be available to pick up from Office Products depot from mid Jan onwards.
- TERM #1 = Monday 9th of Feb – Thursday 2nd of April.

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

2026 TERM DATES

School office open Wednesday the 4th and Thursday the 5th Feb.

TERM #1 = Monday the 9th of Feb – Thursday the 2nd of April.

TERM #2 = Monday the 20th of April – Friday the 3rd of July.

TERM #3 = Monday the 20th of July – Friday the 25th of September.

TERM #4 = Monday the 12th of October – Friday the 18th of December.

HOLIDAY SWIM LESSONS AVAILABLE.

Swim coach Toni Durston who has been working with our students and families across term four, will be offering a holiday program for swim lessons if there is enough interest from our community.

The program is scheduled for the following dates / blocks of dates:

#1 = 17th, 18th, 19th Dec: 9:00–1:00pm.

#2 = 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th Jan: 9:00–1:00pm.

Children would swim everyday at allotted times – please contact Toni directly if you wish to book a spot for your child – or would like further information 0275131888.

The cost is as follows (lessons are 30min):

4 children = \$10 per child / 3 children = \$11 per child / 2 children = \$15 per child / 1 child = \$30



Ngā Kaitautoko Kura Sponsors: Ngā mihi!



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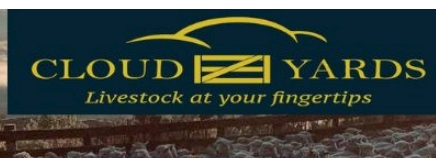
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