



Ormond School Newsletter

13th February 2026
Week 1 Term 1

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

Welcome back! It has been great to catch up this week with all our students and families and hear about your awesome summer adventures. It sounds like there were some pretty special memories made across December and January.

A very warm welcome to our new families—it is great to have you part of the Ormond School community. We know that starting at a new school can be a big transition, so please don't hesitate to reach out to our staff if you have any questions or queries.

Our Learning focus

Our staff have been working hard over the past few weeks to ensure we are well-organised for an exciting term of learning. Our term inquiry focus is "The Magic of Learning: How do I learn best?". Students will be exploring how learning happens and what they need to bring to achieve to their potential. Classes will be specifically investigating the Key Competencies of the New Zealand Curriculum and how these capabilities enable us to learn effectively across curriculum and context. The five competencies are:

- **Thinking** Using creative and critical thought to make sense of information and solve problems. It involves being curious, reflecting on your learning, and asking "why" things work.
- **Using Language, Symbols, and Texts** Communicating and interpreting meaning through words, numbers, images, and body language. It is about mastering the tools we use to share ideas and understand the world around us.
- **Managing Self** Being a resourceful, reliable, and self-motivated person who can set and achieve goals. It involves having a "can-do" attitude and knowing how to manage your time and emotions.
- **Relating to Others** Interacting effectively and respectfully with diverse people in a wide range of situations. It focuses on active listening, seeing other perspectives, and working well within a team.
- **Participating and Contributing** Being an active, responsible member of a group, whether in a classroom or a community. It is about finding a sense of belonging and using your voice to make a positive difference.

Communication: Staying Connected

We want to ensure you are always in the loop. Our school communication is via the following platforms:

- **Seesaw:** This is your window into the classroom. Look here for learning updates, student projects, and direct messages from teachers.
- **Email:** We use this for "business" and logistics, specifically regarding extra-curricular opportunities and official notices.
- **Facebook:** Follow our page to see photos and highlights of the awesome things happening at our kura!
- **Weekly Newsletter:** A message from our Principal, current events, a celebration of the week, upcoming events and important announcements (this is sent via email each Friday).
- **Events:** The events for each term are listed in our weekly newsletter. Please check these out and schedule them into your calendar.
- **Note:** Please ensure the office has your current email address. We are also exploring an all in one school communication platform / app to streamline the above into one space - more information on this will be sent out later in the year.

We are incredibly excited about the year ahead. Our kura is a place where every child is encouraged to be their best self, and we look forward to seeing our students grow in confidence and strive to reach their potential across 2026.

I look forward to connecting with everyone at our upcoming Whānau Night in a few weeks - spread the word - and we will see you there!

Ngā mihi nui,

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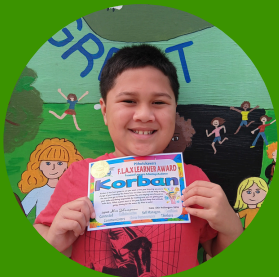
MADDY

Maddy, it has been great to see you settle back into Kōwhai so nicely after the holidays. I have been so impressed by how well you listen to instructions and your readiness to jump into learning whenever asked. I especially loved seeing your perseverance with the dominoes this week—even when they kept falling, you didn't give up and tried again and again. Keep up this fantastic positive attitude, Maddy, and you will find many more treasures in your learning!



ASIA

Asia, what an amazing start you have made to 2026 in Karaka! You have been an amazing role model for the new students in our class, leading by example with your mat manners, showing them what to do in our learning and being a kind, responsible and helpful member of our class. Always super respectful and a great self manager, we love seeing what a Powerful Learner Superhero you are Asia, ka pai tō mahi!



KORBAN

Korban it has been great to see you start a new year knowing you are in charge of your learning. You know how our class runs and are ready to help the new ones get to know the routines. You are staying more focused on your tasks and being responsible for making sure you are getting your mahi done. What a great start to the year, Korban keep that attitude going, aiming for the moon. Ka Mau te wehi!



SHAYNE-MARIE

Shayne-Marie, you have shown Ormond School exactly what a Year 6 student should be. In our very first week back, you have displayed a super positive attitude, given every challenge a go, and shown great respect to your teacher and classmates. Whāia e koe te iti kahurangi, ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei. Continue to pursue excellence!

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 1

Rimu

HOUSE POINTS:

**Friday 27th of Feb –
1st House comp: Tabloids**



Te Ako Mahi

Learning in Action

ITS GOOD TO BE BACK!

It has been a great first week back at school. Our students have been re-establishing friendships and catching up on one another's summer holiday adventures. Classes have been setting up expectations and routines for the year – so effective teaching and learning can be our focus in 2026. Brilliant energy, enthusiasm and attitudes!



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Marautanga Taapiri

Extra-Curricular

Welcome to our new Ormond School students

A huge welcome to all our new students and their families!

We are so excited to have you join us and become a part of the Ormond School whānau. We look forward to getting to know you, learning together, and sharing many great experiences throughout the year.

Welcome to our school community!

Back from left to right: Indy Wineti-Dalmon, Rylan Sadlier, Albie Cookson, Skylah Wharehinga-Tomoana, Shaun-Riley Hiroki.

Front from left to right: Briar Kennedy, Matilda Cumming, Thomas O'Sullivan, Storm Wharehinga-Tomoana, Baiyok Sawatsri.

Absent: Fergus Cribb





Nga Panui Nui

Notices & Updates

KEY DATES TERM 1

- Friday 27th of Feb – first House comp: Tabloids
- Monday 2nd March – Whānau night / meet the teacher – 5:00pm start.
- Wednesday 4th March – Interschool Cricket.
- Thursday 5th March – Ormond School Swimming Champs.
- Friday 13th March – Ormond School Triathlon
- Friday 13th March – Community working bee 3:00pm-6:00pm.
- Wednesday 18th March – Interschool Swimming.
- Wednesday 18th March and Thursday 19th March – Pohutukawa and Rimu Snorkeling experience.
- Wednesday 25th March – Interschool Triathlon.
- Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April – Aspiration hui / whānau and teacher.

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

AFTER SCHOOL CARE: TERM ONE

If you would like to sign on for our after school care services, please click on the doc below for all information.

[After School Care T1 2026](#)

SWIM LESSONS AVAILABLE.

Swim coach Toni Durston who has been working with our students and families in 2025, will be offering swim lessons again this year if there is enough interest from our community..

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

FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS.

Every Friday – Hot pies and Juicies are available to order for your child's lunch.

All proceeds / profits from this initiative go towards our Rimu Y5 & Y6 end of year camp.

In 2026 these will be ordered per term – rather than week to week.

If you would like to order your child/ren lunch each Friday, please fill out the google form below.

Please note that full payment must be received before lunches will be given to students.

[Friday Lunch Order T1 / 2026](#)

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