



Ormond School Newsletter

13th March 2026
Week 5 / Term 1

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

Over the last few weeks, our school has been a whirlwind of activity with swimming sports, cricket, and triathlons—and there is still more to come! These events are a highlight and showcase just how amazing our Ormond students are.

It's been fantastic to see such high participation rates and incredible effort across the board. More importantly, seeing the way our students support one another is great. Whether they are crossing the finish line or diving into the pool, our kids are overcoming challenges, building their self-esteem, and growing in confidence. A big thank you to our wonderful community. Whether you've helped with transport, jumped in as a marshal, or simply cheered loudly from the sidelines, your support makes these opportunities possible for our tamariki.

We are thrilled to announce the appointment of two new Teacher Aides who have joined the Ormond team over the past few weeks.

- Grace August – Working predominantly in Karaka.
- Toni Durston – Working predominantly in Kowhai.

Grace and Toni bring a wealth of enthusiasm to our school. They will be working alongside our classroom teachers to support our learning programs, help develop students' social and emotional skills, and provide the extra support needed to accelerate learning in literacy and maths. We are incredibly grateful to the School Board for their commitment to our students' success and for providing the resources to make these vital appointments happen. Welcome to the team, Grace and Toni!

Don't forget that next Friday is our School Whānau Night, Meet the Teacher, and Working Bee! This is a wonderful chance to connect, help freshen up our school environment, and get to know the staff.

- 3:00pm: Kick-off in the School Hall.
- Classroom visit and meet the teacher:
 - 3:15pm: Kowhai
 - 3:30pm: Karaka
 - 3:40pm: Pohutukawa
 - 3:50pm: Rimu
- 4:00pm – Working bee
- 6:00pm: Community BBQ / Kai

This evening will be flexible for people to attend what they wish and help with what they can contribute. There will be a bouncy castle on site, and the pool will be open for students to enjoy. We look forward to seeing you all there for a productive and fun afternoon!

Have a great weekend...

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Growing Great People – Te Whakatipu Tangata



Ormond School F.L.A.X Awards



FERGUS

Fergus, you showed such incredible resilience after a biking incident yesterday—it was impressive to see you bounce back so quickly! You bring that same 'never give up' attitude into the classroom every day, persevering with your tasks until you've mastered them. We have also been focusing on Relating to Others, and it's wonderful to see you sharing, waiting for your turn, and caring for your friends. We are so lucky to have such an amazing team player aboard our Kōwhai ship, Fergus. Ka mau te wehi!



COLE

Cole, you have had a brilliant start to 2026, showing you have all of the attributes of a Powerful Learner Superhero! I have been impressed with your focus and your positive attitude towards your learning, always working hard to complete your mahi to a high standard. I have also noticed what a kind and caring person you are, always willing to work with anyone and help teachers and classmates alike. Keep up your amazing attitude Cole, ka mau te wehi!



SAMEER

Sameer you have started your Year 3 journey with so much more focus and have shown you are ready to learn. You come in each day and get your learning tools ready for your mahi. You join in with group work and are always ready to share your ideas with them. These are 2 of the things we have been working on this term, Managing Self and Participating and Contributing. Well done. The moon and stars know you are heading their way. Keep going with this great attitude. Kau Mau te wehi - AWESOME



PIPPA

Pippa, you have shone this week by mastering our key competency focus: Participating and Contributing. You are a dedicated team player who is always happy to collaborate with others and contribute to group projects. This week, you pushed yourself well beyond your comfort zone by attending your first Aurora writing workshop and representing Ormond School in inter-school cricket. You consistently go above and beyond, most recently by organizing a camp raffle to sell at the Dog Trials this weekend.

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 5 KŌWHAI

HOUSE POINTS:
To be continued...



Te Ako Mahi

Learning in Action

KŌWHAI RELATING TO OTHERS – TEAMWORK

Kōwhai class has been learning how to relate to others and work together as a team. During a recent activity, students collaborated to build towers, sharing ideas, listening to one another, and helping their teammates. It was great to see everyone encouraging each other and using teamwork to solve problems and create their structures.





Marautanga Taapiri

Extra-Curricular

INTERSCHOOL CRICKET

Our Rimu students, along with some of our Pōhutukawa students, recently took part in interschool cricket. They gave it an awesome go and showed great enthusiasm throughout the day. It was fantastic to see everyone having fun, supporting their teammates, and learning more about how to play cricket. Ka pai to all of our players for their positive attitude and teamwork!





Te taenga atu Attendance

ATTENDANCE

A few newsletters ago, we outlined the importance of attendance and our attendance management plan – which sits alongside the Ministry of Education's STAR approach to raising attendance across NZ. The more students are absent from school, the less chance they have for success – especially within academic attainment.

This makes sense – as like any endeavor – if you are only completing 80% of the work needed on an on-going basis – you quickly fall behind and are constantly playing catch up. This is true for full day absence, and also constant late drop offs, or early pick ups.

With the MOE raising the bar with the new NZ curriculum – increasing what students should know and understand within each year group – it is especially important that children are at school as much as possible. Each week a report is generated which shows how our kura is doing in relation to the overall goal of having most students attend school at least 90% of the time. This has been attached below.

As part of the attendance initiative – when students move between the zones – green, yellow, orange and red – parents and caregivers will be receiving an email / letter outlining the worry about missed learning time, and the goal of improving attendance. These letters are templated via the MOE – but sent out by schools across the country. Please note that this response is aligned with students being Truant / or unexplained absence – so if your child's absence has been explained to the office, you may not receive one – however we may still contact you to discuss reasoning etc. Each zone below initiates a different response – these responses are outlined in our AMP – which if you didn't see it a few weeks back – is linked here:

[Ormond school AMP](#)

If you receive an email / letter about attendance – it is not us trying to make things difficult – but rather an attempt to work together to increase attendance of your child, so they can learn and grow to their full potential in our school setting.

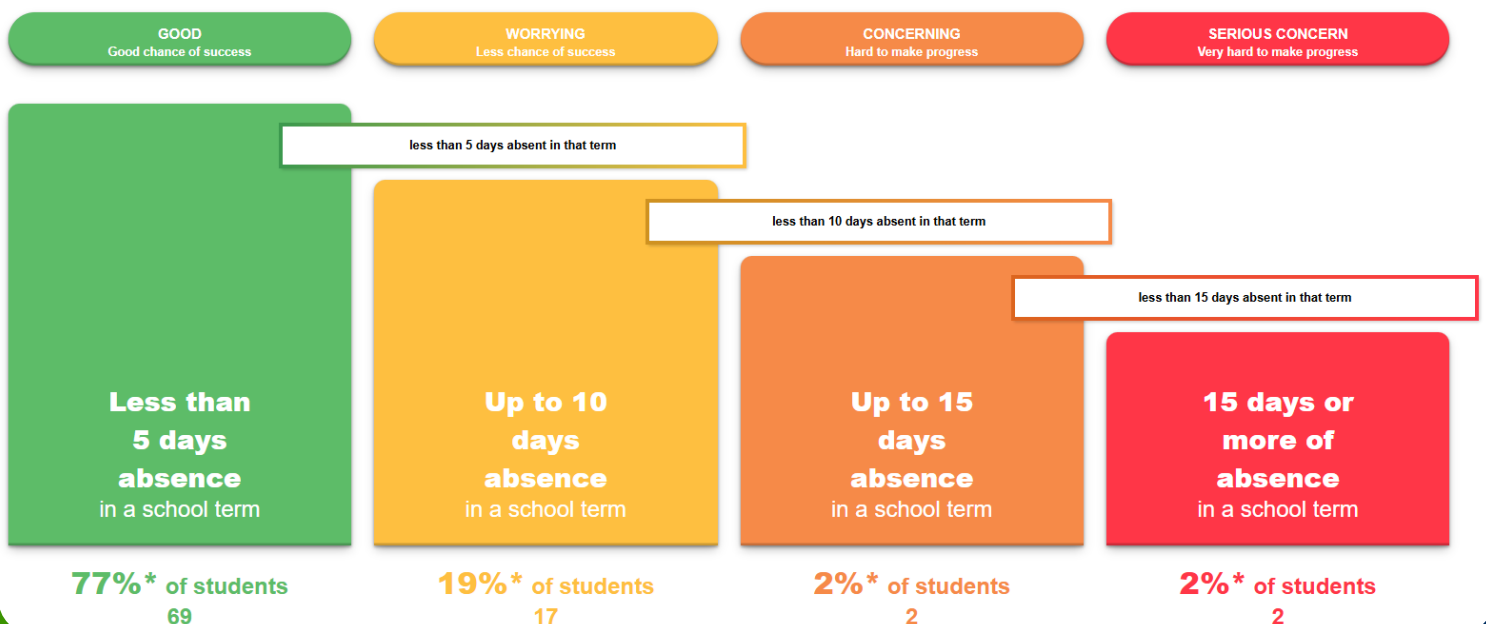
Let's get our kids to school and get them learning!

ATTENDANCE TO DATE FOR TERM 1 2026

Stepped Attendance Response - STAR

Responding to all absences

The Government's target is for **80% of students to attend regularly**, that is to attend school more than **90% of the time**.





Nga Panui Nui

Notices & Updates

KEY DATES TERM 1

- Friday 20th March - Community working bee / meet the teacher / whanau BBQ 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.
- Monday 30th March - School Board meeting.
- 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

HEADLICE / NITS / KUTUS

Hi everyone, just a quick heads-up that we have had a few cases of head lice (nits) reported at the school. Please take a moment to check your child's hair at home.

We have a couple of bottles of nit shampoo available in the office. If you would like one, please come and see Ash. There is a limited amount available, so it will be first in, first served.

Thanks for your help in keeping this under control.

HOCKEY

PB Hockey are running a 'Give it a go day'. If you are interested in your child be involved in this - please click into the following link to access the information and sign them up!

[PBH Give it a go!](#)

FRIDAY 20th MARCH

Please book this date into your calendars. This will be a combined meet the teacher / working bee / family BBQ afternoon / evening. Details on how it will run will be communicated in our next newsletter.



REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR NGATAPA NIPPERS!

If your child is interested in playing rugby, netball or football (soccer), you can now register at **ngatapa.co.nz**



Junior Rugby Registrations:

Jess Claffey: jessclaffey@gmail.com



Junior Netball Registrations:

Helena Connon: helenaconnon@gmail.com



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