



Ormond School Newsletter

1st of May 2026
Week 12 Term 2

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

Week two has come and gone, and we are well underway with our learning journey!

Increasing learning capability is a major focus of our strategic plan, and we are looking to maximize learning time across the board for all our students. This was the primary driver of our Term One inquiry, where students explored how they learn best, which habits and behaviors enhance learning versus those that inhibit it, and how the Key Competencies can be used to increase learning across all contexts.

As we transition into Term Two, we are excited to launch our new inquiry focus: "The Magic of Learning: Oral Language". This unit is designed to help students develop a deep, lasting grasp of several Enduring Understandings:

- Oral language has been a way of passing down knowledge, information, and stories since time began.
- Oral language supports and underpins all learning.
- The way we speak has an impact on others.

These are not just classroom concepts that exist only at school; they are life skills that enhance learning in any context. By mastering the art of oral communication, students gain the confidence to share their ideas and the clarity to process the ideas of others.

As part of the unit, students will be investigating the following questions to bridge the gap between theory and practice:

- In what ways has history been passed down through generations?
- What stories/pūrākau do our parents know that we know?
- How does oral language support reading, writing and all learning?
- How does my delivery affect what I say / my message to the intended audience?

By focusing on these core elements of communication, we are giving our students the keys to unlock higher levels of achievement across the entire curriculum. We look forward to seeing—and hearing—the "Magic of Learning" in action!

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RYLAN

Ka pai Rylan on a great start to Term 2! We have noticed that you are participating more and more in your learning, tackling challenges with a 'can-do' attitude. This was evident in Maths this week when you focused on your mahi and used the number line on the wall to help you. You are also a very kind member of our pirate crew and we love having you on board our ship! Ka mau te wehi, Rylan!



LEVI

Levi, we have been working extra hard on your reading, especially on your fluency and you have risen to the challenge, showing what a capable learner you are. It is great to see how proud you are when you are successful. You bring great energy to the class, enjoy learning collaboratively with your friends and you always help others. When it is time to pack up, you are a big help, especially with our literacy activities. Your enthusiasm for everything you do makes you a Powerful Learner Superhero. Keep up your positive attitude Levi, ka pai tō mahi!



JULIUS

Julius you have started Term 2 in such a positive way. You are ready to listen to instructions and are making good choices about where you sit so that you are not distracted by others. You give challenges a go and ready to show your skills in whatever we are doing. Your skipping ability is great and others are wanting to learn off you. This is being a Powerful Ormond School learner who is showing all the KC's. Watch out stars and moon, Julius is heading your way! Tū Meke.



RYDER

Ryder, you have been a standout this week! It has been fantastic to see your increased focus and dedication toward your classroom learning. You showed self-management while planning fundraising activities for camp, proving you have the organization skills to match your big ideas. On the sports field, you embodied the spirit of a team player during the Rippa Rugby tournament. Not only did you show off your skills by scoring some fantastic tries, but your willingness to sub off and give your teammates a turn showed great sportsmanship. Mauri mahi, mauri ora!

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 2 KARAKA

HOUSE POINTS:

- 1st – Horouta
- 2nd – Waipaoa
- 3rd – Takitimu
- 4th – Ahititi



Te Ako Mahi

Learning in Action

ANZAC: THROUGH LEARNING WE REMEMBER.

Our school community came together to honour ANZAC Day with a meaningful week of learning and reflection. Throughout the week, our tamariki explored the significance of ANZAC Day, gaining an understanding of its history and the importance of remembrance. As part of their learning, students created beautiful wreaths and took part in discussions about service and sacrifice.

We marked the occasion with a special memorial assembly, where the flag was respectfully flown at half-mast. This was a time for our kura to come together, reflect, and pay tribute to those who have served and continue to serve. We are proud of the thoughtful and respectful way our tamariki engaged in this important commemoration.





Marautanga Taapiri

Extra-Curricular

RIPPA RUGBY - INTER-SCHOOL EVENT

Our Year 5 and 6 students recently took part in the inter-school Rippa Rugby tournament, enjoying a fantastic day filled with energy, teamwork, and plenty of impressive “rips” on the field. It was great to see such enthusiasm and sportsmanship from all involved. A big thank you goes to Claire Bayliss and Tom Scott for coaching our teams and supporting the students throughout the day. We also extend our sincere appreciation to our parent helpers without your support, events like this simply wouldn’t be possible. Ngā mihi nui.





Te taenga atu Attendance

ATTENDANCE

The more students are absent from school, the less chance they have for success – especially within academic attainment.

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 contacted by their child's teacher to check in and have a korero. Some may also receive 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).
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 call, email or 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.

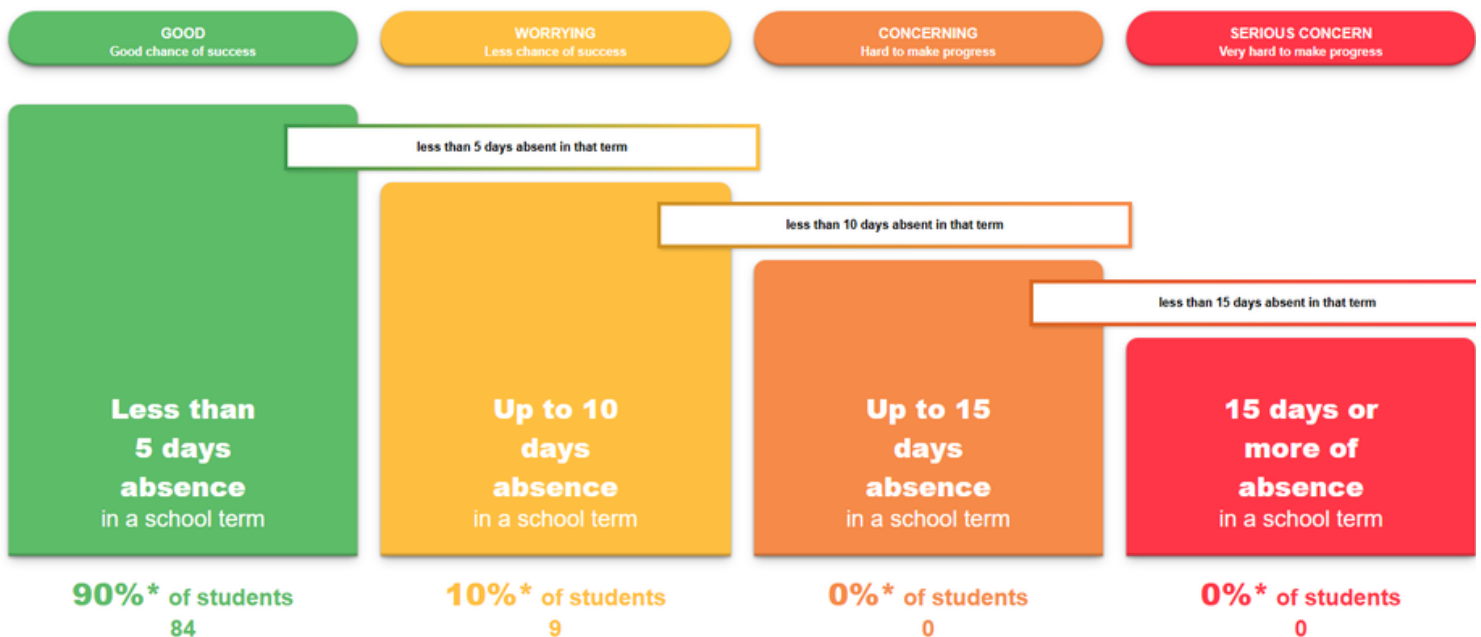
Let's get our kids to school and get them learning!

ATTENDANCE TO DATE FOR TERM 2 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 2

- 4th May - Weetbix Try at Makauri School
- 8th May - She & Me (Mothers Day) 1:30pm start.
- 8th May - Wheels day Morning tea & Lunch time.
- 11th May - BOT Meeting
- 13th May - Inter school football
- 15th May - Pink Shirt day (gold coin donation)
- 20th May - Gymnastics festival
- 29th May - Inquiry learning celebration - all whanau welcome - 1:15pm start.
- 1st June Kings Birthday Holiday
- 3rd June - Fast 5 Netball Tournament
- 17th June - Inter school Rugby 7s
- 22nd June - BOT Meeting
- 2nd July - Rural schools Matariki whanau celebration - 5:00pm @ Makauri

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

CAR POOL

If you are interested in networking with other parents / whanau regarding car pooling too and from school, please fill out the google form below (Car Pool: Indication of interest).

Please note that this will be a networking kaupapa between families in the community - not a school run initiative. This is due only to the school being unable hold no responsibility for adults driving students too and from school, or the condition of vehicles / registrations / WOFs or safety.

We are simply looking to support our families by collating names and contacts to get the kaupapa up and running between community members.

Once information is collated, we will send a spreadsheet of interested people, with contact details out to each person who is keen to be involved. From here, people can then network together directly to develop a car pooling system.

[Car Pool: Indication of interest](#)



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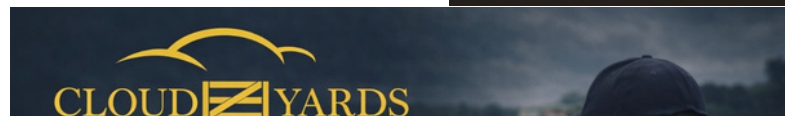
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