



Ormond School Newsletter

8th of May 2026
Week 3 Term 2

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

Week 3 of Term 2 has been full of excitement, learning, and plenty of opportunities for our tamariki to get involved across the kura!

On Monday, many of our students took part in the Weet-Bix Tryathlon. It was fantastic to see our tamariki showing determination, resilience, and giving everything a go. We are very proud of everyone who participated and represented our kura so well.

Across the school, students have also been busy preparing for the upcoming Gymnastics Festival. There has been lots of practising, teamwork, and encouragement as students build their confidence and skills.

This week, Mana Aki has been working alongside our senior classes. These sessions provide valuable learning opportunities and support for our students, and it has been wonderful seeing our tamariki engaging positively and getting involved.

A reminder for whānau, if your child plays rugby on the school field during morning tea or lunchtime, please ensure they bring and wear their mouthguard each day. Keeping our tamariki safe while they enjoy playing sport is very important.

Mr Hooks, Koka Ange, and Koka Grace have been away sick this week, so I (Ash) have had the pleasure of writing the newsletter blurb today. We hope they are all feeling much better soon and look forward to having them back at kura.

As we head into the weekend, we would also like to wish all our amazing mums, nans, aunties, and special mother figures a very happy Mother's Day. Our tamariki have been working very hard to create special little gifts for you all, and we hope you enjoy them as much as the children enjoyed making them.

Ngā mihi nui,
Ash



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HENRY

Welcome aboard the Kōwhai ship, Henry! You have had an incredible start to your learning journey at Ormond School. You are already jumping in and getting stuck into all our activities, contributing your ideas to the rest of the shipmates. You think carefully about your learning, ask great questions, and work well with everyone while managing yourself. Look at you... already displaying the Key Competencies! I can't wait to see the treasures you will discover this year. Ka mau te wehi, Henry!



SHAUN-RILEY

Shaun, starting a new journey at a new school can be a big step, but you have settled in beautifully and become a vital part of our Karaka team. You show great manners and kindness to everyone around you. You are working so hard on your learning this term! We are so proud of how you are practising all of your new sounds, making big steps forward in your reading and using what you know to help with your writing. Keep using your learning superpowers, Shaun, tino pai rawa atu!



TOM

Tom is is so great to see you taking charge of your learning. If there is something you can do at home you are onto it. This shows you are able to manage yourself to get the best out of your learning. You give everything 100% and going into the Learning Pit is something you relish. At the Weetbix Try you just kept on going!. You are someone who doesn't need to follow others, you make your own pathway. Keep this attitude going

Tom, it is who you are!

The stars and moon know you are heading their way Tom!

Ka mau te wehi



DAISY

No matter the distractions around her, Daisy always stays focused and committed to her work. With high expectations to live up to, especially with Koka Ange as her mum, she never lets pressure stand in her way. Daisy is an absolute pleasure to be around, and no matter the task she is given, she approaches it with enthusiasm, determination, and always gives her very best. She consistently gets the job done to an amazing standard and is a true role model in Rimu. We can't wait to see all that you achieve in the future, Daisy!

Mauri mahi, mauri ora!

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 3 Pōhutukawa

HOUSE POINTS:

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



Te Ako Mahi

Learning in Action

Mindfulness with Mana Aki

We are very lucky to have Mana Aki come in and teach us mindfulness through exercise. Their sessions help us build confidence, stay active, and learn important skills for looking after both our bodies and minds. We always enjoy the positive energy and encouragement they bring, and we are grateful for the opportunities they provide for our students.



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Marautanga Taapiri

Extra-Curricular

WEETBIX KIDS TRY CHALLENGE

On Monday, students from Ormond School took part in the Weet-Bix TRY Challenge held at Makauri School. Students tackled a fun and challenging obstacle course, showing great determination and enthusiasm throughout the session. It was wonderful to see everyone encouraging each other, getting involved, and having lots of fun while representing our school with pride!





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.

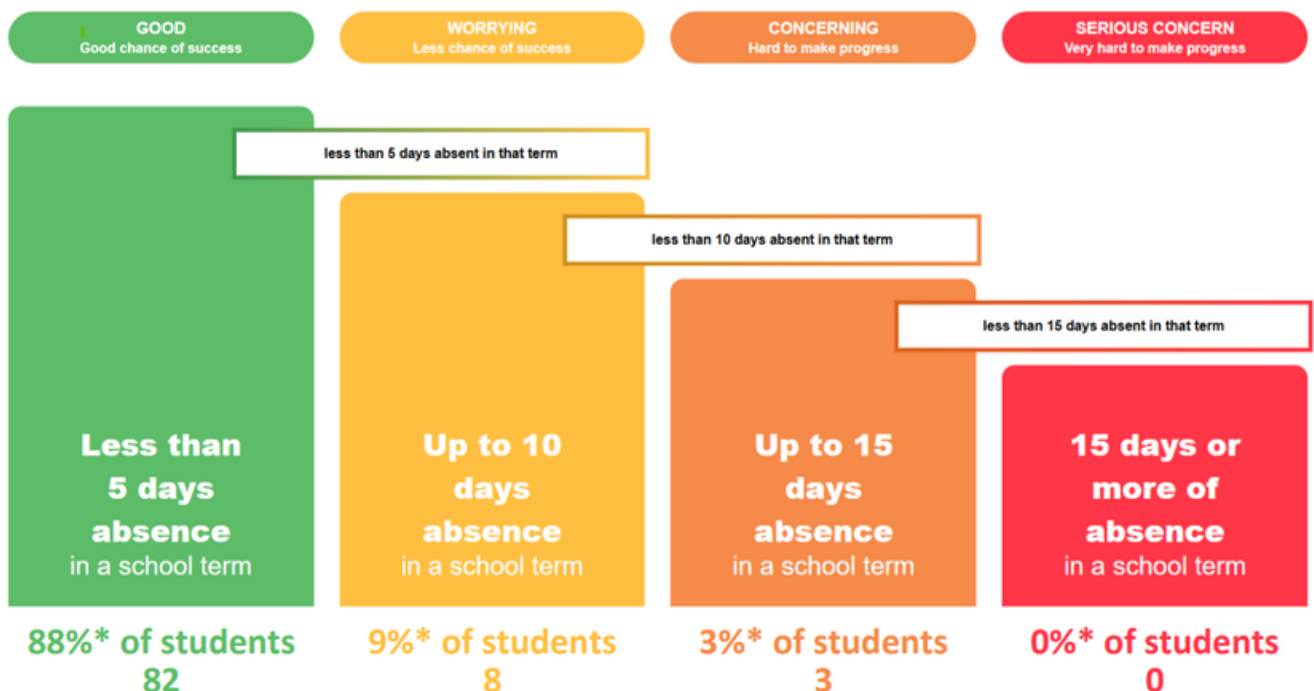
Let's get our kids to school and get them learning!

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

- 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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