



# Ormond School Newsletter

22nd of May 2026  
Week 5 Term 2

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

As we come to the end of another busy week, I want to take a moment to focus on a group of people who have an immense positive impact at our school and who are essential members of our team. Last week was Support Staff Week, and it was a great opportunity to recognize the team members who work behind the scenes to make everything run smoothly at Ormond.

They are Mrs T, Ash, Mike, Koka Grace and Koka Toni.

While much of their work happens out of the direct spotlight, their impact is felt in every classroom. They make sure our students are supported and our school is a great place to be. Their roles are all different, but they share the same goal: helping our students to thrive.

Some of their combine roles are:

- **Supporting Learning:** They work closely with teachers to help deliver learning programs. Whether they are working one-on-one with a student who needs extra help or teaching small groups, they make sure no one is left behind.
- **Wellbeing and Care:** They play a huge role in the social and emotional side of school life. They are often the first people there when a student needs a bit of encouragement, a safe place to talk, or help navigating a friendship issue.
- **Making Events Happen:** From Pet day, school discos and school community events to fundraising and extra-curricular opportunities, our support staff are often the driving force behind making these happen. They do the extras that turn a good idea into a great experience for the kids.
- **Building Relationships:** They are the friendly faces in the front office and in the hallways. They build strong, genuine connections with students, parents, and teachers, which helps our school feel like a real community.

A lot of what our support staff does is the "unseen". It's the prep work before the school day starts, the organization of resources and logistics, and the constant flexibility and problem-solving that happens throughout the week.

When things at school seem to happen automatically, it's usually because a member of our support team has put in a lot of effort to make it look easy. This extra work doesn't go unnoticed by the leadership team or the teaching staff.

To our support staff: We see the effort you put in. We see the way you go the extra mile to help our students, the patience you show during busy times, and the pride you take in our school.

We are very grateful for your hard work and your dedication. Our school simply wouldn't function without you, and it certainly wouldn't be the welcoming place it is today.

Please join me this week in saying a quick "thank you" to our support team when you see them around...

Ngā mihi nui,

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# Ormond School F.L.A.X Awards



## EVELYN-SPENCER

Ka pai, Evelyn-Spencer, on a fantastic week of learning! You have taken such great care in learning your gymnastics routines, and it was wonderful to see you perform with such confidence in front of a large audience. This positive attitude is just as noticeable in the classroom, where you often strive to do your best. A standout example of this was the incredible effort you put into copying a page of your reader; your handwriting was beautiful, and the quality of your drawing was excellent.

Keep up the amazing work, Evelyn-Spencer. Ka pai tō mahi!



## HUNTER

Hunter, this week we want to congratulate you for your effort and attitude at the Gymnastics Festival! You worked really hard practising the routines at school and we are proud of how you have persevered to be able to do a forward roll. You took on every challenge with a big smile, were a wonderful leader of our boys and gave everything your very best. We see this perseverance and positive attitude coming through in your learning as well Hunter – keep this up and you will continue to be a Powerful Learner Superhero! He whetu koe!



## QUINN

What a start you have had to your schooling at Ormond, Quinn. You have fitted in with ease and have rekindled old friendships from kindy. You take changes and challenges in your stride and are always ready for the next one. You are kind and ready to help others with their mahi or tasks they can't yet do, like skipping. You are a self manager and are ready each day for your learning, that's the making of a Powerful Ormond School Learner!

Watch out stars and moon, Quinn is heading your way! Tū Meke.



## OTTO

Otto, this week you have demonstrated outstanding focus, leadership, and talent! You have shown dedication to your learning by listening closely to instructions for learning tasks and giving your best effort in every check-in. You have been a responsible role model and are always ready to support your peers with their learning. To top it off, you gave a truly spectacular performance with the rhythmic gymnastics squad. Mauri mahi, mauri ora!

## TIDY KIWI – WEEK 5 Karakara

### HOUSE POINTS:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Horouta
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Waipaoa
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Takitimu
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Ahititi



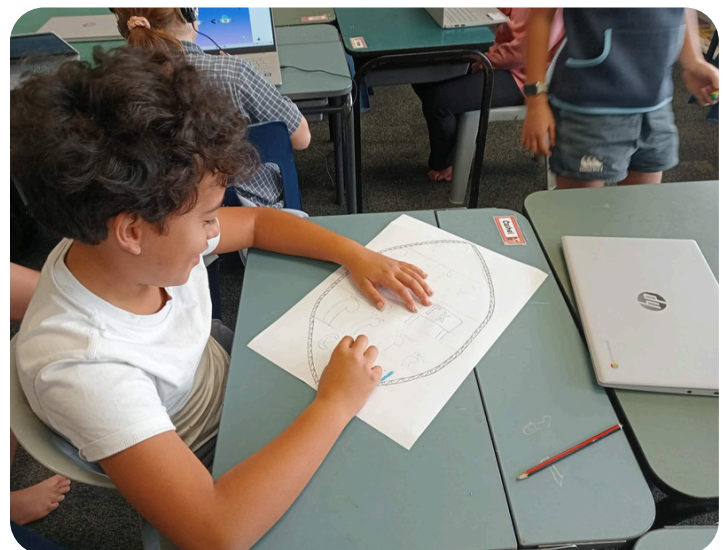
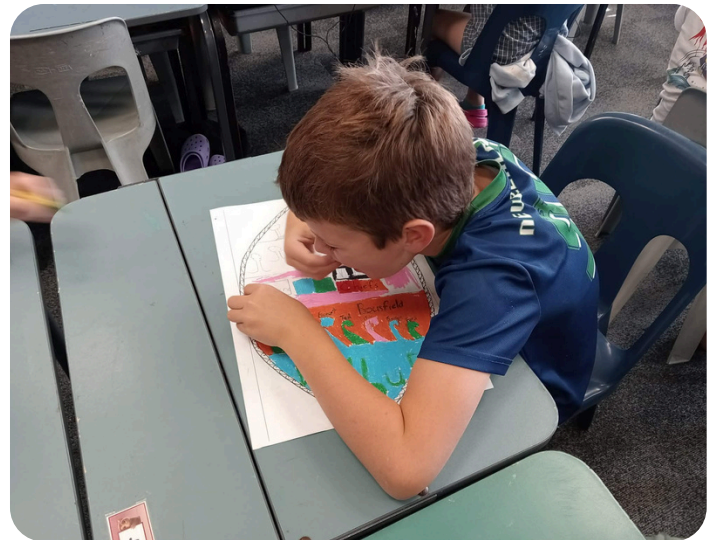


**Te Ako Mahi**

# Learning in Action

## Learning Inquirey – Oral Language

Rimu class has been proudly creating their own visual pepeha as part of their learning with Koka Casey. The students explored the meaning and importance of pepeha and learnt how it helps us share who we are, where we come from, and the connections that are special to us. They carefully designed and created visual displays that reflect their identity, whanau, and surroundings. Over the past few weeks, the students have also been learning to confidently say their pepeha orally off by heart. Each student presented their pepeha in front of the class, showing great courage, pride, and confidence. It has been wonderful to see the students supporting one another and growing in their understanding of te ao Māori and their own sense of identity. We are incredibly proud of the effort and enthusiasm Rimu has shown throughout this learning journey.



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# Marautanga Taapiri

## Extra-Curricular

### Gymnastics Festival

On Wednesday, some of our students competed in the gymnastics competition. Everyone gave it their very best, and it was an awesome day filled with great sportsmanship and effort.

A very special thank you goes to Sarah Charteris, who came to school every week to train our rhythmic gymnastics team. What an incredible team they were !! Coming away with 1st place and putting on an outstanding performance! This would not have been possible without Sarah's dedication and support, so thank you very much. The kids absolutely loved it!





# 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.

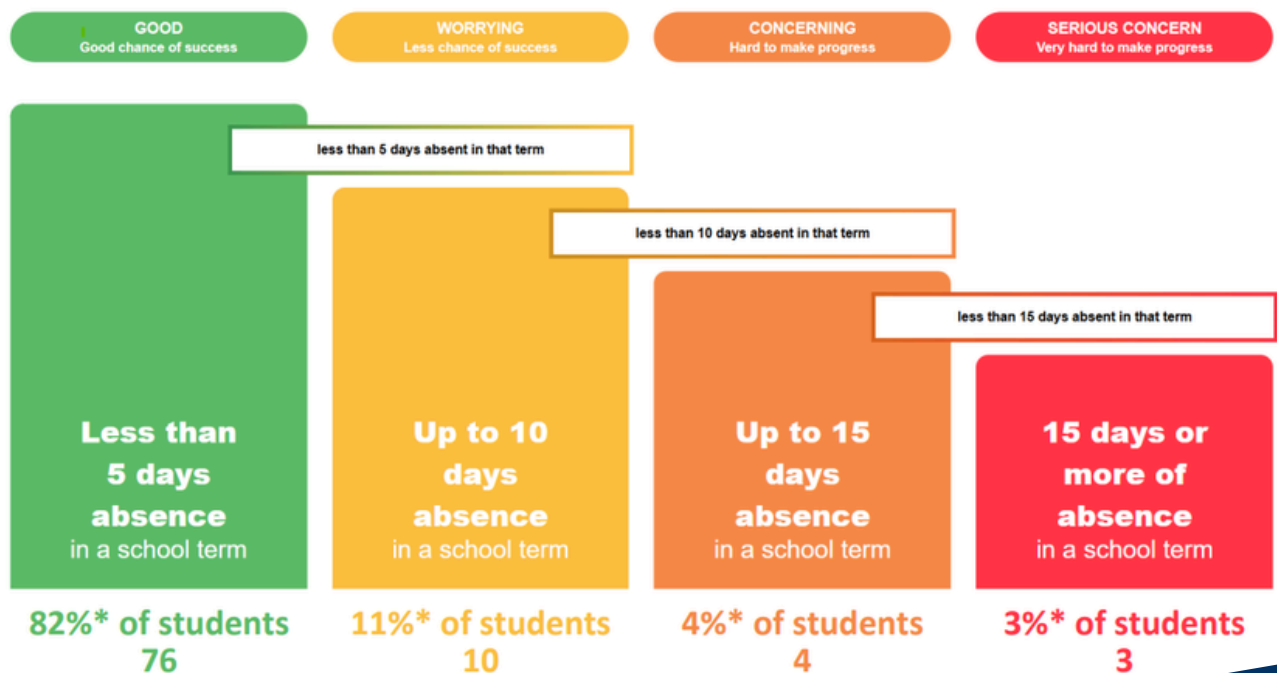
Let's get our kids to school and get them learning!

## 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

- 29th May - Inquiry learning celebration - all whanau welcome - 1:15pm start.
- 1<sup>st</sup> June - Kings Birthday Holiday
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Fast 5 Netball Tournament
- 18th June - Mid Year Reports sent home
- 22nd June - BOT Meeting
- 22nd-23rd June - Parent / Teacher learning hui.
- 2nd July - Rural schools Matariki whanau celebration - 5:30pm @ 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

### SICKNESS

If your child is ill, please keep them home. This ensures they recover quickly and the germs do not spread across the school. if they have a vomiting bug please keep them home 48hrs after last vomit  
Thank you.

### Kutus / Nits / Headlice

We have plenty of Nit shampoo available in the office if your child has Nits and you would like some shampoo pop in and see Ash.

Over the weekend can everybody please check you tamarikis hair so we can avoid the spread.  
Thank you.





Nga Panui Nui

# Notices & Updates

## MATARIKI COMMUNITY EVENT



*Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup>*

PLEASE MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

This will be our school Matariki celebration for 2026. We are joining Makauri and Makaraka with a 3 way community celebration (Makaraka joining in 2027) – which will rotate from school to school on an annual basis. It is about bringing our communities together under the three key themes of Matariki – *Remembrance*, *Celebrating the Present*, and *Looking to the Future*.



A BBQ SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
WILL BE PROVIDED

THIS YEAR **MAKAURI** WILL HOST.



5:30PM EVENT STARTS



FOLLOWED BY KAI



KEY KARAKIA  
AND KÖRERO FROM MAHAKI



COMMUNITY BONFIRE



PRESENTATION OF TONGA  
BETWEEN OUR SCHOOLS



### REMEMBRANCE

Honouring those  
who have passed  
and our stories.



### CELEBRATING THE PRESENT

Acknowledging  
the people and  
blessings in our  
lives today.



### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Aspiring for our  
tamariki and  
the generations  
to come.



MAKAURI



MAKARAKA

*Ngā hapori, kotahi te whetū  
Three communities, one star*



Ngā Kaitautoko Kura

Sponsors: Ngā mihi!



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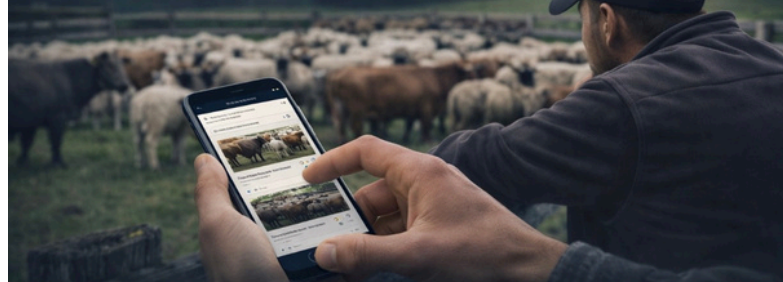
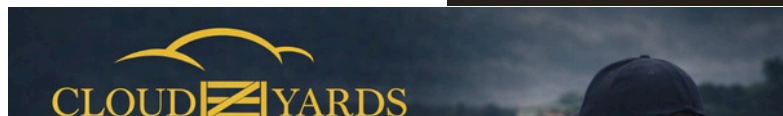
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