



Ormond School Newsletter

19th June 2025
Week 8 | Term 2

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

Cyber Safety and Keeping Our Kids Safe Online.

Whether your children are already navigating online platforms and social media, or if this is something they will encounter in the future, our shared goal is to equip them with the knowledge and skills to do so safely and responsibly. We want all our students to understand what it means to be a respectful digital citizen – someone who contributes positively to online spaces and leaves a constructive "digital footprint" with every interaction.

This week we have Tony Scragg from Fusion networks and Constable Dana Hooks pop in to speak with our senior classes about how to stay safe online. They outlined a number of practical steps that can ensure positive experiences online.

Ways Family Can Help Educate Students on Digital Safety:

- **Open and Ongoing Conversations:** Talk to your children regularly about their online activities. Ask them what platforms they're using, who they're interacting with, and what kind of content they're seeing. Create an environment where they feel comfortable coming to you with any concerns or uncomfortable experiences.
- **Understand the Platforms:** Take the time to learn about the social media platforms and online games your children are interested in. Many platforms have age restrictions & safety features that you should be aware of.
- **Discuss Digital Footprints:** Explain that everything they do and say online leaves a permanent record – a digital footprint. Help them understand that this footprint can impact their future opportunities, both positive and negative.
- **Emphasise Critical Thinking:** Teach them to question what they see and read online. Not everything is true, and not everyone online is who they say they are.
- **Promote Empathy and Respect:** Remind them that there's a real person behind every screen. Encourage them to be kind, respectful, and thoughtful in their online interactions, just as they would be in person.
- **Privacy Settings and Personal Information:** Educate them on the importance of privacy settings and never sharing personal information with strangers online.
- **Recognise and Report:** Teach them how to identify suspicious behaviour, inappropriate content, or cyberbullying, and empower them to report it to an adult.

Practical Steps to Put in Place at Home Around Digital Use:

- **Establish Clear Family Rules:** Work together as a family to create clear, age-appropriate rules for device use, screen time, and online activities.
- **Designate Tech-Free Zones and Times:** Implement rules like "no devices at the dinner table" or "all screens off an hour before bedtime." This promotes family connection and healthy sleep habits.
- **Co-View and Co-Play:** Engage with your children in their online activities. This gives you insight into their online world and creates opportunities for discussion.
- **Use Parental Controls and Monitoring Tools:** Many devices, operating systems, and internet providers offer parental control features. Explore these options to filter content, set time limits, and monitor activity.
- **Location, Location, Location:** Keep devices in common areas of the house (e.g all device use must happen in the living or dining areas), especially for younger children, rather than in bedrooms or private spaces.
- **Regular Device Check-ins:** Periodically check your children's devices with their knowledge. Look at their Browse history, apps, and who they are communicating with. This should be done as a measure of safety and trust, not as a punishment.

A leading expert in this area – Rob Hope – has many practical steps on his website that families can use to help them navigate the digital world. The direct link to his parents page is here: [OUR KIDS ONLINE](#)

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Growing Great People – Te Whakatipu Tangata



Ormond School F.L.A.X Awards



LEXI

Lexi, you are receiving this award today because we have seen you developing many qualities of a powerful learner. When things get challenging and you are deep in the "learning pit," finding it difficult to climb out, you never give up. Instead, you keep going, showing amazing perseverance. I also noticed that even when others are making poor choices, you consistently make good ones. This truly demonstrates that we can trust you and that you take responsibility for your behaviour. Hei whetū

koe - you are a star! Keep shining bright.



JAHKAYA

Jahkaya, you are always eager to learn something new and you are keen to know what we are learning next, especially for our whole class reading. You are so good at sharing your knowledge, ideas and opinions with others in your group, without taking over. It has been great to see your confidence in yourself as a learner grow this term and see you step up as a responsible and helpful member of our class. We love seeing what a Powerful Learner Superhero you are Jahkaya, ka pai tō mahi!



BELLA

Bella what a wonderful week you have had. You love challenges and when things get hard you know that if you keep trying you will get it. You are always ready to share your ideas or answers with the class and will help others if they need it. You work quietly and always produce work to your best ability, often completing work in your own time. You know that a good learning spot makes all the difference for you and others. Keep your positive attitude and effort going Bella.

You are really soaring to the moon.

Keep this great attitude going, Ka mau te wehi!!! Awesome



BEN

Ben, you consistently push yourself to do your very best in everything. You take on new challenges with enthusiasm and work well on your own or collaborate with others to achieve shared goals. Ben, you also use your competitive nature to your advantage, driving yourself and those around you to reach new heights. Keep up the amazing work! Ka kino kē koe!

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 8 PŌHUTUKAWA

HOUSE POINTS:

1st: **Horouta**

2nd equal: **Takitimu**, **Ahititi**

3rd: **Waipaoa**



Te Ako Mahi

Learning in Action

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

On Tuesday Rimu and Pohutukawa students learnt about how to stay safe online and digital citizenship from Matua Tony and Constable Dana. Our students learnt some important tips for when they are using digital devices – an important kaupapa for the future. Our new Math resources have arrived – hands on learning for our Karaka class!



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Marautanga Taapiri

Extra Curricular

GROWING GREAT PEOPLE

Part of our kaupapa at Ormond is holistic learning – hence our vision of Growing Great People. These opportunities help our tamariki develop skills, knowledge & understandings that develop them as people, with the goal of leaving Ormond confident to take on the world. Check out the action from our mid-year music performance – amazing show!





Ngā Panui Nui

Notices & Updates

KEY DATES DATES TERM 2

- 16th June – BOT Meeting
- 18th June – InterSchool Rugby 7s (Girls only)
- 19th June – Kura Matariki Celebration & Music performance
- 20th June – Matariki Holiday
- 27th June – Teacher Only Day

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.

TERM THREE – AFTER SCHOOL CARE SIGN UP

Tired of rushing around, picking up kids from here, there and everywhere? Take the pressure off, get some space, or even enjoy some 'me' time – while your kids play with their mates and enjoy themselves for an hour after school.

Check out the link below for information on our After School Care program – and to sign up for term 3.

[CLICK HERE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON OUR AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME](#)

MID YEAR REPORTS & LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Today (the 19th of June), you should have received your child's mid year report via email.

Next week, on Tuesday the 24th and Wednesday the 25th – we will hold out Parent / Teacher hui. This is an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their report and their learning. Please book through the skool loop app – see 2025 Mid Year Learning Conversations in "Bookings". ([Skool Loop for Parents](#): instructions)

With Lynne on leave – Pohutukawa meetings will be the first week back in term 3 – please select Pohutukawa

Mid year Learning Conversations on the Skool Loop to book for this class.

NOTE: School will remain open for full day instruction for Tuesday and Wednesday.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

A reminder: As per ongoing communication in our weekly newsletters – On Friday the 27th of June we have our first MOE allocated Teacher only day. The focus for this day will be on professional learning for our staff on the new Math curriculum. There will be no school this day.

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