



Ormond School Newsletter

5th of June 2026
Week 7 Term 2

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

Mid Year Progress Reports

Across the next few weeks, our teaching staff will be dedicated to writing your child's mid-year report. These reports are designed to show your child's progress against the new New Zealand Curriculum, specific to the learning that has been covered to date.

As you may be aware, the Ministry of Education (MOE) is currently undertaking a nationwide refresh of the national curriculum. Alongside this refresh, they are also introducing significant changes to assessment and reporting practices in schools. At Ormond School, we are actively processing these changes and ensuring they are thoughtfully reflected in our teaching, learning, and overall approach.

Like with any change, especially one on such a massive scale, it takes time to unpack, understand, and implement effectively. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for their hard work, adaptability, and unwavering commitment over the past year and a half as we navigate this transition.

This term we used the new SMART assessment tool for the first time for students Y3-Y6 and our reports will provide direction on student progress and achievement using the new MOE directed progress descriptors specific to learning outcomes for each child's year group.

These are deliberate, considered steps we are taking to ensure we fully align with the new national requirements by the end of 2026. There are still a few more steps for us to unpack over the second half of this year, which will be reflected in the end-of-year reports this December.

Please see the statements below from the MOE regarding curriculum, assessment and reporting.

Statement from the Ministry of Education:

"We have introduced new curriculum this year for Maths & Statistics and English for Years 0-10, and Te Reo Rangatira and Pāngarau Tau 0-10 wāhanga ako. This means we are currently changing from the old to the new curriculum. We want to acknowledge that schools and kura will only have been using the new curriculum from the start of 2026, which includes new teaching and assessment methods and content. Because of this, you could see a change in your child's progress or achievement compared to previous years, which may be the result of changes in the curriculum expectations for your child's year level."

"The Ministry has provided new reporting guidelines to align with the revised New Zealand Curriculum. To report student progress against the new curriculum, schools will explain progress using five progress levels – emerging, developing, consolidating, proficient, and exceeding. Schools will start using the new reporting components during 2026, so you may not see all the changes in your child's report until next year."

Mid Year Learning Conversations:

As part of our reporting process, we will be holding Mid Year Learning Conversations on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd of June. The purpose of these hui is to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their learning and progress. It is also an excellent opportunity to ask questions and stay well-informed regarding your child's holistic development.

Please book through the skool loop app – see 2026 Mid Year Learning Conversations in "Bookings". ([Skool Loop for Parents: instructions](#))

IMPORTANT NOTE: Early School Closure

Due to these interviews, school will close early at 12:30pm on Monday 22nd of June. This is to allow sufficient time for all whānau to meet with their child's teacher. Please make arrangements to collect your child from school at this time.

Ngā mihi nui,

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Growing Great People – Te Whakatipu Tangata



Ormond School F.L.A.X Awards

KEA



Kea, you are earning this award today because of your amazing attitude towards your learning! Your mat manners are impressive; you consistently 'give 5' without needing a single reminder. You always try your best and persevere, showing great determination when things get tricky. Beyond your learning, you are a wonderful friend – you show kindness to everyone around you and are always happy to team up with any crewmate. We are so lucky to have you on the Kōwhai ship, Kea. Hei whetū koe!

SKYLAH



Skylah, what a great week you have had in Karaka! It has been great to see how focused you have been on your learning, getting your mahi done and being proud of what you achieve. You are kind and caring and you always help others when they are stuck or when they are hurt. You have been a super tidy kiwi as well, going over and above to keep our classroom clean and tidy, earning lots of Dojo points. Keep being a Powerful Learner Superhero Skylah, ka pai tō mahi!

HANNAH



When the going gets tough, the tough get going, and that's you Hannah. You are not one to hide away from hard mahi. You challenge yourself to do more. Going into the Learning Pit is like taking on a challenge for you, you go in with the attitude of "I can do this", and this is the attitude you have with your learning too. Joining in, sharing your ideas and helping others are what you do daily and show your understanding of the Key Competencies needed to be a Powerful Ormond School Learner. You are flying Hannah, the stars are watching out! Mauri mahi, Mauri ora

WILBUR



Wilbur, this week you have truly set the bar high for your own learning! You have channeled your energy into your work, choosing to use your peers as a support system rather than a distraction. You have completed tasks to a high standard and contributed positively to class discussions. You've also mastered the perfect balance of knowing when to have fun and when to focus. Best of all, thank you for showing such excellent sportsmanship and being an incredibly graceful winner when your team won and your teacher's didn't! Kei runga noa atu koe.

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 7 PŌHUTUKAWA

HOUSE POINTS:

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



Te Ako Mahi

Learning in Action

Key Competencies - House Challenge

Last Friday, Ormond School held a fantastic House Challenge, and it was wonderful to see so many whānau getting involved by dressing up and participating alongside our tamariki. The day was filled with fun, laughter, and friendly competition as students worked together in their house teams.

Our tamariki had an great time taking part in the various challenges and activities, showing great teamwork, house spirit, and encouragement towards one another. It was cool to see our school community come together, creating a positive and supportive atmosphere for everyone involved.

A big thank you to all the whānau who joined in and helped make the day such a success. The smiles on our students' faces showed just how much they enjoyed the experience!



Growing Great People – Te Whakatipu Tangata



Marautanga Taapiri

Extra-Curricular

Fast 5 Netball Tournament

On Wednesday, our netball girls participated in the Fast 5 Netball Tournament at the netball courts. The girls showed fantastic teamwork, sportsmanship, and determination throughout the day, giving every game their best effort.

Most importantly, everyone had lots of fun, enjoyed the opportunity to play against other schools, and represented our school with pride. Thank you to Sonia, Sarah and Mrs T for coaching and managing the team on the day. Well done girls on a great day of netball!





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.

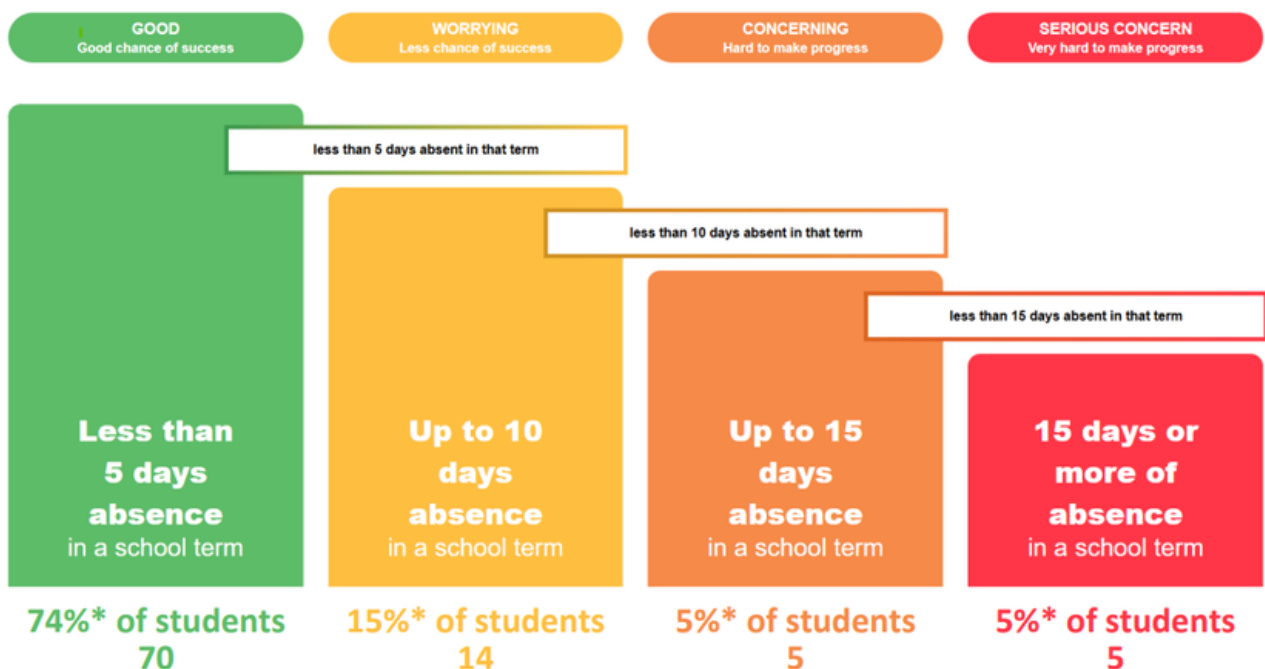
Let's get our kids to school and get them learning!

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

- 17th June – Rugby 7's 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

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MATARIKI COMMUNITY EVENT



Thursday July 2nd

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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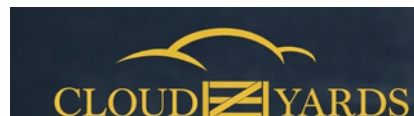
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