



Ormond School Newsletter

12th of June 2026
Week 8 Term 2

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

Following on from my blurb in last week's newsletter, your child's mid-year report will be sent to you via email this coming Thursday. Our mid year report marks an important milestone for our school as we report against the refreshed NZ curriculum. Since the start of the year, our staff and students have been busy implementing the new requirements for the Math and Statistics and English learning areas.

One of the major changes to the new curriculum is that the standards and expectations of each curriculum area specific to each year level are now higher than what they have been previously. The goal posts have shifted.

Like all schools across NZ, we are navigating these changes for the first time: learning, adapting and growing alongside our students as we bring these updated curriculum standards and increased expectations to life in the classroom.

Because of the changes in standards and expectations, you may notice changes in your child's reported achievement, in comparison to previous years. However, these changes will typically reflect the fact that the goal posts relating to achievement have shifted, rather than a shift in your child's actual ability. For ease of explanation and in a very general sense – what used to qualify as an A grade is now considered a B, and what used to qualify as a B grade is now considered a C and so on (please note that this example is for ease of explanation only and students are not graded A,B,C etc – we are using this metaphor to simply explain the increased standards and expectations).

With this being the case, it is extremely important that we support our students through this transition with understanding, kindness and belief. All of a sudden, they need to know more, understand more and apply more to achieve the standards set out within their year group of learning. This will be a good thing in time – but it won't happen straight away. It will take time for students to get up to speed – just like it would take time for us as adults to get up to speed should we be required to suddenly learn additional information to be deemed as proficient in doing our jobs. Through this transition phase we must ensure our students maintain their self confidence, their esteem and their positive self disposition or view as a learner. The rise in expectation has been abrupt and I feel for our students as they strive to attain it. Let's all work together to set the standards high, work rigorously and relentlessly towards achieving the new curriculum targets – but ensure we wrap our students in kindness and support while we do so.

We appreciate your continued support as we establish a new baseline for student progress.

If you have not yet booked in for our Mid Year Learning Conversations – please do so ASAP. Our goal is to get 100% of our families to these important hui. 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](#)).

Have a great weekend!

Ngā mihi nui,

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MAISIE

Welcome aboard the Kōwhai ship, Maisie! While you still need a little bit of reassurance to settle into school, you have already shown us what a powerful learner you are! You come to the mat ready to learn; you pay close attention to instructions, always try your best, and produce high-quality work. You have demonstrated fantastic fine motor skills and control when using classroom tools. This was clearly on display during our recent learning about spiders, where you remembered many facts and carefully created an awesome spider craft. Way to go, Maisie – I can't wait to see your confidence grow even more on your learning journey!



TENNESSEE

Tennessee, you can be shy and quiet in class, however lately we have seen you starting to come out of your shell and your confidence in yourself as a learner is growing. You are sharing more of your ideas and opinions and you are taking more risks in your learning, which is helping you to make more progress in Literacy and Maths. You are also helpful, kind and a great team member. What a Powerful Learner Superhero you are Tennessee, ka rawe tō mahi!



MARJLA

Marjla you come in each day and get ready for learning, this is what Powerful Ormond School learners do. They are Self Managers making sure they are taking charge of their learning, and this is you. You have brought your shearing handpieces into school to share and were ready to explain the parts to us. This along with your beautiful woollen jersey shows that you are an active learner, making the most of every learning opportunity. Your quiet manner and willingness to work alongside anyone makes you a great member of Pohutukawa. Mauri mahi, Mauri ora, Do the work, get the treats



BELLA

Bella, you are a focused and determined learner who always gives your absolute best. You show wonderful independence, smoothly transitioning from your lessons with Mrs. T back into classwork without losing focus. As a classmate, you are incredibly positive, supportive, and a fantastic team player. A major highlight this year has been watching your confidence grow as you create and share engaging presentations of your learning with the class. He kai kei aku ringa—you create success through your own hard work!

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 8 KARAKA

HOUSE POINTS:

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



Te Ako Mahi

Learning in Action

Key Competencies – Karaka

Our tamariki have been exploring Baa Baa Black Sheep, Mary Had a Little Lamb, and Little Bo Peep as part of our Oral Language learning. They enjoyed retelling stories, performing puppet shows, making pom-pom sheep, and learning the "sh" sound.

We also discovered that wool is an amazing renewable resource and carried out an experiment to see how well it holds heat compared to other materials. To finish off our learning, students used instruments to keep the beat while singing their favourite nursery rhymes.



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Marautanga Taapiri Extra-Curricular



Learning our Matatriki song

Every Friday after Assembly, Koka Nicky and Matua Josh from Mahaki generously spend time with our tamariki, teaching them the Matariki song that we will be performing at the upcoming Matariki Community Event at Makauri School. Our students have been enjoying learning the lyrics, actions, and meaning behind the song as they prepare for this special celebration. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and growing confidence each week. To help our tamariki feel prepared and confident for the performance, we have included the song lyrics below. If students want to practise at home.

Maori	English
Ko te whetu o Pipiri I te uma o Ranginui He kohikohinga whanaunga He kohikohinga wawata Matariki ahunga nui Matariki hunga nui Matariki tapuapua	<i>There is the star of Pipiri At the chest of Ranginui A gathering of relatives A gathering of hopes Matariki the bountiful Matariki the gatherer of people Matariki the rainy season</i>
Nga kai o te Moana Nga manu, huawhenua Tahunatia ki te hautapu Hei koha ki nga whetu Matariki ahunga nui Matariki hunga nui Matariki tapuapua	<i>The food of the ocean The birds, the vegetables Cook them in the hautapu To gift to the stars Matariki the bountiful Matariki the gatherer of people Matariki the rainy season</i>
Tipuanuku, Tipuarangi Waiti, Waita Waipunarangi, Ururangi Pohutukawa, Hiwaiterangi	<i>Tipuanuku, Tipuarangi Waiti, Waita Waipunarangi, Ururangi Pohutukawa, Hiwaiterangi</i>
Kua rewa te whetu o te tau Te Ariki o te rangi Hei arataki, hei arahi I te iwi Maori Matariki ahunga nui Matariki hunga nui Matariki tapuapua	<i>The star of the year has risen The lord of the sky To guide and lead The Maori people Matariki the bountiful Matariki the gatherer of people Matariki the rainy season</i>



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.

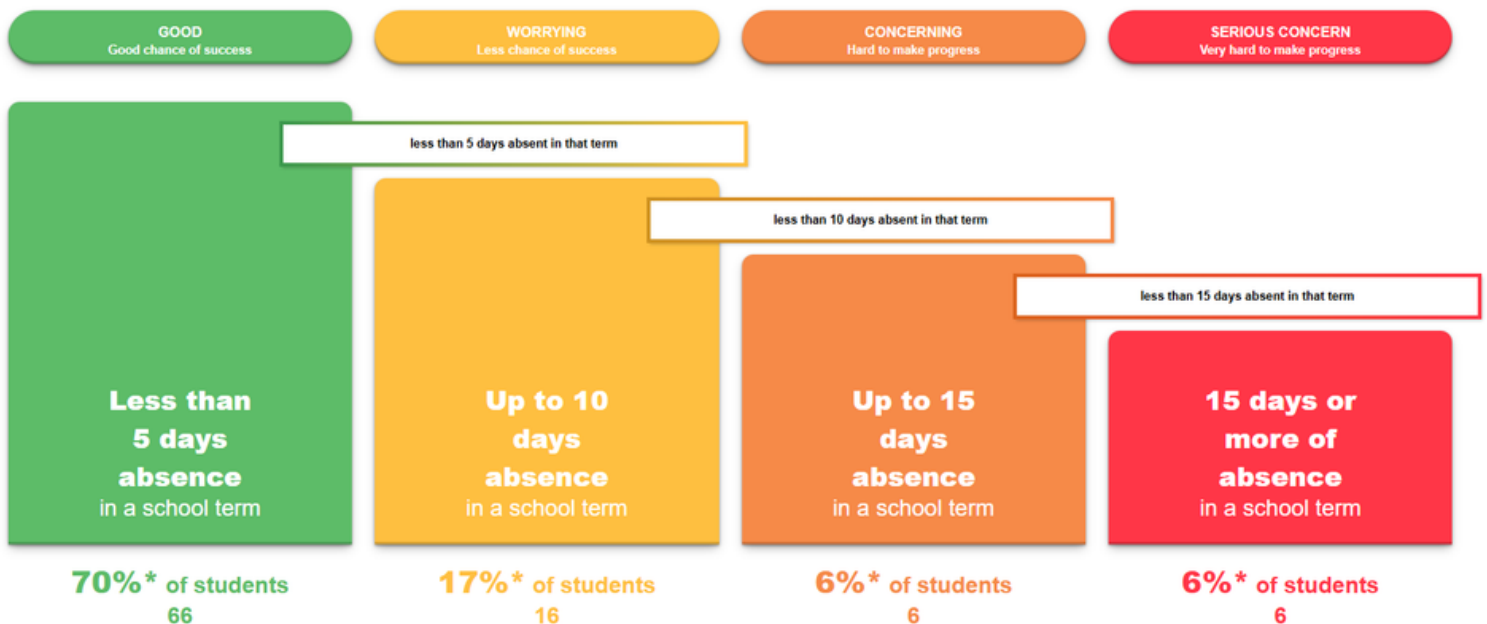
Let's get our kids to school and get them learning!

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

KEY DATES TERM 3 - A HEADS UP OF WEEK 1 & 2

- 23rd July - Mid Year Music Concert 10:45am start.
- 30th July - Interschool Hockey.
- *** Friday interschool Netball & Rugby start week 1...

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

Kia Ora



I'm Millie Cook, the Public Health Nurse working with your school. I enjoy supporting the health and wellbeing of tamariki so they can thrive at school and home. My role includes working alongside schools, whanau and other health services to provide advice, some treatments and connect whanau with the right health support if needed. I will be at school Thursday fortnightly from 9-11 am (starting on the 18th of June). Please contact the school office for a referral.

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*

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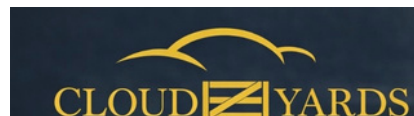
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