



Ormond School Newsletter

19th of June 2026
Week 9 Term 2

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

As we approach the Māori New Year, we are excited to invite you all to our joint Matariki Celebration.

Our rural schools are the heart of our local areas, and we believe there is immense value in bringing our rural communities together. By combining our efforts, we want to create a warm, welcoming space where families from different pockets of our region can connect, catch up, and strengthen the bonds that make our rural community so special.

This year, Makauri and Ormond are teaming up to kickstart this collaboration, and we expect that Makaraka School will be joining our combined celebrations in 2027!

As per previous communication, here are the details for your calendar:

- When: Thursday, 2nd July
- Time: 5:30 pm start (wrapping up around 6:30 pm)
- Where: Makauri School (Note: Ormond will host this event in 2027)
- Who: All family, whānau and community members are welcome!

This year's national theme is "Matariki herenga waka," which translates to "Matariki for Everyone." This powerful theme highlights inclusion, unity, and our shared heritage. It reminds us that people from all backgrounds, cultures, and origins can come together to reflect, celebrate, and prepare for the year ahead.

The Three Principles of Matariki:

- Matariki Hunga Nui (Remembrance): Honouring those we have lost since the last rising of Matariki.
- Matariki Ahunga Nui (Celebrating the Present): Gathering together to give thanks for what we have.
- Matariki Manako Nui (Looking to the Future): Looking forward to the promise of a new year.

While Matariki is unique to Aotearoa, the core values behind it are universal and can be understood by cultures all across the world. They are the same values we often encourage and highlight in our children –values like Aroha (love and respect), Kotahitanga (unity), Tohatoha (sharing), Mana Taiiao (environmental awareness), Atawhaitanga (kindness), and Tuakiritanga (identity).

A big part of Matariki is coming together and sharing food. To help kick things off, a sausage sizzle will be provided. You are also more than welcome to bring along your own food/kai to enjoy. It's a wonderful opportunity for wānanga (discussion), noho tahi (coming together), and whakanui (celebration).

We would love to see you there to connect, reflect, and celebrate!

To help us prepare for this event –please take a few minutes to fill out the short google form here: [Matariki Celebration](#)

Have a great weekend!

Ngā mihi nui,

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HENRY

Ka mau te wehi, Henry! I have been impressed with the way you have responded to feedback lately. You are making good choices when sitting on the mat, sensibly choosing to sit away from your friends so you can focus on your learning. You have also shown commitment during Kapa Haka. You maintained your focus beautifully, repeating the new Matariki song and actions after Pāpā Pura the whole way through. This is exactly what powerful learners do, Henry! Keep up the amazing work.



MACIE

Macie, you bring such a positive attitude to everything you do! We love seeing how much time and effort you put into your learning to reach the high standards you set for yourself. Our recent check-ins have shown just how capable you are in both Literacy and Maths. Even better, you are now taking the time to really look back at your learning—knowing exactly what you've mastered and where you can keep growing. That is exactly what being a Powerful Learner Superhero is all about! He whetu koe, Macie!



LYRIC

Lyric you are a quiet worker who hides her talents. You know the right learning spot is a key to your learning and that and the effort you have made to keep your written work tidy and the right size make you a Powerful Ormond School learner. Looking at your work and seeing where you can improve, is one of our school values - Reflection, and you are doing this more and more. Keep this going Lyric. You are soaring to the moon! Ka mau te wehi, Awesome!



JACOB

Jacob, you have been a superstar this week! Your quick steps and speed down the sideline were an important part of our sevens success. In the classroom, your focus and work ethic are the same—you always give 100%. Your ability to be a great team member is shown through your quiet leadership and always using kindness to make our classroom a happy, supportive place to learn! Mauri mahi, mauri ora!

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 9 Kōwhai

HOUSE POINTS:

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



Te Ako Mahi

Learning in Action

KC Play: Learning in Action!

At Ormond School, we are passionate about growing great people (Te Whakatipu Tangata), and a vital part of that journey happens through KC Play.

KC Play focuses on developing the five Key Competencies of the New Zealand Curriculum:

Thinking, Using Language Symbols and Texts, Managing Self, Relating to Others and Participating and Contributing. These competencies are more than just classroom skills: they are the capabilities our tamariki need for lifelong learning and successful living. By strengthening these concepts through purposeful play and active exploration, our students enhance their learning across all contexts. They learn how to problem-solve, collaborate, reflect, and navigate the world with confidence.



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Marautanga Taapiri

Extra-Curricular

Inter School Rugby 7's

Our year 5 and 6 students had an incredible day competing in the Inter School Rugby 7's! We are so proud of the effort, determination, and teamwork shown by all of our players. For some of our tamariki, this was their very first time playing rugby, but you wouldn't have known it: they absolutely smashed it on the field!

The team supported one another, showing great sportsmanship, cheering each other on, and never giving up. To top it all off, Ormond came away with an amazing 3rd place out of 12 teams - an outstanding achievement for our little school.

Ka mau te wehi, team - we are so proud of you all!





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.

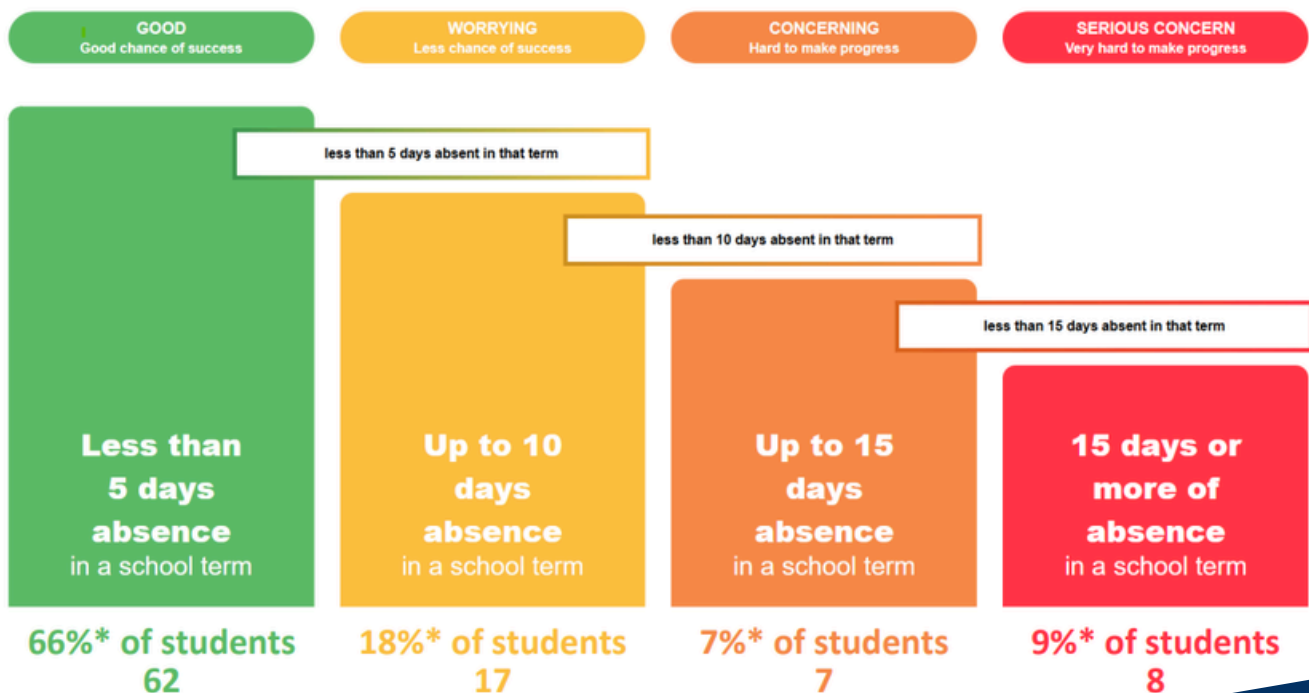
Let's get our kids to school and get them learning!

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

- 22nd June – BOT Meeting
- 22nd–23rd June – Parent / Teacher learning hui. (School closed 12.30 22nd June)
- 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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FIXED TERM, TEACHER AIDE.

We are searching for an energetic, positive Teacher Aide to join our team on a fixed term contract for the remainder of the 2026 school year – ending on December the 18th (starting immediately after completion of a police vet). This role will primarily be working one on one, with one of our amazing students.

If you are passionate about meeting the needs of Akonga in a supportive environment, and are able to provide engaging learning experiences and build strong learning focused relationships, we look forward to hearing from you. This role is likely to be Monday to Friday, 8:45am–2:45pm, term time only.

Outline your experience and strengths in your CV. Please include two referees.

Covering letter and CV to be sent to
principal@ormond.school.nz

Application close: Friday the 10th of July at 5pm.

Key Tasks: As a teacher aide / kaiāwhina at Ormond School you will work closely with the classroom teacher to support programmes that enhance the learning and holistic development of the identified student(s).

This will require the successful applicant to:

- Support the goals, objectives, and policies of the school.
- Effectively assist teachers in the implementation of classroom programmes and student specific individualised learning programs.
- Regularly monitor and record student achievement.
- Support students in all areas of need, but also promote their independence.
- Maintain good communication and positive relationships with the student, family, staff, professionals and visitors.
- Be adaptable to the varying needs of the student(s).
- Take part in professional development programmes.
- Contribute to the wider life of the school.
- Maintain confidentiality at all times.
- Be entitled to personal and professional support.
- Follow organisational practices of the school, for example, in relation to punctuality, absenteeism.
- Be part of the school appraisal system.

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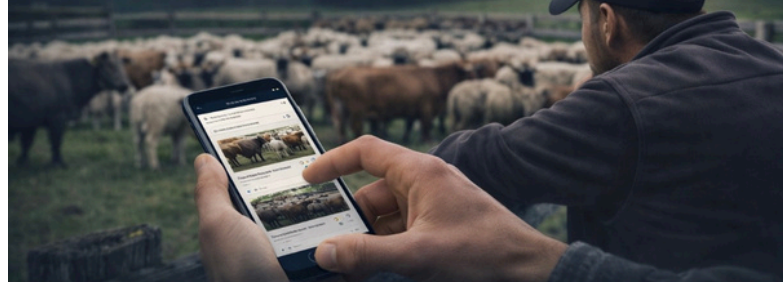
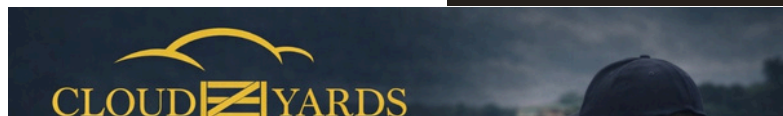
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