



Ormond School Newsletter

3rd of July 2026
Week 11 Term 2

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on our Matariki event last night. It was extremely rewarding to witness such a great turnout from across our combined rural school communities, as we gathered to celebrate this important time of year.

It is well-established that strong family and community engagement correlates directly with enhanced academic outcomes and holistic student development. Additionally, fostering a genuine sense of connection and belonging has a significant impact on a student's overall sense of wellbeing, self-worth, and confidence. Events of this nature are instrumental in achieving these benchmarks, objectives that remain central to our strategic vision.

It is important to acknowledge that these positive outcomes do not occur by chance. Rather, they are the direct result of purposeful, deliberate collaboration and collective effort. By maintaining this strong partnership, we can continue to cultivate environments that afford our young people the best possible foundation to thrive as they progress through their formative years.

An initiative of this scale requires extensive collaboration, and I would like to formally extend our gratitude to those who made it possible. Thank you to Matua Mōrehu and the Māhaki team for their invaluable cultural leadership, which has increased our students' insight and confidence to actively engage in bicultural Aotearoa New Zealand. Equal thanks must go to Kōkā Nicky and Matua Josh for dedicating their Fridays to teaching our kura the Matariki waiata with such warmth and passion. Finally, I would like to commend Cambell and the staff at Makauri School for their exceptional leadership and behind-the-scenes coordination of the event.

I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge our own incredible teaching and support staff. The effort, dedication, and commitment they have demonstrated throughout this term are second to none. Day in and day out, our team goes above and beyond to ensure our students are supported, inspired, and challenged to achieve their best. Their professionalism and passion are the backbone of our school's success. An excellent term's work—well done, team.

In closing, as the winter term concludes and the holidays approach, I wish all of our families a safe, restful, and healthy break. Thank you for your continued support of our school community, and I look forward to welcoming our students back to kura in a few weeks.

Ngā mihi nui,

Shane Hooks
Principal / Tumuaaki



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Growing Great People – Te Whakatipu Tangata



Ormond School F.L.A.X Awards



TOM

Ka pai, Tom, on settling back into your learning routine! It has been fantastic to see you happy, focused, and ready to learn lately. You have been trying your best and are responding well to feedback and redirection. Kōka Toni and I are proud of how you are trying new things and persevering even when it gets tricky – this fantastic effort is exactly why you are succeeding with your new learning! It has also been great to see your enthusiasm during reading time, especially when you wanted to read your reader again. Keep up this awesome attitude, Tom. Ka pai tō mahi!



SAM

Sam, your Powerful Learner Superhero attitude has shone brightly this week! You were a great role model as our class superhero leader at the start of the week and it has been great to see you getting stuck into your mahi. You've shown great effort in your writing, enjoyed exploring the non-fiction text about Parrots, focusing on the long 'e' sound, and worked so well collaborating with Saelym during our challenge to build a boat. Tino pai tō mahi, Sam!



THOMAS

Thomas you are a quiet learner who is becoming more confident at taking risks with your learning. This term you have shown resilience and perseverance in all areas at school, especially with your skipping. You have been in the Learning Pit for sure. Doing home learning has built your confidence and this has helped you stay focused on your tasks. This is what Powerful Ormond School learners do and this is you. Keep this great attitude going Thomas, the stars and moon know you are heading their way!

Mauri mahi, mauri ora. Do the work, get the treats.



REX

Rex, this week you have been really focused. You followed instructions carefully to create a neat piece of constellation art and quickly caught up on the classwork you missed while you were away. During maths lessons, you have been helpful to your classmates, sharing your knowledge to support others in following the success criteria. Thank you for being such a kind, hard-working, and supportive member of our class this week! Ka pai tō mahi!

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 11
Pōhutukawa

HOUSE POINTS:

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



Te Ako Mahi

Learning in Action

Matariki Stars with Koka Casey

Here are some awesome snapshots of our tamariki making Matariki stars with Koka Casey. Thank you, Koka Casey, for coming in and sharing your time and creativity with Kōwhhai!



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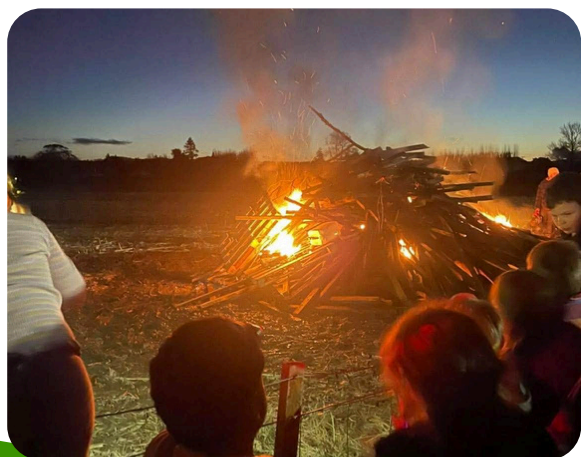
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Extra-Curricular

Matariki Community Event at Makauri School

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Thursday night for our spectacular Matariki community event held at Makauri School! We had an incredible turnout, and it was wonderful to see so many of our whānau coming together to learn about the significance of Matariki.

Between the warmth of the roaring bonfire karakia and the sausage sizzle, it was a special night of connection. We are already looking forward to next year's celebration, which will be hosted by us at Ormond School!





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.

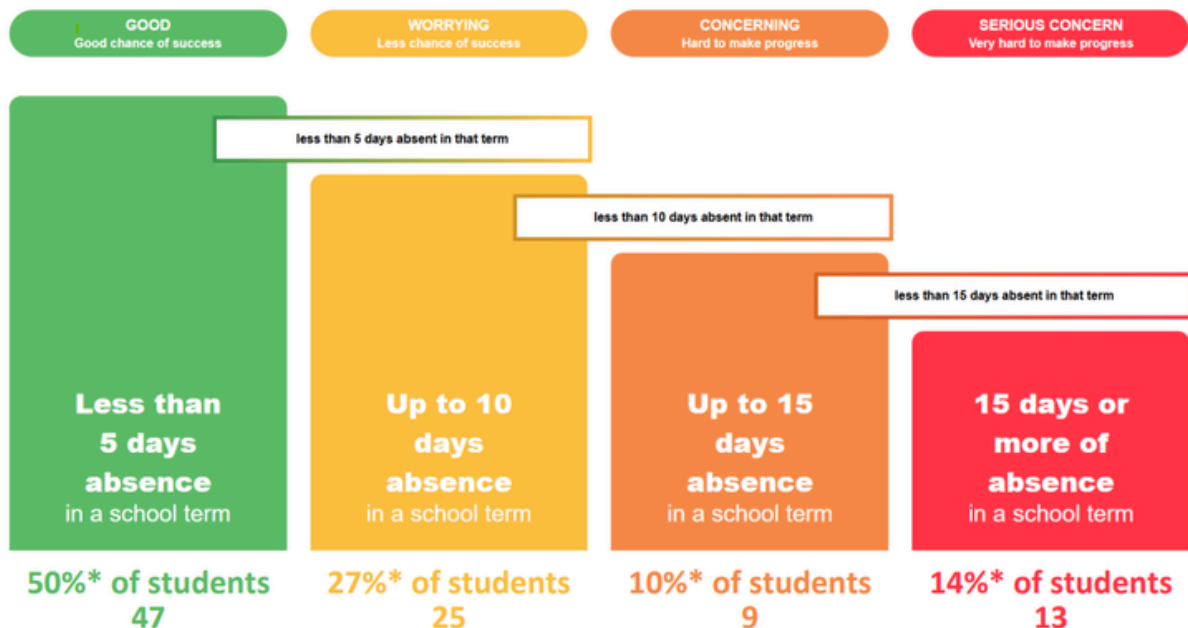
Let's get our kids to school and get them learning!

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 3

- 20th July – 1st day back, term 3.
- Friday interschool Netball & Rugby start week 1.
- 28th July Daffidol Day (wear yellow, gold coin donation)
- 29th July – Interschool Hockey.
- 30th July – Mid Year Music Concert 10:45am start. (please note change of date)
- 10th August – BOT Meeting
- 11th August – Ormond School Cross Country
- 12th August – Inter School Badminton
- 26th August – Inter School Cross Country
- 7th September – BOT Meeting
- 15th September – Motu Cross Country

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

TERM 3: HOT LUNCH & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

If you are interested in using our after school care service in term 3, or wish to purchase a hot lunch / juicy for your child each friday – please click on the links below to access the information and the sign up forms.

[FRIDAY HOT LUNCH ORDER T3](#)

[AFTER SCHOOL CARE T3](#)



Nga Panui Nui

Notices & Updates



Central Football

FUTSAL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Wednesday 15th July - Friday 17th July
5 - 12 year old boys & girls
Ilminster Intermediate Gym
\$100.00 | 9am - 3pm

SCAN ME! 

If you require any further information please contact
garrett@centralfootball.co.nz



Central Football

HOLIDAY FUN

3 DAY FOOTBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
FEATURING WORLD CUP DAY!

TUES 7TH - THUR 9TH JULY 2026

VENUE: ILMINSTER INTERMEDIATE
COST: \$100
5 - 12 YEAR OLD BOYS AND GIRLS
9.00AM - 3.00PM

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER 

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.



GISBORNE GYMNASTICS Holiday program

6-16 JULY 2026 Mid-Winter School Holiday Gymnastics Program **AGE 5-14**

GYMNASTICS GAMES FUN

Bring along a water bottle and some snacks and join our team for some fun holiday activities at the Gymnastics Club.
Monday - Thursday Only
Friday 9.30 - 11am PRESCHOOL ONLY

GISBORNE GYMNASTICS CLUB
537 Aberdeen Road, Gisborne
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
\$25 per session

SPACES ARE LIMITED!
TO BOOK:
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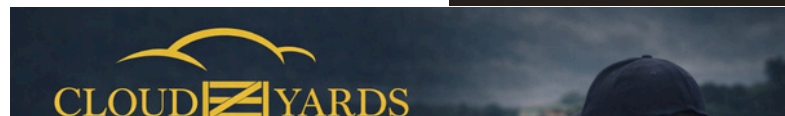
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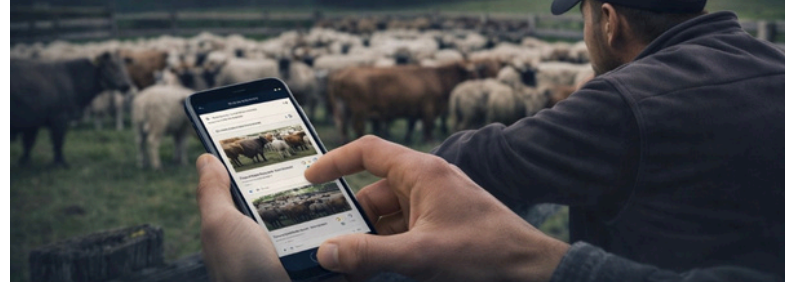
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