



Ormond School Newsletter

25th July 2025

Week 2 | Term 3

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

THANK YOU

As the principal of Ormond School, I witness firsthand the incredible spirit of our community each day, and I wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate your invaluable contributions.

The old adage, "It takes a village to raise a child," resonates here at Ormond School. Each term, we are extremely lucky to have so many amazing people dedicate their precious time and energy to our school. This commitment directly translates into a wealth of opportunities and enriched experiences for our students.

Your involvement takes many forms, all of which are essential to the vibrancy of our school life. Whether you're generously offering to transport students to and from exciting events, dedicating your lunchtimes and weekends to coaching our sports teams, or sharing your unique skills and knowledge to contribute rich learning experiences to our curriculum, your efforts do not go unnoticed. Your excellent attendance at parent-teacher interviews / learning hui late last term and early this term is a demonstration of your commitment and dedication to your child's educational journey and partnership with our kura.

These contributions, both big and small, make a significant difference in the lives of our tamariki, broadening their horizons and fostering a love for learning that extends far beyond the classroom walls.

As a kura, we firmly believe in the power of connection – the importance of our community being present and active within our school, and equally, our students being engaged and contributing members of the wider community. This symbiotic relationship is at the very core of our Ormond holistic learning kaupapa, guiding our approach to education and ensuring that the learning our students undertake is not only academically rigorous but also deeply relevant to their lives and the world around them. It's through these real-life interactions and experiences that true growth and understanding flourish.

Thank you, for your unwavering support, your generosity, and your genuine commitment to our students' growth and development. Your partnership is what makes Ormond School such a special and thriving place. We couldn't do it without you!

CROSS-COUNTRY 2025

On another note – this year our school Cross-country will be held at the Bousfields Farm (390 Ngakoroa Rd). This is scheduled for Monday the 4th of August, with the first race starting at 1:00pm. We will bus the students to the venue. What we would like to find out is whether we need the bus for the return trip – as it has been indicated that a lot of families take their children at the conclusion of the event. Can you please fill out the short google form below to indicate whether or not you will be taking your child at the end of the event, or if they would need a bus back to school:

[Cross-country Transport form.](#)

Ngā mihi,

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Growing Great People – Te Whakatipu Tangata



Ormond School F.L.A.X Awards



TATE

Tate, you show us every day that you don't need to be loud to be a powerful learner. You take in new learning quietly and efficiently, ignoring distractions around you. In math this week, I could see how carefully you look at and work things out in your head. You can already visualize the numerical difference between two Numicon shapes. That means you can already tell the difference by looking without having to use the equipment. Kei runga noa atu koe! Keep up the great work, Tate!



MALI

Mali, you have been on fire with your learning in literacy this week! We love seeing your confidence grow and how proud you are when you are successful! What has made a difference for you, is finding a good learning spot, where you can focus on your learning without distractions. Keep making these good choices about your learning Mali, we can't wait to see you grow more as a Powerful Learner Superhero! Tau kē!



CASHEL

Cashel is is great to see you growing in confidence with your learning. You come up and ask if you are not sure about the tasks you have to do. You are quietly confident when discussing you ideas with your group. You are becoming more involved with your learning Cashel and giving new learning a try. Keep that great attitude going Cashel, watch out moon, he's coming!!! Ka pai to mahi



LEO

Leo, you impressed last term when your excellent focus and hard work saw you move up so many reading levels. This term you have started with the same determination to succeed! This week you have come up with some excellent ideas for your speech and made a great start with planning our class wearable arts items. I'm looking forward to seeing what you will achieve next. Mauri mahi, mauri ora!

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 2

Karaka

HOUSE POINTS:

1st: **Horouta**

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

3rd: **Waipaoa**



Te Ako Mahi

Learning in Action

WASTE AUDIT

We learned what changes we can make at school to reduce our waste. We have made some plans to action and will be supporting each other to ensure we put our litter in the correct bins.





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.

Below, see our inter-school hockey team, our Friday Netball team and our Friday Rugby team in action!





Nga huihuinga nui

Important Events

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

School Board Nomination forms were sent out last week via email and hard copy. If you did not receive any, or wish for extra nomination forms, please see Ash at our office.



KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE ONLINE: WHANAU EVENING

On Monday the 11th of August we are hosting an Online Safety evening for all parents / care-givers / whanau. This will be run by Tony Scragg from Fusion networks and Community Constable Dana Hooks.

The evening is very informative regarding navigating online platforms as our tamariki grow older.

Please book this important night into your calendar & spread the word!



THANK YOU RANGATIRA STATION

A Massive Thank you to at Rangatira Station for their very generous donation to Ormond School. This money went towards purchasing new netball hoops – the kids are over the moon and we will be looking sharp as we host our first inter-school netball game at Ormond this Friday! Nga mihi nui!



Growing Great People – Te Whakatipu Tangata



Ngā Panui Nui

Notices & Updates

KEY DATES TERM 3

- Every Friday: Primary Rugby & Netball.
- 31st July: House comp (PM)
- 4th August: Ormond X-country (PM).
- 6th August: Inter-school Badminton.
- 11th August: Parent night – Online safety 5:30pm
- 19th August: House comp (PM)
- 20th August: Inter-school X-country
- 3rd Sept: Inter-school Fast 5 Netball.
- 4th Sept: Ormond Speech Finals 5:30pm
- 10th Sept: School Board Elections.
- 10th Sept: House comp (PM).
- 12th Sept: He & Me celebration 2:00pm
- 17th Sept: Inquiry-learning celebration WOW event.
- 19th Sept: Last day of term.
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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.

INQUIRY LEARNING CELEBRATION: WEARABLE ARTS – RECYCLED STYLE!

On Wednesday the 17th of September – our last week of term – we will be holding our inquiry learning celebration focused on our kaupapa: Kaitiaki of our environment. Just like our celebration at the end of term one, this celebration will showcase all the learning our tamariki have undertaken across the term – in a fun and engaging manner. Our students will drive the event – and this time round we will be putting on a Wearable Arts showcase. The catch is all material must either be recyclable / reusable / of sustainable. If you have anything you think could be used – please drop it in to school!

COMMUNITY – WE NEED YOUR VOICE

Behind the scenes, lead by Sonia Gardner, there is some exciting work being done that has the potential to have a number of positive impacts on the Ormond community. For next steps to be taken, we need feedback from the community to collate collective voice. It would be greatly appreciated if you could take a minute to fill out the Ormond Community Survey here:

[Community Questionnaire.](#)

NOEL LEEMING – FRIENDS & FAMILY DEALS

As a school, we have access to special deals at Noel Leeming. As part of this relationship, they have indicated that for a limited time, our community can access 'Friends & Family' deals at the store. If you are interested in checking out the deals on offer, please click below to access their flyer with all information.

[Noel Leeming Friends and Family Deals.](#)



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