



Ormond School Newsletter

1st August 2025

Week 3 | Term 3

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

The weeks truly are flying by here at Ormond School, packed with engaging learning experiences and exciting extra-curricular opportunities for our tamariki! It's wonderful to see the energy and enthusiasm of our students, and we are so proud of how they have been representing our kura out in the community.

A Focus on Positive Behaviour at Ormond School: Nurturing Growth Together

At Ormond School, we believe in fostering a learning environment where every student feels safe, comfortable, and valued. This belief underpins our proactive approach to positive student behaviour management. We are constantly embedding initiatives and strategies designed to support our students in making positive choices and developing into responsible, considerate individuals. Our staff work hard to create a consistent, stable, and nurturing culture where students can thrive both academically and socially.

Understanding the Journey of Growth

While we strive to create this ideal environment, we also recognise that human nature dictates that, at times, students will make choices that might not align with our expectations. There will be moments of mismanaged emotion, or engagement in negative social interactions. These instances can impact not only the individual student but also their peers and the broader school community.

This is a reality for every school in New Zealand. As students grow and develop, a crucial part of their learning journey involves acquiring effective social-emotional skills. These are the vital tools that allow them to deal with challenging or stressful situations in a constructive manner, understand and manage their own emotions, and interact positively with others. These skills aren't innate; they are learned, practised, and refined over time, often through experience and guidance.

Clear Guidelines and Open Communication

It is important that we share this kaupapa with you, our community. We believe that clear and effective communication around our policies and processes significantly increases understanding and builds a stronger partnership between home and school. With this in mind, we want to ensure you are fully informed about how we manage behaviour and student wellbeing at Ormond School and how we address concerns.

We encourage you to familiarise yourselves with our Behaviour Management Guidelines. These guidelines outline our expectations, the strategies we use to encourage positive behaviour, and the steps we take when issues arise. Additionally, our Complaints Policy is available for your reference. This policy provides a clear pathway for you to connect with us, ensuring your voice is heard and matters are addressed respectfully and efficiently.

You can find both of these documents linked below:

- [Behaviour Management Guidelines](#)
- [Complaints Policy](#)

Your partnership in fostering a supportive, positive, and safe learning environment for all our tamariki is invaluable. By working together, we can better work towards our goal of ensuring every child at Ormond School feels safe, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential.

Have a safe weekend!

Ngā mihi,

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Growing Great People – Te Whakatipu Tangata



Ormond School F.L.A.X Awards



MANAIA

Welcome aboard our Kōwhai ship, Manaia! What a fantastic start you have had to your school journey. From the moment you joined us, you have been confident at trying new things, and it is wonderful to see how quickly you get excited about learning. You consistently give your best effort in everything you do. Already, you are making good choices about your activities and where to sit for focusing on learning. This is amazing for someone just beginning school. Ka mau te wehi, Manaia, I cannot wait to see how far you will sail this year.



SAMEER

Sameer, we were very impressed with the kindness you showed, when 2 younger students fell during Cross Country practice yesterday. You were quick to offer to help them get up and encouraged them to keep running. You have enjoyed creating your landscape collage this week, which shows your natural ability and talent in art. Keep making good choices Sameer and you will be a Powerful Learner Superhero!



REX

Yeah Rex, you have been trying really hard this week to stay focused on your learning and it is paying off. You are learning to manage your learning time and are trying not to get distracted by others around you. It has been great seeing your resilience grow and watch you persevere when tasks get harder. You are know that new learning is hard and it's ok to make mistakes. Keep this great attitude going Rex, you are heading the moon's way. Ka mau te wehi!



AYLA

Ayla, your positive attitude and caring heart shine brightly! You are an amazing role model and a respected leader at our school. We're so proud of how you always give everything a go and are making the most of your last year at primary. You are a focused learner who is now independently making improvements before seeking advice and with all this positivity and hard work you will achieve great things! Mauri mahi, mauri ora!

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 3
Pōhutukawa

HOUSE POINTS:

1st: **Horouta**
2nd: **Takitimu**
3rd: **Ahititi**
4th: **Waipaoa**



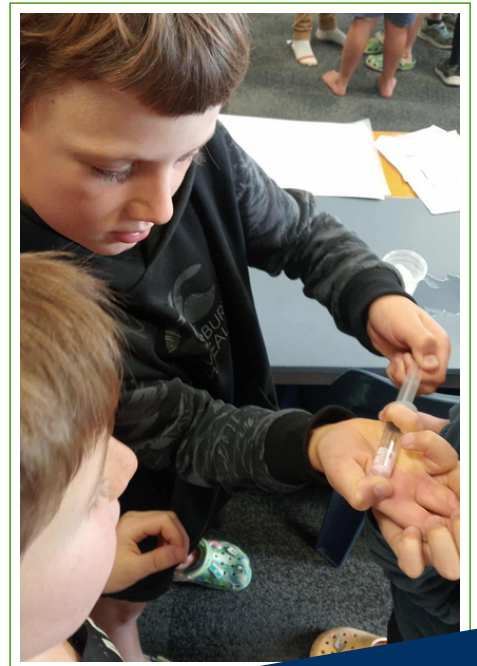
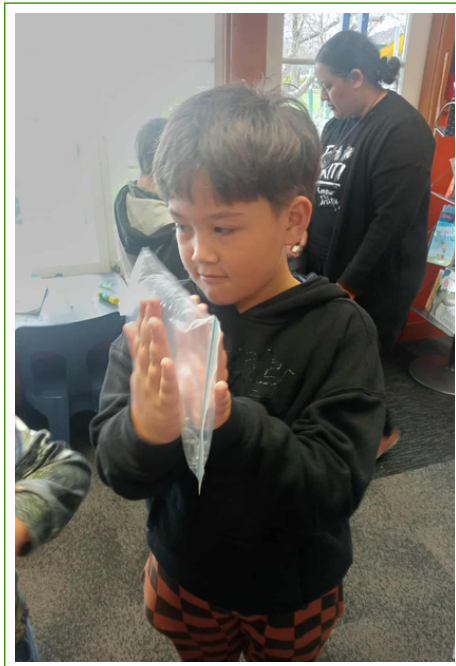
Te Ako Mahi

Learning in Action

SCIENCE WITH KOKA ANGE!

For science we have been investigating the physical properties of air. Using observation and evidence the students discovered air pressure, how the force of air affects different objects and that air particles can move to take up the available space.

Hands on learning at its best!





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 first house comp of term 3...!





Nga huihuinga nui

Important Events

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION & NOMINATIONS

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, see Ash at our office. Please note that nominations close on the 6th of August.



KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE ONLINE: WHANAU EVENING

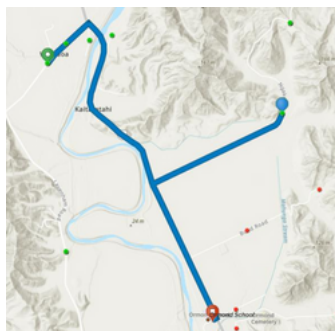
On Monday the 11th of August we are hosting an Online Safety evening for all parents / care-givers / whanau. This will be run by Tony Scragg from Fusion networks and Community Constable Dana Hooks. The evening is very informative regarding navigating online platforms as our tamariki grow older. Please book this important night into your calendar & spread the word! Start time is 5:30pm.



SCHOOL BUS ROUTE CHANGE

We have been notified by the Ministry of Education that bus route D060110 will be changing effective 6 October 2025. Upon an annual review, the bus route has been adjusted by the MOE due to changes in the location and number of eligible students. See the information below which outlines the route changes.

[Ormond School Bus: Letter to our community!](#)





Ngā Panui Nui

Notices & Updates

KEY DATES TERM 3

- Every Friday: Primary Rugby & Netball.
- 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 us 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 on 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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