



Ormond School Newsletter

8th August 2025

Week 4 | Term 3

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

Another brilliant week has come and gone at Ormond School. Having our community involved with our kura is outstanding. A big thank you to Mark and Rebecca Kennedy and Simon and Zara Bousfield for providing the platform for our epic school crosscountry on Monday. Mark did an amazing job with the course – the kids absolutely loved it! A big thank you also to Bea and Glen Tomlinson who provided a top notch hands-on learning experience for our students on Tuesday – the kaupapa was: "How can we look after our environment in a farm setting? The kids loved the sheep shearing too!

Community Consultation: Shaping Our Future Together

Next week, we're kicking off a crucial community consultation process that will directly influence our strategic plan for 2026–2028. This is your opportunity to help shape the direction of our school for the next three years. Your voice is an incredibly important part of this journey. We want to know your aspirations for your tamariki (children) so we can build a plan that truly reflects the hopes, goals and aspirations of our whānau (families) and our wider community.

Our aim is to achieve 100% participation from all our families in this vital consultation. Every voice counts, and the more we hear from you, the better we can tailor the learning experience at our school to reflect our community vision. We believe that when there is a strong alignment between the school, our whānau, and the community, we have a much greater chance of making a significant, positive impact on our students' lives. Strategic planning ensures we're all moving in the same direction with purpose and clarity. When this direction is co-created with our community, it becomes a powerful shared vision. This collaboration strengthens our school's identity and ensures our efforts are meaningful and relevant to the children we serve.

You will receive an email next week containing the community consultation survey and all the details on how to participate. The information you provide will be anonymous and handled confidentially by the School Board. They will carefully read, analyse and collate all the feedback to identify key themes and ideas.

Once we have gathered your community's voice, the School Board will use these themes to draft our strategic plan. This draft will then be shared back with our community so you can review it and confirm that we have accurately captured your input. You'll have the chance to provide further feedback, and the plan will be modified as needed. Once parties are in agreement, the plan will be finalized and will provide the strategic direction for our kura (school) over the next three years.

From there, our job is to bring this plan to life. We will create and implement annual improvement plans that adhere to the specific outcomes outlined in our overarching strategic plan. These will be reviewed annually and reported back to you each year.

I cannot stress the importance of this process enough—please keep a keen eye out for communication about this kaupapa (initiative) and set aside some time to have your say. Your voice is important and we want to hear it!

Together we can make the biggest difference.

Ngā mihi,

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Ormond School F.L.A.X Awards



TENNESSEE

Welcome aboard our Kōwhai ship, Tennessee! From the moment you joined us, you have shown you are ready for school and so keen to learn. It has been great to watch your confidence grow with each passing day. Your shyness hasn't stopped you from shining, and your courage was on full display yesterday when you said your poem in front of the class with such a clear voice. You can be very proud of yourself, Tennessee, ka mau te wehi!



ASIA

Asia, you have made an amazing start to your learning journey in Karaka. Even though you have only been with us for 3 weeks, it feels like you have been with us much longer, because you have settled in so quickly and easily! You are keen to learn and focused on what you need to achieve. You quietly get on with your learning and ignore distractions around you. You ask for help if you are not sure and you are able to work with anyone in our class. What a Powerful Learner Superhero you are already Asia, ka mau te wehi!



EIA

Eia it has been great seeing you staying focused on your learning. You are learning that a good learning spot is away from others that are a distraction for you. You know that going into the Learning Pit is hard and you are becoming more comfortable at asking for help when you are in there..This week you were a valuable member of the badminton team and spent lots of your own time practising and it showed. You are a competitive player and your skill level has risen.

You are well on your way to the stars and moon Eia. Ka pai to mahi, Great work.



KARMALEE

Karmalee, this year has been all about growth. Your confidence has really blossomed, and we're so proud of the amazing effort you put into finishing the 3km cross country race. You've also shown fantastic leadership skills in kapa haka and have been working incredibly hard in mathematics—you even ask for more learning! Your positive attitude is an inspiration to everyone.

Mauri mahi, mauri ora!

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 4

KŌWHAI

HOUSE POINTS:

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



Te Ako Mahi

Learning in Action

COMMUNITY & KURA: CONNECTED LEARNING!

Bea and Glenn came to talk to us about wool – a natural, renewable, and biodegradable fiber. We watched Glenn shear a sheep and talked about the reasons we shear and looked at the uses of wool such as; clothing, blankets, carpet, insulation and compost. We asked questions about environmentally friendly farming and learned how they look after the environment and recycle on their farm.



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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.

See below for action from our Ormond School Cross-country & Inter-school Badminton!





Nga huihuinga nui

Important Events

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

We are pleased to inform our community of the parent/staff election results for the 2025 School Elections at Ormond School. As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacant parent member positions, no voting process was required. Our School Board for the next three years will consist of the following community member and parents.

[Jeremy Cook](#), [Simon Bousfield](#), [Sonia Gardner](#), [Sarah Charteris](#) and [Glen Tomlinson](#).

[Our staff representative will be Angela Scott.](#)

We are grateful to these dedicated members of our community for stepping forward to serve and support our school. Their leadership and commitment will play a key role in helping us continue to foster a positive and inclusive learning environment for all students. More information on our new School Board will be communicated in our next newsletter

KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE ONLINE: WHANAU EVENING

On Monday the 11th of August - next week - 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. If you are planning to attend, can you please fill out the short registration form here: [Online safety evening: Rego](#)



NZEI PAID UNION MEETING – 21ST AUGUST: SCHOOL CLOSED 1:00PM.

On Thursday the 21st of August NZEI have called a Union Meeting for all members – this will be held at 1:30pm at Ilminster. These union meetings are being held primarily to enable NZEI Te Riu Roa members to discuss current issues in education, plans to address them and to participate in collective activities to support this. These meetings are an important part of our democratic processes and all NZEI Te Riu Roa members are being encouraged to attend. This includes Primary and Area School teachers and Principals, School Support Staff, Kaiarahi i te reo, therapists and MoE Learning Support Specialists. Will this being the case, school will finish early on Thursday the 26th of August. Children will need to be picked up between 12:30pm and 1:00pm. We would appreciate your support with this kaupapa and do apologise for the inconvenience that it may cause.



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Ngā Panui Nui

Notices & Updates

KEY DATES TERM 3

- Every Friday: Primary Rugby & Netball.
- 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.](#)



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