



# Ormond School Newsletter

15th August 2025

Week 5 | Term 3

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

In our last newsletter we announced the appointment of our new School Board – who will lead the school over the next three year period – 2026–2028. As a Principal I couldn't be more happy with the team we have leading the school, and I thank each member for putting their name forward to serve as we move forward. Exciting times ahead!

## **SCHOOL BOARDS: KEY KAUPAPA:**

Boards work in partnership with their school, community, and the government to ensure the best for all ākonga (students). They are responsible for the overall performance of the school.

The Education and Training Act 2020 sets out the objectives for all school boards. These objectives focus on ensuring all ākonga can reach their highest possible level of educational achievement in a safe and inclusive place that gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Boards are responsible for:

- Setting the school's strategic direction in consultation with the community, parents, whānau, staff, students and the wider school community
- Developing policies, procedures, and bylaws to ensure the school meets its legal obligations
- Monitoring and evaluating student learning outcomes
- Overseeing the management of personnel, curriculum, property, finance, and health and safety
- Being a good employer of all staff in the school
- Reporting on the school's progress to the community and the Ministry.

A board's primary objectives in governing a school are to ensure that:

- Every student at the school is able to attain their highest possible standard in educational achievement.
- The school is a physically and emotionally safe place for all students and staff.
- The school is inclusive of, and caters for, students with differing needs.
- The school gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

## **STEPPING ASIDE: FIONA MCKIBBIN**

On behalf of our kura I would like to pay our respects to Fiona McKibbin who has served the Ormond school community for 20 years – as a member of the teaching team, leadership team, and our School Board. Fiona's dedication to our community has been second to none and she has had a positive impact on literally thousands of tamariki over the years. Her understanding, knowledge and expertise for education and school leadership / governance is profound and we have been extremely lucky to benefit from her passion as a kura. Everyone at Ormond holds Fiona in high regard and she earned the respect of educators across our district. After years of service on our School Board, Fiona is stepping aside, and we thank her for all she has done. Fiona, we know we will still see you around our kura in your role as RT Lit, and because you are an essential part of the fabric that makes Ormond a special place to be! Thank you Fiona.

Have a great weekend...

Ngā mihi,

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(Tumuaki / Principal)



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# SCHOOL BOARD



## JERRY COOK

I'm the proud Dad to Tom and Olivia past pupils of Ormond School and Caitlin who is currently attending Ormond School. My mum and her sisters also attended Ormond School many years ago and have many fond memories of their time here.

I am looking forward to working alongside other passionate parents and staff to support the school, represent our community, and help create the best possible environment for our kids to learn and grow. Thanks to everyone for your support.



## SONIA GARDNER

I'm a proud Ormond Primary parent with two girls: Zoe, who finished Year 6 last year, and Darcee, who is currently in Year 4.

This is my second term serving on the Board, and I've thoroughly enjoyed my first term — from learning more about school governance to exploring a wide range of funding opportunities for our community. I'm excited about what the next three years hold for Ormond Primary School and look forward to supporting the school's continued growth and success.



## GLEN TOMLINSON

My wife and I live with our 5 boys on our farm in Ormond, the boys are 5th generation Ormond school students. I'm a local business owner and passionate about our community, and supporting youth initiatives. Ormond school is a great space, we have a solid school roll, we have a very strong school management and staff team. I'm excited by the newly elected Board, and the opportunity to continue with many great initiatives and plans currently underway, and identified for the years ahead. We have an amazing community, I'm looking forward to supporting the school to continue to grow great people.



## SARAH CHARTERIS

Hi, I am Sarah Charteris and I am a proud former pupil of Ormond School as well as a parent of two current pupils (Henry and Nina). My husband Blake and I moved our family home to Gisborne last year and we are enjoying raising our three children as part of the Ormond community.

The school has obviously played a significant role in shaping my own education and now as a parent I value its importance in shaping the next generation. As a relatively new Ormond family we are finding the school to be wonderful. It has already done so much for our three children, and I'm looking forward to contributing to its ongoing success, as part of an awesome board team.



## SIMON BOUSFIELD

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# Ormond School F.L.A.X Awards



## CLEO

Cleo, you are so good at not giving up! You always face challenges with a smile and a determination that helps you get through tricky learning. Because you pay such close attention, you are always ready to learn. Your kindness and helpful spirit make you an amazing classmate who loves to help others. You can be proud of the great person you are and all the good things you do for our class!

He tino pukumahi koe – you are a very hard worker, keep it up Cleo!



## MARJLA

Marjla, what a fabulous week you have had in Karaka. You were fully involved with the making of our Lizard Lounge with Amy. You listened carefully and got stuck into the hard mahi, offering great solutions and problem solving. We have noticed that you are making good progress with your maths too, giving tricky equations a go and going into the learning pit. You are a super role model for our students and are always ready for learning. Keep it up Marjla, you are a Powerful Learner Superhero!



## BENTLEY

Bentley you are such a cool kid to have in Pōhutukawa!!

You come in every morning with a smile and get yourself ready to learn. Powerful Learners are organised and this is you. You are quick to see when something needs to be done and will help do it. You are someone others like to sit beside because you focus on your learning and are not a distraction to them.

Ka mau te wehi Bentley, racing to the moon!!!!.



## JACK

Jack, you have started this term with the intention to succeed. You have been working hard and aren't afraid to enter the learning pit. I even loved the self assessment phrase you came up with to express how you are going with your learning. You have a great sense of humour and provide us with laughs most days. You are also showing great leadership skills and I've been really impressed with your effort both in and out of the classroom. Mauri mahi, mauri ora!

## TIDY KIWI – WEEK 5

## RIMU

## HOUSE POINTS:

1st: **Horouta**

2nd: **Takitimu**

3rd: **Ahititi**

4th: **Waipaoa**



**Te Ako Mahi**

# Learning in Action

## Lizard Lounge

**Great team effort Karaka – our Lizard Lounge is ready for some skinks! As part of our inquiry, we are looking at what positive actions we can take to look after the hauora of our environment. We have skinks in our Ngāhere and we learned about them in our class. Making a Lizard Lounge protects skinks by giving them a safe place to live in. A massive thank you to Amy from the Enviro Centre for helping us with this project and to our whānau for donating the materials.**



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# Marautanga Taapiri Extra Curricular

## MATHS WEEK

Loving all of the entries for the Maths Week challenges - baking/cooking using measurement, shape monsters, fractions and measuring high tall members of our whānau are. Winners of the spot prizes, Dojo points and guess the lolly jar will be announced at assembly next Friday.





**Ngā Panui Nui**

# Notices & Updates

## KEY DATES DATES TERM 3

- Every Friday: Primary Rugby & Netball.
- 19<sup>th</sup> August: House comp (PM)
- 20<sup>th</sup> August: Inter-school X-country
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept: Inter-school Fast 5 Netball.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sept: Ormond Speech Finals 5:30pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Sept: School Board Elections.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Sept: House comp (PM).
- 12<sup>th</sup> Sept: He & Me celebration 2:00pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Sept: Inquiry-learning celebration WOW event.
- 19<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## NZEI PAID UNION MEETING – 21ST AUGUST: SCHOOL CLOSED 12:30PM.

This Thursday, NZEI have called a Union Meeting for all members – this will be held at Ilminster Intermediate. 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 21st of August. Children will need to be picked up at 12:30pm (Our Go Bus will pick up at 12:30pm). We would appreciate your support with this kaupapa and do apologise for the inconvenience that it may cause.

## INQUIRY LEARNING CELEBRATION: WEARABLE ARTS – RECYCLED STYLE!

On Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> 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!**



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