

Newsletter



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Term One - Week 1



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Welcome back!

I hope that you and your whānau have had a great summer break and you were able to take some time to connect, relax, unwind and recharge.

This week it has been great to get to know the tamariki at Ormond School and to meet a number of whānau as they drop off / collect their children each day. This connection is what makes our kura a special place to be - so please continue to stop in for a chat and strengthen this essential school / whānau relationship.

Our dedicated team have been working hard over the past few weeks and have enjoyed seeing the childrens' smiling faces, both new and familiar, across week one. It is clearly evident that the staff at Ormond School love what they do and are committed to doing the best they can for our community.

Like the start of any new school year, there are lots of systems and organisational essentials to be aware of. Big or small, these are all important and ensure that our school runs smoothly and efficiently. A number of these are outlined in this pānui - please take the time to check them out and let us know if you have any questions or queries. Strong relationships are the foundation for a successful school year. We are committed to creating a warm, welcoming environment where students, staff, families and our wider community can work together and support one another. You are welcome in our kura and you belong in this space. Our doors are open and we are excited to walk alongside you in the pursuit of our school vision of 'Growing Great People'.

As always, thank you for your support and partnership in making Ormond School such a special place. We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead...

Ngā mihi nui,
Shane Hooks,
Tumuaki /Principal.

Key Dates Term One

- 11th February - Life Education truck
- 17th February - BOT hui - 5:30pm
- 18th February - Meet the teacher / Whānau Picnic
- 24th February - Swimming Sports
- 7th March - Triathlon
- 12th March - Inter School Cricket
- 19th March - Inter School Swimming
- 26th March - Inter School Triathlon
- 2nd & 3rd April - Whanau Aspirations hui
- 8th April - Snorkelling - Rimu & Pōhutukawa
- 7th April - Weetbix TRY challenge
- 9th April - Kōwhai & Karaka Firewise Programme.
- 10th April - Inter School Rippa Rugby
- 10th April - Last Day of Term

Note: Depending on circumstances we may not attend all events. Dates are subject to change.

Term Dates 2025

Term One: 31 January - 10 April

Term Two: 28 April - 27 June

Term Three: 14 July - 19 September

Term Four: 6 October - 16 December



**GROWING GREAT PEOPLE
TE WHAKATIPU IWI NUI**



**ORMOND SCHOOL LEARNERS ARE GREAT PEOPLE
WHO ARE:**

**Communicators, Collaborative, Connected,
Confident, Thinkers, Self managers, Shows
Perseverance**

Don't forget:

OUR 4 R'S

AT ORMOND SCHOOL ARE:

**RESPECT
RESILIENCE
REFLECTION
RESPONSIBILITY**

When we are using these 4 values, we are
BEING A GREAT PERSON!

F.L.A.X Award Recipients

LEXI



Welcome to our Kōwhai ship Lexi. What a great start you have had at our kura! I have already noticed how confident you are and how well you can manage yourself. You have great mat manners and listening ears. You get on with your mahi and tidy up after yourself without being asked. You are a kind student, work with anyone and chat to others happily. Amazing start to your learning journey at Ormond School Lexi, I can't wait to see what a powerful pirate you will become!

MARJLA

Marjla, what an amazing start you have made to 2025 in Karaka! You have been an amazing role model for the new students in our class, leading by example with your mat manners, showing them what to do in our learning and being a kind, responsible and helpful member of our class. We love seeing what a Powerful Learner Superhero you are Marjla, ka pai tō mahi!



DAISY



Daisy you have started 2025 with such a great positive attitude to your learning. You make sure you know what you are doing and will ask if you are not sure. You know that quality work takes time and that this might mean going back time and time again to it. You are a helpful and friendly student that others like sitting by, as they know you will help them. This is showing you are a Powerful Ormond School learner who is soaring to the moon

NINA

Nina you have started the year as you mean to go on. You are thoughtful and respectful of your classmates, you give others the opportunity to speak and are also happy to collaborate. You have shown that you are a focused learner who puts 100% effort into your work and you aren't afraid to seek help when you need it. Ka pai tō mahi!



TIDY KIWI AWARD - WEEK 1

Pōhutukawa

BE A
TIDY
KIWI



NAU MAI, HAERE MAI.... TO OUR NEW STUDENTS!



A huge welcome to our new students who have joined us. We welcome **Lexi MacGillivray, Arco MacGillivray, Willow Whitehead, Sam Scrivens and Kian Ngaro, Thomas Kennedy** and their whānau to our Ormond learning community. We are thrilled that they have joined us to begin or continue their learning journeys.

Our National Curriculum

A 'refresh' of our national curriculum has been undertaken across the last few years. This will see a number of changes take place within education and across schools throughout the country. We are prioritising essential PLD for our staff and teachers and are looking forward to implementing the refreshed curriculum at Ormond. We will continue to keep you informed as information is provided by the Ministry. More information can be found here: [National curriculum - guide to changes](#).

Fundraising Committee

We are holding our first meeting to welcome any parents who are keen to get involved for 2025.

Tuesday 11th Feb at 2pm in the staff room.

We welcome any new ideas for fundraising initiatives and wish lists items.

If you have any ideas but do not wish to join the fundraising committee you can send your ideas through to office@ormond.school.nz

LOOKING FORWARD TO ALL YOUR IDEAS

THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



ORMOND SCHOOL MEET THE TEACHER / BOARD WHĀNAU PICNIC

A great time for our new and old whānau to meet our schools Board Members and your child's new teacher. A shared BBQ under the trees will provide an opportunity for whānau to reconnect and make new connections to begin our new school year on a positive note.

 **18th Feb 2025**
Start At 5PM

Shared BBQ

Bring a salad, or pack of patties
Cutlery and own drinks.
Sausage sizzle provided.

RSVP BY 14TH FEB



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Classes At Ormond 2025



Kowhai

Ahoy everyone,
We are Kōwhai, the class of powerful pirates. We have started with 12 amazing crew members who are all year 1 but more shipmates will join our vessel during the year. At the helm of our ship is our captain Kōkā Sophie. Together we are searching for new treasure (learning) and use our powerful learner qualities to find them. We can't wait to sail the sea on many exciting adventures!

Karaka

Kia ora Whānau! It's lovely to be back in Karaka for the 2025 school year!

We are a classroom of 18 Year 2 and 3 learners with 2 teachers, Michelle Dods and Raquel Parsons. Michelle is in for part of the morning, taking Maths and some Literacy while Raquel is taking students for Early Literacy Support.

In Karaka, we use our superpowers to be Powerful Learner Superheroes! Powerful Learner Superheroes follow our Key Learning Messages and consistently show our School Values and Learner Qualities.

We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning and growth for our tamariki!



PŌHUTUKAWA

Kia Ora whānau, welcome to Pōhutkawa. We are a class of 25 Year3 & 4 learners with Mrs Thompson and with Koka Casey on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.. Our learning metaphor is "Reach for the moon, even if you miss, you will land among the stars!" We will be astronauts this year, soaring through our learning and venturing into the unknown with confidence using our Learner Qualities, and our Ormond School Values. We are going to thrive in 2025!

RIMU

Kia Ora,

We are Rimu, a class of 25 enthusiastic year 5 & 6 learners with 2 teachers Kōkā Ang and Kōkā Suellen. Our class theme is 'I te ngahere - In the forest.' Tamariki begin as mū (insects) on the forest floor. As they demonstrate the Ormond School Learner Qualities their chosen mū climbs the giant Rimu tree in our class. The higher tamariki can climb the more of the ngahere they can see and easier it becomes to explore the world around them! We are looking forward to a year as a great team, making the most of all the amazing opportunities the senior school offers!





NOTICES & UPDATES

Sun hats: Term One is wear your hat term. Students are required to wear a wide brimmed or bucket hat whilst in the playground and during outdoor activities. School hats are available in the office for \$25.00

Communication

Communication is key. If your circumstances or contact details have changed from what we have on record, please update these with our school office as soon as you can.

Morning drop off, afternoon pick up.

Our staff will be on site and supervising children from 8:15am. For the safety of the tamariki, please do not drop them to kura before this - unless prior arrangements have been made with our school office. Afternoon pick up time is 2:45pm from our office porch area. Please ensure you sign your children out with Mrs T.

Swimming

Swimming is part of our school curriculum under Health and Physical Education. The expectation is that all students actively participate in the program to the best of their ability. Regular participation is necessary to be considered for the interschool swimming sports later in the term.

School Assemblies.

School assemblies will be held each Friday morning - 8:50-9:15am. We encourage whānau to join us if possible and share in celebrating the week and the achievements of our students.

Project update

Our school library shelving is set to arrive and be installed on the 10th of February. An electrical and lighting upgrade, alongside the recarpeting work still to be completed, will begin the week of the 24th of February. Please take extra care moving around the school during these times.

Skool Loop App

A lot of our vital information is available through the Skool Loop App. This includes links to our weekly newsletters and services such as reporting an absence. Please download the app to your phone if you have not already. Information on how to do so is outlined below.



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