



Ormond School Newsletter

17th October 2025
Week 2 | Term 4

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

A very warm welcome back to school for Term 4! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break and that our students are refreshed and ready to crack into the exciting term ahead.

I must start by celebrating the incredible success of our Recyclable Wearable Arts Show at the end of Term 3. The creativity, ingenuity, and sheer skill displayed by our students was simply phenomenal! This event was a brilliant example of learning applied into action – stemming from our T3 focus of the environment. A massive congratulations to all the students, staff, and families who supported this memorable event—what way to finish the term!

Our focus for Term 4 shifts closer to home as we explore our inquiry learning through the lens of "Kaitiaki of our Community". This inquiry is about building a strong, vibrant, and sustainable community, and each of our roles in making this happen.

Across the term, our students will be diving deep into three key focus areas:

Understanding #1: How can we build a community where everyone feels safe, supported, and valued?

Understanding #2: What are the "taonga" (treasures) in our community?

Understanding #3: What positive actions can we take to give back to our community?

Last Thursday was my first experience of the famous Ormond School Pet Day! For those of you who were able to make it, I hope you enjoyed the fun, chaos, and excitement as much as I did. It was brilliant to see our community turn out to support the event—the children loved showcasing their pets, baking and art work. Thank you for making it such a special day for the tamariki.

Please be aware that there is lots happening this term as we head towards the end of the school year. Term 4 is always packed with activities, celebrations, and key events. To ensure you don't miss anything, please keep up to date with the events outlined in this newsletter. If you have any questions or queries about the upcoming schedule, please touch base with the school office or your child's teacher.

Have a great weekend!

Nga mihi nui,

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Ormond School F.L.A.X Awards



KEA

Welcome aboard our Kōwhai ship, Kea! You have made a fantastic transition from Kindy to School, settling into our routine with ease. Already, you demonstrate you are ready for learning by listening closely to instructions and bringing a keen, positive attitude to every activity. This is such a super start to your learning journey! With this kind of attitude, I have no doubt that you will grow into an incredibly powerful pirate as the term sails on. We are so excited to have you with us!



HUNTER

Hunter, it takes a lot of courage to face things that make you nervous and you showed courage this week in our swimming lessons with Toni and visiting the Dental Truck. This shows your determination, perseverance and your growth in confidence. We have noticed the same growth in confidence in your learning also. Keep up your positive attitude Hunter, you are a Powerful Learner Superhero, ka rawe koe!



ARCO

Arco you are always ready to dive into your learning, even if it is hard. You stay focused on your it and will keep trying. This shows you are a Powerful Ormond School Learner. You are a kind and caring young man who will help others at any time. You are getting better at asking when you are not sure and this really shows you are in charge of your learning. Keep up your amazing attitude Arco, Ka mau te wehi!!!



HALO

Halo, you are a diligent student who consistently approaches your work with quiet effort and focus. You are a valuable team member who collaborates well with your classmates and enjoys a good laugh with your friends. It has also been wonderful to see your increasing confidence in sharing your ideas and opinions in class discussions. Ka kino kē koe!

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 2

KARAKA

HOUSE POINTS:

1st: **Horouta & Takitimu**

2nd: **Ahititi**

3rd: **Waipaoa**



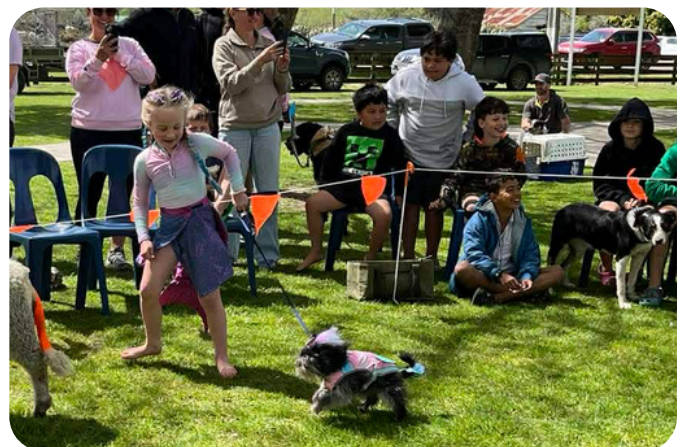
Te Ako Mahi

Learning in Action

PET DAY 2025 – INQUIRY LEARNING – OUR COMMUNITY

PET DAY & Hospital boxes (Inquiry – Bring our community together & service to the community)

Message received from grateful community member: "This is a message for the young people at Ormond school. My father was very ill in hospital and received this lovely care package that made his spirits lift and feel better. Thank you so much for the kind and thoughtful gesture. It's so wonderful that you are being taught such a great gift, that is giving service and thinking of others at such a young age"



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Marautanga Taapiri

Extra-Curricular

SMALL & RURAL SCHOOLS SPEECH FINALS

A big congratulations to Ayla Jarden, Fleur Randall, Nina Charteris, and Otto Wright for proudly representing our school at the Rural Schools Speech Final held at Ormond School. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, confidence, and the fantastic way they delivered their speeches. Well done!





Ngā Panui Nui

Notices & Updates

KEY DATES TERM 4

- 20th October: BOT Meeting
- 22nd October: Inter School Touch
- 23rd October: School Closed NZEI Strike
- 29th October: Ormond School Athletics
- 30th October: Halloween Disco
- 4th November: Inter School Athletics
- 5th November: School Photos
- 11th November – Kapa Haka Festival – Ormond 1:15pm start.
- 18th November: Year 6 Intermediate Visits
- 27th November: Music Performance
- 1st–5th December: Year 5 & 6 Home Camp
- 8th December: BOT Meeting
- 11th December: Year 6 Leavers Dinner
- 12th December: Prize Giving
- 15th December Kiwa Pools Day
- 16th December: Last Day / Water Fun day

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.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

AFTER SCHOOL CARE TERM FOUR:

If you would like to utilise our After School Care program in term 4... please click on the link to do so: [After School Care T4 25](#)

Child Centred Play Therapy: Student support opportunity.

Please see the information below from Pauline Seminutin regarding this opportunity. Connect with Pauline directly should you wish further information.

My name is Pauline Seminutin. I am a child-centered play therapy (CCPT) Intern working under the guidance of ChildPlayWorks (CPW), NZ (www.childplayworks.co.nz). In 2023 I worked onsite, part time under contract to support the entire primary school, in town. I am returning to my training after an absence from attending to my family.

My heart is to support children and their families in their world in this child-led approach of CCPT and I am offering as a volunteer, to see a child who wants or needs this, to help process their world, once a week, for 45 mins (depending on age) after school on a Wednesday from October 2025, in our Makauri studio. This is a confidential service. I am a full member of New Zealand Counselling Association (NZAC) and work under their ethical guidelines. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me on mob: 022 394 8189 or email me at oaks.kete.co@gmail.com.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

SWIMMING TOGS & TOWEL AND SUN HATS

Swimming Togs, Towel & School Hat Every Day!

A quick reminder to please make sure tamariki bring their swimming togs and towel every day this term, Also, with the warmer weather, it's important that every child brings their wide-brimmed hat each day to stay sun safe. they can bring their own or there are School Hats available at the office for \$25 each. please make sure hats are named
Ngā mihi!

SCHOOL ATHLETICS DATE CHANGE

Please note that the Ormond School Athletics Day has been rescheduled and will now take place on Wednesday, 29th October.

Mark your calendars we're looking forward to a great day of fun.

MIDWAY SLSC NIPPERS 2025 AGES 4-13

SUNDAY 2 NOV 10AM

CLUB OPEN DAY
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