



Ormond School Newsletter

7th November 2025
Week 5 Term 4

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

Today's newsletter is directed to our wonderful students – please take the time to share the messages with them at home.

As the school year enters its final five weeks, this is a pivotal time for all of us—students, staff, and families. It's a chance to put our best foot forward, not just to complete the final six weeks, but to finish the year strong, positive, and thriving.

Putting Your Best Foot Forward and Leaving a Positive Legacy

The last stretch of the year is often when students and classes shine brightest. Now is the time to focus on what kind of impact you want to leave behind. For our year 6 students, this is your final act; for all others, it sets the tone for your return next year. Every student contributes to the culture of our school. Consider how your attitude and actions affect those around you. Let your legacy be one of kindness, effort, and engagement. When you strive to be your best self every day, you inspire your classmates and help make our school a welcoming, thriving environment.

This means approaching every task, every lesson, and every interaction with enthusiasm and a willingness to try. It's about demonstrating the growth and maturity you've gained all year. Perseverance now will make the difference between a good year and a great one.

The Critical Importance of Attendance

It may be tempting to slow down as the weather warms and the holidays approach, but consistent attendance remains absolutely crucial. Every day of school is filled with essential learning, review sessions, and culminating activities. Missing even one day can mean missing vital information needed for final projects, testing, or transitioning to the next year level. Good attendance shows commitment and respect for your teachers and classmates. It ensures you maintain the positive momentum built up over the year and allows you to participate fully in the final celebrations and activities. Please prioritize being at school, on time, every day.

Keeping High Expectations and Taking Pride in Your Contribution

We encourage every student to maintain high expectations for themselves right up until the final bell. Don't let your standards slip. Keep challenging yourself academically. Use the remaining time to solidify concepts, complete projects with care, and prepare thoroughly. Our staff remains committed to providing the support and resources you need to excel. Be proud of yourself and the effort you have put into your learning and our school community. Whether it was a significant improvement in math, a leadership role, or simply being a reliable and helpful classmate, every contribution matters. Acknowledge your hard work and take pride in knowing you gave your absolute best to your class and to our school this year.

Let's work together to make these final months the most productive, positive, and memorable of the entire school year. We are immensely proud of our students and look forward to celebrating their successful completion of another year of growth and achievement.

Together, let's finish strong

Nga mihi,

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Growing Great People – Te Whakatipu Tangata



Ormond School F.L.A.X Awards



SAELYM

Saelym, I am so impressed with the way you've approached your learning lately! You are showing fantastic independence. When you finish your group tasks, you smoothly transition to your independent activities. Best of all, you complete them without being reminded, proving you understand that getting your work done on time means you earn your playtime. Way to go, Saelym! Keep maximizing your learning time with this brilliant, responsible attitude.

Ka pai tō mahi!



ASIA

Asia, you always show that you are ready for learning and you are a great role model for others in your attitude to your learning, your behaviour and the choices that you make. This week we started our learning check ins and you blew us away with your confidence in reading! You read fluently and accurately, showing that you have consolidated all of the sounds and heart words that you have learned.

You are a Powerful Learner Superhero, Asia – kā wani ke!



MOLLY

Molly you give 100% to everything you do. Whether it is learning new methods in maths or fitness or your artwork, it is such a positive attitude that you have. This week you were in the Learning Pit and you worked out what you needed to do to succeed and you did it. This is what Powerful Ormond School learners do, they don't give up when things get hard and keep trying until they get it right. This is definitely you. Ka pai tō mahi Molly! You are definitely up among the stars



BEN

Ben, your time management has been on point this week! You have collaborated with your friends, sharing and combining ideas and making sure every voice is heard. You have put your thinking hat on and broken down complex math word problems so they can be easily understood and solved, and you have made time to paint your own board and support others with theirs. A great week for you!

Mauri mahi, mauri ora!

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 5

Kōwhai

HOUSE POINTS:

1st: **Horouta & Takitimu**

2nd: **Ahititi**

3rd: **Waipaoa**



Marautanga Taapiri

Extra-Curricular

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS

On Tuesday our Athletics team competed at the Inter-school event, held at Awapuni Stadium. It was a fantastic day - with our students demonstrating the Ormond school values and competing with effort and enthusiasm. We are very proud of the way in which they carried themselves throughout the event and how they supported one another on the day. A special mention to Ran Ryan for placing 3rd in the Ball Throw, and Ryder Symon for placing 3rd equal in the High Jump.



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Ngā Panui Nui

Notices & Updates

KEY DATES TERM 4

- 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 NOTICES / EVENTS

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

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We've noticed that some students are eating most or all of their lunch during morning tea, leaving them with little or nothing for lunchtime. This can make it harder for them to stay focused and energised throughout the afternoon.

Please take a moment to chat with your child about saving part of their lunch for lunchtime, and consider packing a little extra if they're coming home hungry or seem to need more during the day.

Thank you for your support in helping keep our tamariki fuelled and ready to learn!

SAND-PIT TOYS

We are on the hunt for more quality Sand-pit toys. Most plastic toys are broken within a few weeks – but if you have any sturdy buckets / spades / cars / diggers etc that you are not using – we would love to have them!



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Christmas hospital box making

We are seeking donations of Christmas craft items (ribbons etc), small chocolates, candy canes or small toys. Please drop these off to Ash or Bea.

The students then package them up along with decorations and cards and deliver them to the hospital for patients.

We are hoping to include treats for nurses too this year so any help is greatly appreciated!



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mind over manner.

Is coming to Tairāwhiti to deliver a Neurodiversity Workshop for Whānau, all Community, and Iwi-based Organisations.

ABOUT

Mind Over Manner workshops use the power of theatre to introduce participants to an alternative way of understanding so many people who sense and learn differently - often diagnosed (or not diagnosed) with Neurodiversity (Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, and others).

Alternatively, we call it **Takiwātanga** - *those who live in their own space and time, and* **Aroreretini** - *attention to many things*.

Our experienced team of actors show how a person's sensory overwhelm and cognitive relationship to the world can often result in rude, shut-down, or confused behaviour.

We will bring several charged scenarios to life, then work with you, our participants, to unpack, bring our collective learnings, and re-evaluate our responses to the difficult situations that often arise.

While this workshop focuses on those 12 years and under, the key tenets of the work can be applied to people of all ages.

These workshops are relevant to all people who live alongside or work with people who are anxious, who may have behavioural, sensory, and learning differences.

We encourage whanau, professionals, and ALL members of the community to engage in this intriguing and eye-opening workshop.



TAIRĀWHITI

Tuesday 2 December
6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Lawson Field Theatre,
7 Fitzherbert Street
Whataupoko
GISBORNE

COST

FREE of charge

"I wasn't sure what to expect but this has been the most captivating and interesting workshop I've ever been to" (Parent)

"I believe this kaupapa should be shown to everyone in Aotearoa" (Teacher)

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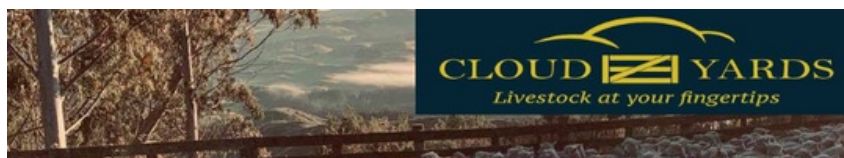
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