



Ormond School Newsletter

28th November 2025

Week 8 Term 4

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

It is an incredibly dynamic time in education. We are continually engaging with significant developments, including the implementation of new curricula, the rolling out of updated policies, navigating changes in assessment practices, and managing a host of behind-the-scenes transformations spearheaded by the Ministry of Education. It has indeed been a big year of adjustment and progress in this space.

However, a week like the one we've just completed at Ormond School is a powerful reminder of why we dedicate ourselves to this work and, ultimately, why we are all here: our students, your children!

The energy surrounding our Inquiry Learning Community Focus has been outstanding, demonstrating a clear connection between classroom learning and real-world impact. It is inspiring to see students dedicate their time, effort, and passion to projects that allow them to give back to their community. Students are not just learning facts; they are developing a civic consciousness by realising the importance of contributing positively to the world around them. We've seen a variety of exciting initiatives in this space, all demonstrating critical thinking, collaboration, and a sense of responsibility. This work is fostering future leaders who understand that their academic learning directly translates into meaningful action.

Thursday's Music Performance was nothing short of amazing, a true highlight of the school year. The hard work and dedication poured into this event by our students and staff came together in a brilliant showcase. The audience was treated to an excellent performance that highlighted the diverse talents within our school and celebrated the arts. This performance is a testament to the value of persistence, teamwork, and the joy of creative expression. Congratulations to every student involved— we are incredibly proud.

Finally, what often goes unnoticed in the busy school week are the daily interactions that define our school's warm and supportive culture. The positive energy that our students consistently bring into the classroom and playground is vital for a healthy learning environment. Every day, we witness moments of kindness as students look out for one another, offer support, and celebrate each other's achievements.

To those that are helping out with Rimu's camp next week - thank you very much for your time. I am sure it will be a week to remember!

Have a great weekend!

Nga mihi nui,

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LEVI

Levi, I have been incredibly impressed with your perseverance this week! I challenged you to improve your handwriting by focusing on correct letter formation and staying on the lines. You responded by working really hard, and it was awesome to see you take that challenge on all by yourself yesterday! You were thinking about it and using your eraser until you were happy with the quality. *Ka pai tō mahi, keep showing that focused effort in everything you do!*



HARVEY

Harvey, we love the effort you have been putting into being a 'bucket filler'. You have been a shining light of kindness, thoughtfulness and helpfulness to your classmates, making everyone around you feel valued. You have also been a kaitiaki of our school environment, picking up rubbish in your morning tea and lunchtime breaks. Thank you for your leadership and positive attitude, Harvey. It has made a big difference in Karaka this week. *He whetu koe!*



JACOB

Jacob you are one cool kid who stays focused on his learning. You have a cheeky grin and start the day with a friendly greeting and then get ready for your day. This shows you are a powerful Ormond School Learner who is organised. You are not afraid to go into the Learning Pit and always try your best at whatever you do. You are a real role model for others in our class and at school.

Keep up your amazing attitude Jacob, *Ka mau te wehi*



TED

Ted, you are an excellent leader and a fantastic role model for our junior students. This week, you conducted yourself exceptionally well both inside and outside the classroom. In the pool yesterday, you were a fun schoolmate to many juniors, bringing big smiles to their faces! Instead of rushing off to join your friends afterward, you stayed behind to help younger students find their misplaced clothing. This act truly demonstrates how kind and empathetic you are.
Mauri mahi, mauri ora!

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 8

RIMU

HOUSE POINTS:

- 1st: Horouta & Takitimu
- 2nd: Ahititi
- 3rd: Waipaoa



Te Ako Mahi

Learning in Action

Learning Enquiry - Community Service in action

This term, our Pohutukawa class headed out into the community to help clean up Ormond Village as part of their learning inquiry.

They worked with enthusiasm and showed real pride in taking care of their local environment.

Meanwhile, the Rimu girls came up with a wonderful idea to make salt-dough Christmas decorations with the Kowhai kids. Their

creativity and kindness shone through as they worked together to bring a bit of festive sparkle to our school.

Awesome mahi from all our learners—showing what it means to look after our community, both beyond the school gate and within it!





Te Arautanga Taapiri Extra-Curricular

Music Performance

A Wonderful Music Performance

Our music students put on an amazing performance in front of the whole school and whānau this week! Their confidence, teamwork, and musicianship were truly impressive, and it was fantastic to see how far they've come. A huge thank you to Keiran and Rikki for coming to Ormond every week to teach and inspire our budding musicians. Your guidance and dedication have made a big difference, and the students' progress really shone on stage.

Ka mau te wehi, kids, outstanding effort from everyone involved!





Notices & Updates

KEY DATES TERM 4

- **1st–5th December: Year 5 & 6 Home Camp**
- **3rd December: Pohutukawa snorkling day**
- **8th December: BOT Meeting**
- **9th December: Coaches afternoon tea.**
- **11th December: Year 6 Leavers Dinner 4.30pm**
- **12th December: Prize Giving 1pm**
- **12th December: Reports sent home**
- **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

2026 TERM DATES

School office open Wednesday the 4th and Thursday the 5th Feb.

TERM #1 = Monday the 9th of Feb – Thursday the 2nd of April.

TERM #2 = Monday the 20th of April – Friday the 3rd of July.

TERM #3 = Monday the 20th of July – Friday the 25th of September.

TERM #4 = Monday the 12th of October – Friday the 18th of December.

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

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!



Ngā Panui Nui

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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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FIXED TERM, TEACHER AIDE (Parental leave).

We are searching for an energetic, positive Teacher Aide to join our team on a fixed term one year contract beginning in March 2026. If you are passionate about meeting the needs of Akonga in a supportive environment, and are able to provide engaging learning experiences and build strong learning focused relationships, we look forward to hearing from you. This role is likely to be Monday to Friday, 8:30am-2:30pm, term time only.

Outline your experience and strengths in your CV. Please include two referees.

Covering letter and CV to be sent to principal@ormond.school.nz.

Application close: Friday the 28th of November at 5pm.

Key Tasks: Teacher aide / kaiāwhina at Ormond School:

The teacher aide / kaiāwhina is required to work closely with the classroom teacher and is expected to support programmes of work that enhance the learning of identified students.

This will require the successful applicant to:

- Support the goals, objectives, and policies of the school.
- Effectively assist teachers in the implementation of programmes.
- Regularly monitor and record student achievement.
- Support individual student learning programmes.
- Support students in all areas of need, but also promote their independence.
- Maintain good communication and positive relationships with the student, family, staff, professionals and visitors.
- Be adaptable to the varying needs of the students.
- Take part in professional development programmes.
- Contribute to the wider life of the school.
- Maintain confidentiality at all times.
- Be entitled to personal and professional support (If required).
- Follow organisational practices of the school, for example, in relation to punctuality, absenteeism.
- Be part of the school appraisal system.



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