



Ormond School Newsletter

13th June 2025
Week 7 | Term 2

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

Mid-Year Reports: Celebrating Progress and Charting Future Success!

It's hard to believe we're already halfway through the school year! Soon, your child's mid-year report will be coming home, offering a valuable snapshot of their learning journey so far. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your child's progress and acknowledge their hard work and achievements.

We encourage you to take time to sit down with your child, review their report together, and genuinely praise their efforts. Fostering a positive culture around reporting helps children feel proud of their accomplishments and motivated for the learning ahead. Every step forward, no matter how small, is a victory worth recognizing.

As you look through the report, you might notice some differences in how your child's progress is described. With the introduction of the new curriculum rolled out by the Ministry of Education over the past 12 months, the expectations for students have evolved, and in some areas, the "goalposts have shifted." This means that what was considered an expected level of achievement in the past may look different now.

The report reflects these new benchmarks and provides a picture of where your child is currently at in relation to these updated expectations - in line with the information the MOE has provided schools to date. It might also highlight areas where they are extending their learning beyond what's expected for their age.

The strongest foundation for a child's success is built through a strong partnership between home and school. Your role in supporting your child's learning is invaluable. The mid-year report is a fantastic tool to help you identify ways to support their next steps at home.

Whether it's reinforcing a new concept, encouraging reading, practicing basic facts, or simply fostering a love for learning, your engagement makes a significant difference. We are in this together, and by working collaboratively, we give your child the best possible chance to progress towards their expected level or to extend their learning even further.

If you have any questions about your child's report or would like to discuss their progress in more detail, please don't hesitate to contact their teacher. We have also set our Parent / Teacher Mid Year Learning Conversations for Tuesday 24th and Wednesday the 25th - you can book your preferred time through the Skool Loop App.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for helping us create a supportive and thriving learning environment for all our students.

Ngā mihi nui,

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KORTEZ

Welcome aboard our Kōwhai ship, KorteZ! What a happy and keen learner you are! You tackle every challenge with a smile, and your excitement truly peaks during kapa haka. While you have plenty of energy, you happily take feedback on board, making it easy to get back on track. You also have a kind nature, you are great at sharing, and you build positive relationships with everyone in class. Keep your positive attitude, KorteZ, ka mau te wehi!



HARVEY

Harvey, I have been so impressed with you this week! You've been in the learning zone, tucking yourself away from distractions and showing great perseverance to get your learning done. You've been asking for help when you need it and you have shared your knowledge with others. On top of this, your tidiness, helpfulness and kindness around the classroom has really made a difference. You are definitely showing us what a Powerful Learner Superhero looks like, Harvey! Ka pai tō mahi!



TOM

Tom what a wonderful week you have had. You love challenges and when things get hard you know that if you keep trying you will get it. In maths you have been challenging yourself to step up and complete not only your groups work, but the next groups work too. Going into the Learning Pit is not as scary as it sounds, it means you are learning! You are always ready to share your ideas or answers with the class and will help others if they need it.

You are really soaring to the moon Tom.

Keep this great attitude going, Ka mau te wehi!!! Awesome



TED

Ted, you've shown fantastic teamwork this week by supporting your friends' learning when they are stuck, and offering to help catch them up with they have been away. You've shown incredible effort in your information report writing, creating an excellent piece by listening carefully to feedback and reaching your personal goals. And in maths, your smart use of known facts to solve those tougher multiplication problems is excellent! Ka pai tō mahi!

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 7 RIMU

HOUSE POINTS:

1st equal: **Horouta**,
2nd: **Waipaoa**, **Ahititi**
3rd: **Takitimu**



Te Ako Mahi Learning in Action

EMBEDDING OF CONCEPT...

We know that students learn best when they can apply their learning of concept in practical ways, and do so while working with others in social context. This reinforces and embeds learning, leading to greater retention and understanding. Check out our students doing just this with Geometry, Motor Skills, Science & Literacy.





Marautanga Taapiri Extra Curricular

GROWING GREAT PEOPLE

Part of our kaupapa at Ormond is holistic learning – hence our vision of Growing Great People. These opportunities help our tamariki develop skills, knowledge & understandings that develop them as people – with the goal of leaving Ormond confident to take on the world. Aurora leadership day, developing work ethic, and teamwork in action!



Matariki — CELEBRATION —

Kaupapa for the day...

- 8.45–10.15am | Matariki learning in classrooms.
- 10.15–10.50am | Morning tea with Whānau.
Please bring a small plate to share.
- 11.00am | Music Concert in the hall – all welcome.
- 11.30–12.30pm | Kapa Haka.
- 1.00pm | Free Sausage Sizzle for lunch (kindly donated by Wai Connections – ngā mihi nui!).
- 1.15–2.00pm | Matariki learning in classrooms.
- 2:00–2:35pm | Ngā Kēmu – Poi Toa and Tapu Ae, whole school games.

THURSDAY 19 JUNE 2025



Ngā Panui Nui Notices & Updates

KEY DATES DATES TERM 2

- 16th June – BOT Meeting
- 18th June – InterSchool Rugby 7s (Girls only)
- 19th June – Kura Matariki Celebration & Music performance
- 20th June – Matariki Holiday
- 27th June – Teacher Only 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.

TERM THREE – AFTER SCHOOL CARE SIGN UP

Tired of rushing around, picking up kids from here, there and everywhere? Take the pressure off, get some space, or even enjoy some 'me' time – while your kids play with their mates and enjoy themselves for an hour after school.

Check out the link below for information on our After School Care program – and to sign up for term 3.

[CLICK HERE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON OUR AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME](#)

MID YEAR REPORTS & LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Next Thursday (the 19th of June), our mid year reports will be emailed to parents and caregivers. The week after on Tuesday the 24th and Wednesday the 25th – we will hold out Parent / Teacher hui. This is an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their report and their learning. Please book through the skool loop app – see 2025 Mid Year Learning Conversations in "Bookings". ([Skool Loop for Parents: instructions](#)).

With Lynne on leave – Pohutukawa meetings will be the first week back in term 3 – please select Pohutukawa Mid year Learning Conversations on the Skool Loop to book for this class.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

A reminder: As per ongoing communication in our weekly newsletters – On Friday the 27th of June we have our first MOE allocated Teacher only day. The focus for this day will be on professional learning for our staff on the new Math curriculum. There will be no school this day.

MATARIKI & MUSIC CELEBRATIONS

On Thursday the 19th of June we invite families to join us for some shared kīa (Matariki celebration) followed by a music performance in our school hall. Kai will begin at 10:15am, with the music performance starting at 11:00am.



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