



Ormond School Newsletter

27th February 2026
Week 3 Term 1

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

It has been wonderful moving through the classrooms this week. It's clear that "holiday mode" is officially behind us; our students are back, focused, and truly prioritizing their learning.

A Community Success Story

Last year, a "Cattle Fundraiser" was organized by Tim Gardner. A large number of farms around Ormond generously raised cattle, and following their processing, the profits were donated to Ormond School. This initiative has been a total game-changer for us. To the families and farms that contributed: you have made a massive difference. We deeply appreciate your time, effort, and generosity. This is a shining example of a community mobilizing to support its children and investing in the next generation. Such collective action is rare, and your commitment is truly commendable. The funds raised have been used to directly improve learning across the school with the appointment of a new Teacher Aide to support our junior classrooms and implement a variety of programs that will benefit a range of students. Thank you:

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Looking Ahead

The next 4–5 weeks of the term are packed with events. We have listed these in the newsletter to keep you as informed as possible. If you have any questions or queries regarding upcoming dates, please don't hesitate to reach out—we are here to help. Please note that our upcoming working bee has a change of date – it will now take place on Friday the 20th of March.

Reminders

To help the school day run smoothly, please keep the following in mind:

- Late drop offs, early pick ups: While these are necessary on the odd occasion, please be mindful in having your child arrive at school on time, and stay the full day. If students are consistently being dropped off late, and/or picked up early, this has a significant impact on their learning.
- Gear: Ensure your child has their sun hat and swimming gear every day.
- Footwear: If your child wears Crocs, please ensure there are no Jibbitz attached.
- Naming Items: Please label all clothing and equipment.
- The Exit Check: Check with your child before they leave school each afternoon to ensure they have their shoes, hats, and jumpers. These small habits significantly reduce the stress of lost or misplaced items.
- School sports uniforms: If you have any of these at home, please clean them and return them to school ASAP. A lots still need to be returned from 2025.

Save the Date

We have our Whānau Night this Monday! I am very much looking forward to catching up with everyone there.

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Ormond School F.L.A.X Awards



INDY

Indy, you have had an incredible start to your school journey here in Kōwhai. From the very first day, your focus and attention to detail have shone through in everything you do, from your beautiful artwork to the way you carefully manage your routines. You are such a gentle and kind friend, always ready to support your classmates with a warm smile. While we are sad to see you leave our classroom crew, we are incredibly excited for your big new adventure in Australia! You have been an absolute joy to teach. Ka mau te wehi—I know you will continue to shine brightly and do amazing things wherever you go. We will miss you!



STERLING

Sterling, it is great to see you starting to step up as a Year 2 role model in Karaka. You have been listening to instructions and working well with others in your group. You are packing up straight away, even helping clean up activities that you weren't working on. I have also been impressed with your mahi in literacy, you have retained your learning from last year and you are ready to take your next steps. You are a powerful Learner Superhero Sterling, tau kē!



JAKE

Jake you know you are in charge of your learning. I have been impressed by the way you settle down to your mahi and ignore the distractions around you. You are becoming a self manager, making sure you are ready for the day when you come to school. You get along with everyone in our class, always having nice words to say about them and ready to help if they need it.

What a great start to your Year 3 learning journey Jake.
Watch out moon, Jake is heading your way! Tū Meke.



INDIE

Indie, this award recognizes your consistent dedication to our classroom community. You are a student who is genuinely happy to work with anyone in the class, approaching every group task with an open heart and a positive spirit. By valuing your peers' ideas and always showing kindness, you create an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome to succeed. He waka eke noa – We are all in this canoe together.

TIDY KIWI – WEEK 3

Karaka

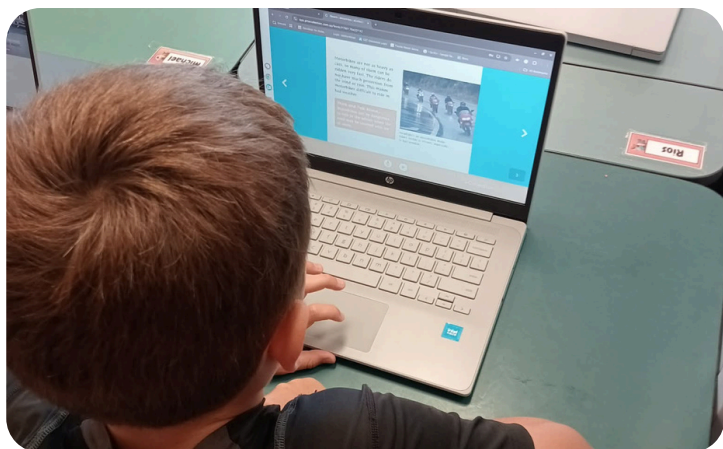
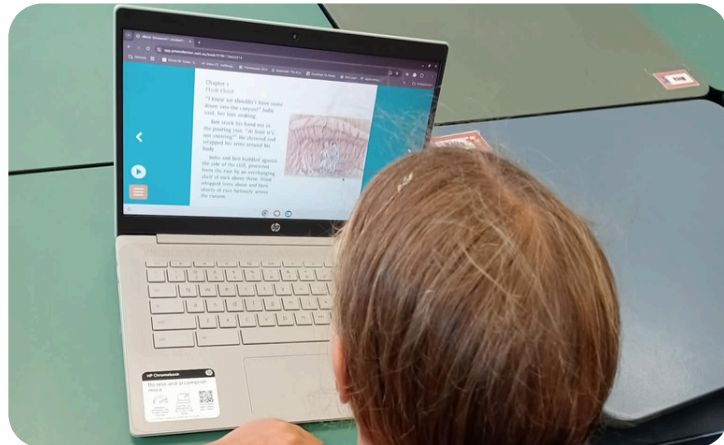
HOUSE POINTS:

Friday 27th of Feb –
1st House comp: Tabloids



KEY COMPETENCIES – EXPLICIT AND DELIBERATE

Part of our TI focus is explicit and deliberate teaching and learning of the key competencies. These competencies allow our students to develop the skills required to learn in any given context. In Rimu – Koka Ange has created learning tasks, focused on this kaupapa. These include: Threading a needle with distractions and then again while box breathing (managing self / emotions), Training the brain to say the colour of the text and not the word itself (pausing to think / careful processing), Recoding yourself reading to self assess fluency (Self agency in learning / reflection).





Marautanga Taapiri Extra-Curricular

CRICKET SKILLS WITH JOEY

This Week, we were excited to welcome Joey from Poverty Bay Cricket to work with our Ormond students! Joey spent time teaching the children the fundamental skills of cricket, including batting, bowling, and fielding, while encouraging teamwork and good sportsmanship. The students had a fantastic time developing their confidence and coordination through fun, engaging activities. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and enthusiastic cricketers in action. A big thank you to Joey for sharing his expertise and inspiring our tamariki to get involved in cricket!





Nga Panui Nui

Notices & Updates

KEY DATES TERM 1

- Friday 27th of Feb - first House comp: Tabloids
- Monday 2nd March - Whānau night / meet the teacher - 5:00pm start.
- Wednesday 4th March - Interschool Cricket.
- Thursday 5th March - Ormond School Swimming Champs.
- Friday 13th March - Ormond School Triathlon
- Friday 20th March - Community working bee 3:00pm-6:00pm.
- Wednesday 18th March - Interschool Swimming.
- Wednesday 18th March and Thursday 19th March - Pohutukawa and Rimu Snorkeling experience.
- Wednesday 25th March - Interschool Triathlon.
- Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April - Aspiration hui / whānau and teacher.

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

FUNDRAISING

CALLING ALL FUNDRAISING SUPERSTARS!

The Ormond Primary School Fundraising Committee is gearing up for an exciting year and we need YOU!

Whether you're a long-time committee member or brand new and keen to get involved, we warmly invite you to join us for our first meeting of 2026.

When: Friday, 6 March 2026 at 2.00pm

Where: School Staffroom

Come along to help plan and discuss this year's fundraising activities, and be part of a fantastic team supporting our school community.

We can't wait to see you there!

HOCKEY

PB Hockey are running a 'Give it a go day'. If you are interested in your child be involved in this - please click into the following link to access the information and sign them up!

[PBH Give it a go!](#)



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