Newsletter





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Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Term Three - Week 6

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As we head into the final month of the term after a busy week six. There has been plenty of learning happening in the classrooms, as well as opportunities outside of the classroom.

ORMOND

Well done to our Senior Kapa Haka Roopu who attended the official opening of the new Kiwa Pool complex. It was fantastic that our school was invited to be a part of this historic event, as it provided us with an opportunity to put our learnings from Pāpa Pura into action. Our students can be commended for their behaviour and their self management skills, as they combined with six other schools to play a significant part in the official opening. Attendance is again in the media, with the article citing that the Gisborne region has the worst attendance rate in the country with 38 percent of students attending regularly (90 percent or more of the time) in Term 1 this year. Our school attendance data for term two shows that we had sixty one percent of our students attend school ninety percent or more. There are a number of reasons for why students may not be attending school and this year has seen some pretty severe illnesses go through the school, but we need our children attending school regularly. A recent ERO (Education Review Office) report highlights the following factors that can contribute to poor attendance such as: some parents are not worried about their children missing a week or so of school, children can't or won't participate in school events, transport issues, the child is being bullied or attending family occasions. ERO also found that what parents do can have a big impact on their child's attendance. Below are some things that you can do to help:

- It is your responsibility to get your child to school if transport is hard for you, talk to your school. There may be support available in your area.
- Talk to your child about how school is important for their future, and how it is important to go every day. Be positive about school!
- Make sure your child knows that you care if they are going to school.
- Only take your child out of school when there is a really good reason, like if they are sick.
- Have a consistent morning routine, not too rushed.
- Help your child to be prepared for school, like making sure they have done their homework the night before.

If we (adults / parents) can stress the importance of regular school attendance to our children then our attendance rates will improve. If you have any concerns regarding your child not wanting to attend school, please make a time to discuss this with their classroom teacher - working together is the best way to find solutions to this problem. Absences do have a significant impact on a child's learning, so please lets make sure that we are doing our best to get our children to school.

Noho ora mai rā, Stay safe and have a great weekend. Jonathan Poole - Tumuaki / Principal



- 29Th August Kowhai & Karaka ECMoT trip
- 30th August Interschool Cross Country
- 7th September Inter school Hockey
- 12th September School Speech Finals
- 15th September Wacky Hair Day
- 19th September Motu Cross country
- 22nd September Last Day Term 3

Note: Depending on circumstances we may not attend all events. Dates are subject to change.



Communicators, Collaborative, Connected, Confident, Thinkers, Self managers, Shows Perseverance Don't forget:

OUR 4 R'S AT ORMOND SCHOOL ARE: RESPECT RESILIENCE REFLECTION RESPONSIBILITY

When we are using these 4 values, we are **BEING A GREAT PERSON!**

F.L.A.X Award Recipients Madison



Madison, I like the way you are not only ready to jump into the learning pit each day but you also ask for more challenging activities when you feel it is too easy. This week you came to me saying the yellow (literacy) activities were too easy and you needed harder ones. This is exactly what powerful learners do. They ask for challenging activities as they know this will challenge their brain and make it strong. Keep with this awesome attitude, you will sail far. Kei Ou ringaringa te ao. Ka pai Madison!

Rios

Rios, you have an awesome attitude towards your learning! You are positive and upbeat about everything that we do. You are able manage your learning time and you are never afraid of going into the learning pit! You are very kind and thoughtful and this means other people like to learn and collaborate with you. Tau kē Rios, we are lucky to have a Powerful Learner Superhero like you in our class!





Michael

Michael this week you have shown your ability to complete work to a high standard. Your tendency to rush has been replaced with slow, precise work and because of it your second piece of pet day art is looking very good indeed! When working with Mrs Dods you listened carefully to instructions and followed the success criteria and this has helped with your results also! Ka pai to mahi!

Leo, your week has been truly remarkable! You've demonstrated exceptional kindness in the playground, showcased leadership qualities during Kapa Haka, and consistently taken ownership of your actions while always striving for your best. Despite a busy week with Miss Brew in charge of the class, your helping hand did not go unnoticed. This shows that you are a powerful Ormond School learner!



BE A TIDY KIW

Ka mau te wehi Leo!







NOTICES & UPDATES

After School Sign Out: When leaving the school at the end of the day please make sure that you see the duty teacher to sign your child out. This is so we are sure that children have left the school safely accompanied by their caregiver or an adult that has consent to pick them up.

New enrolments: If you know of anyone who is intending to enrol their child at school this year and next year, please contact the office to let us know.

Absentees: Please let the office know if your child is going to be away for any reason or use our Skool Loop App to log an absenteeism.

T.k Bus: Please meet your Children at the T.k Bus stop at 3.15pm as the Bus has been arriving earlier than expected due to finishing the Lavenham run earlier . Please also have a chat to your children about safely getting off the bus.



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