



Ormond School Newsletter

16th October 2026
Week 1 Term 4

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

Welcome back to Term 4! It is hard to believe we are into the last school term for 2026 – the time has flown by. I hope you all had a great break and managed to create some time to make lasting memories with your family.

As we look ahead to the next 10 weeks, we have a ton of events planned – these events add the special character to our kura. Please book them into your calendar and come along if you can make it.

Our school-wide inquiry focus this term is focused on creating student agency within their learning – this means developing the skills, knowledge, and understanding of how to take charge of your own learning and knowing what your next steps are. We develop this capacity via our Ormond School inquiry learning cycle, which teaches the students the skills they need to learn regardless of context or topic – a set of skills that can be used to develop knowledge in whatever topic one may be investigating.

We are combining this kaupapa with the concept of service learning and active citizenship. This means teaching our students the importance of serving their community and contributing to society in a positive manner.

Both of these focus areas are a direct reflection of our strategic plan that came from you, our community – specifically under our second strategic driver:

Community – Objectives, Initiatives, and Outcomes include:

- Ensure active contributors.
- Develop our local curriculum to reflect service learning and citizenship.
- Our students understand the importance of contributing and service.

With the A&P Show on this week, we know it is a big week for our rural community. I am sure we will all make the most of the events and support the kaupapa – good luck to anyone who is involved in any of the competitions.

Enjoy the weekend!

Nga mihi,

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Growing Great People – Te Whakatipu Tangata

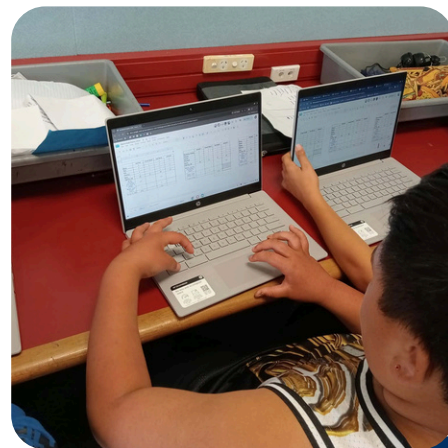


Te Ako Mahi

Learning in Action

Sports Maths With Rimu.

This week, Rimu class combined physical activity with data analysis in a hands-on "Sports Maths" investigation. Students tracked shooting stats, calculating the average number of shots per team as well as the overall percentage success rate. To bring their findings to life, they organized their data into structured tables and created clear graphs to represent their results. It was a fantastic way to see how mathematical concepts apply directly to sports on the court!





Marautanga Taapiri

Extra-Curricular

Equestrian Inter School Event

A massive congratulations to our talented Ormond School equestrian team Caitlin C, Storm, Molly, and Caitlin M who took out 1st place at the Vet East Inter-School Equestrian Competition during the school holidays! This was the very first time Ormond School has entered this event, making their victory an extraordinary achievement. Competing against riders from primary, intermediate, and high schools across the region in both jumping and ridden games, our team gave it their absolute all.

A huge thank you to Kōkā Sophie for leading and supporting the team on the day. We are so proud of you all what an amazing way to represent Ormond School!





Nga Panui Nui

Notices & Updates

KEY DATES TERM 4

20 Oct Rural school speech finals.
22 Oct Pet Day
28 Oct Inter School Touch
29 Oct Halloween Disco
30 Ormond School Athletics
2 Nov BOT Meeting #1
4 Nov School Photos
10 Nov Inter School Athletics
13 Nov Teacher Only Day - Math
15 Nov Ormond Fete / Gala
17 Nov Kapa Haka Festival 1:15 Juniors / 1:30 Seniors
24 Nov Year 6 Intermediate Visits
25 Inter-school Basketball
30 Nov - 3 Dec Year 5 & 6 Camp
7 Dec BOT Meeting #2
10 Dec Music Performance
11 Dec EOY Student Reports.
15 Dec Year 6 Leavers Dinner
16 Dec Prize Giving
17 Dec Kiwa Pools Day
18 Dec Last 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

TOUCH RUGBY DRAW

Touch is postponed this week due to the AMP show. Check in next week for the saturday competition draw.

Community Notices

TERM FOUR

T4: HOT LUNCH & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

If you are interested in using our after school care service in term 4, or wish to purchase a hot lunch / juicy for your child each Friday - please click on the links below to access the information and the sign up forms.

[FRIDAY HOT LUNCH ORDER T4](#)

[AFTER SCHOOL CARE T4](#)



PET DAY

Pet Day this year will be on Thursday the 22ndth of October, the second Thursday back in Term 4. We trust you will be thinking about Pet Day and hope your children will use the holidays to get ready to enter their pets and items of choice.

The categories for entry items are as follows:

THINGS CHILDREN CAN MAKE AT HOME:

- Wildflower and Grasses in a Jar
- Floral Arrangement
- Miniature Garden - Junior/Senior
(No bigger than 20cm x 30cm)
- Recycled Wind Chimes
- Vegetable Novelties
- Pikelets and Cupcakes (2x on a plate for judging)
- Plain Iced Cake
- Hospital Box - Decorated shoe box with a get well card, posy and small chocolate bar.

These are taken to the hospital for patients at the conclusion of Pet Day.

SAND SAUCER arrangement to be made at school.
Please bring a saucer and flowers.

PET CATEGORIES:

- Best Dressed Pet and Owner
- Birds (in cages)
- Cats and Horses Photos
(send to office@ormond.school.nz No later by 12.30pm Wednesday)
- Puppies (under 1 year old)
- Large Dogs Pet
- Large Dogs Working/Hunting
- Small Dogs
- Open Pet Section
(if your pet has not been entered in another section)
- Best behaved pet
(must show obedience / follow instructions)
- Dog Obstacle Course
- Lamb / Champion Lamb
- Calf





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Pet Day 2026

Programme of the day:

- 9:00am** Children will complete in class:
Sand Saucers and class art. Bring saucer/dish, flowers.
Parents are welcome to help.
- 10:40am** **Morning Tea**
Tea/coffee available from the deck for parents and whānau.
- 11:00am** **Pet Parade & Judging begins**
Please note that during this time the hall will be closed for judging.
At the conclusion of the pet parade, the trophy will be awarded for the Champion Lamb.
- 12.30pm** **Displays can be viewed in the Hall**
Whānau with classes
Students class by class
Please leave certificates in place and please refrain from touching the displays.
- 1:00pm** **Lunch break - \$3 Juicies, Sausage Sizzle \$2**
- 1:15-1:45pm** **Playtime**
- 2:00pm** **Children/Parents are able to collect displays from the Hall.**
You are welcome to take your child/children home at the conclusion of the day's activities

Parade Order:

- Birds-in cage
- Puppies - Under one year
- Small Dogs
- Large Dogs (not working dogs)
- Working Dogs - farm/hunting
- Best dressed pet
- Best behaved pet
- Pet Obedience Course (on a lead)
- Open Pet Section - Not already paraded
- Calfs
- Lambs - champion lamb to be decided
- Cat and horse photos will be judged on the deck.

Note: Please tie dogs up under the trees opposite the playground on arrival. Lambs are to be tied up under the trees behind the Kindergarten, cages are needed for rabbits, other pets are to be placed in a safe, sheltered space until the parade and judging. Please remember to bring a water bowl for your pet/s.

Any poop produced during the day is the responsibility of the owner!





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Calling All Vendors and Crafters

ORMOND SCHOOL'S CHRISTMAS FETE

WHEN: Sunday 15th November

WHERE: Ormond School

TIME: 10am - 3pm

Register Here





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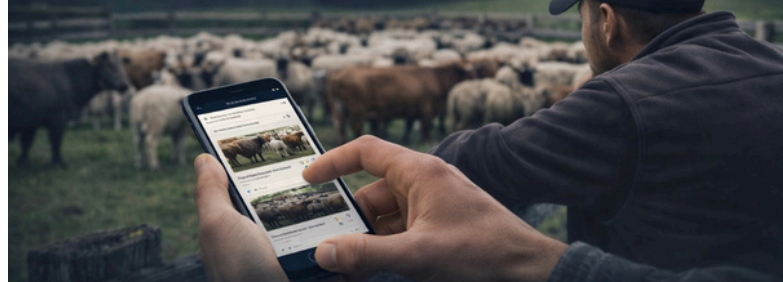
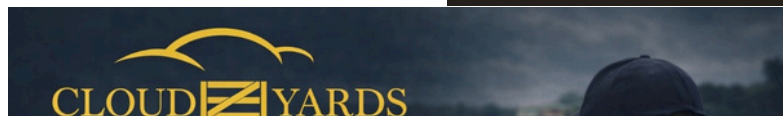
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