Ormond School Newsletter

4th September 2026
Week 7 Term 3

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

Spring has officially arrived, bringing a welcome week of sunshine and positive energy. With the warmer weather, there is a tangible shift in the air as our fields and playgrounds come alive during interval and lunchtime.

One of the highlights of my day is stepping outside to observe our students during these breaks. Watching children negotiate games, create their own rules, and simply play together is a reminder of how powerful unstructured time truly is. While it may look like simple fun, vital social and emotional learning is happening in these moments such as:

- Organic Social Skills: Navigating friendships, sharing, and resolving conflict naturally.
- Emotional Resilience: Managing frustration, building empathy, and learning self-regulation.
- Self-Management: Making independent choices, exploring creativity, and building genuine confidence.

Research consistently highlights that free, child-led play is essential for developing well-rounded, capable individuals. It provides the foundation for problem-solving and self-direction that structured environments simply cannot replicate.

In today's fast-paced world, a lot of childhood has become increasingly scheduled. A typical day for many children moves seamlessly from one adult-directed environment to the next:

- Morning Routine (guided by parents)
- School Day (guided by teachers)
- After-School Sports (guided by adults)
- Music or Tutoring (guided by tutors)
- Evening Routine (guided by parents)
- Bedtime (guided by I-Pad).

While these structured activities offer fantastic opportunities, children also need space to step away from expectations. They need time to be kids - to play, imagine, rest, and process the world at their own pace, enjoying today for today.

As we enjoy this new season, I encourage us all to look for small ways to protect unstructured time in our children's daily lives. Let's give them the space to play, grow, laugh and simply enjoy being kids - the benefits are huge!

Have a great weekend!

Nga mihi,

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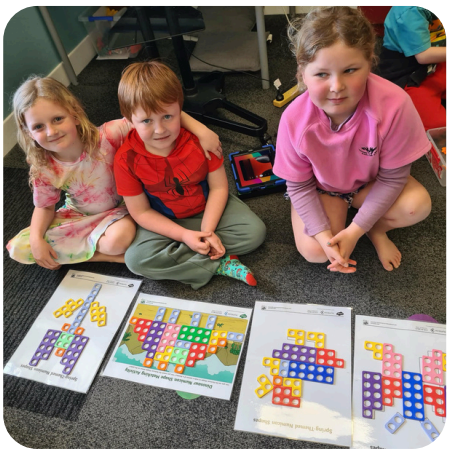
Learning in Action

This Week In Maths

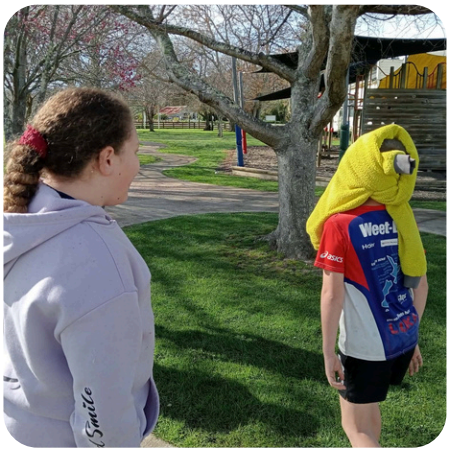
Our tamariki have been engaging with mathematics in hands-on, practical ways right across the school!

- Rimu: Put their directional and positional language to the test by taking turns guiding blindfolded partners through an obstacle course.
- Vinny & Sam: Stepped into the kitchen with Koka E, using measurement, fractions, and counting to bake a delicious treat to share with their classmates.
- Karaka: Explored foundational maths concepts using Numicon, using the visual shapes and patterns to build a strong number sense.

Check out the photos below to see our young mathematicians in action!








Growing Great People - Te Whakatipu Tangata

Te taenga atu
Attendance

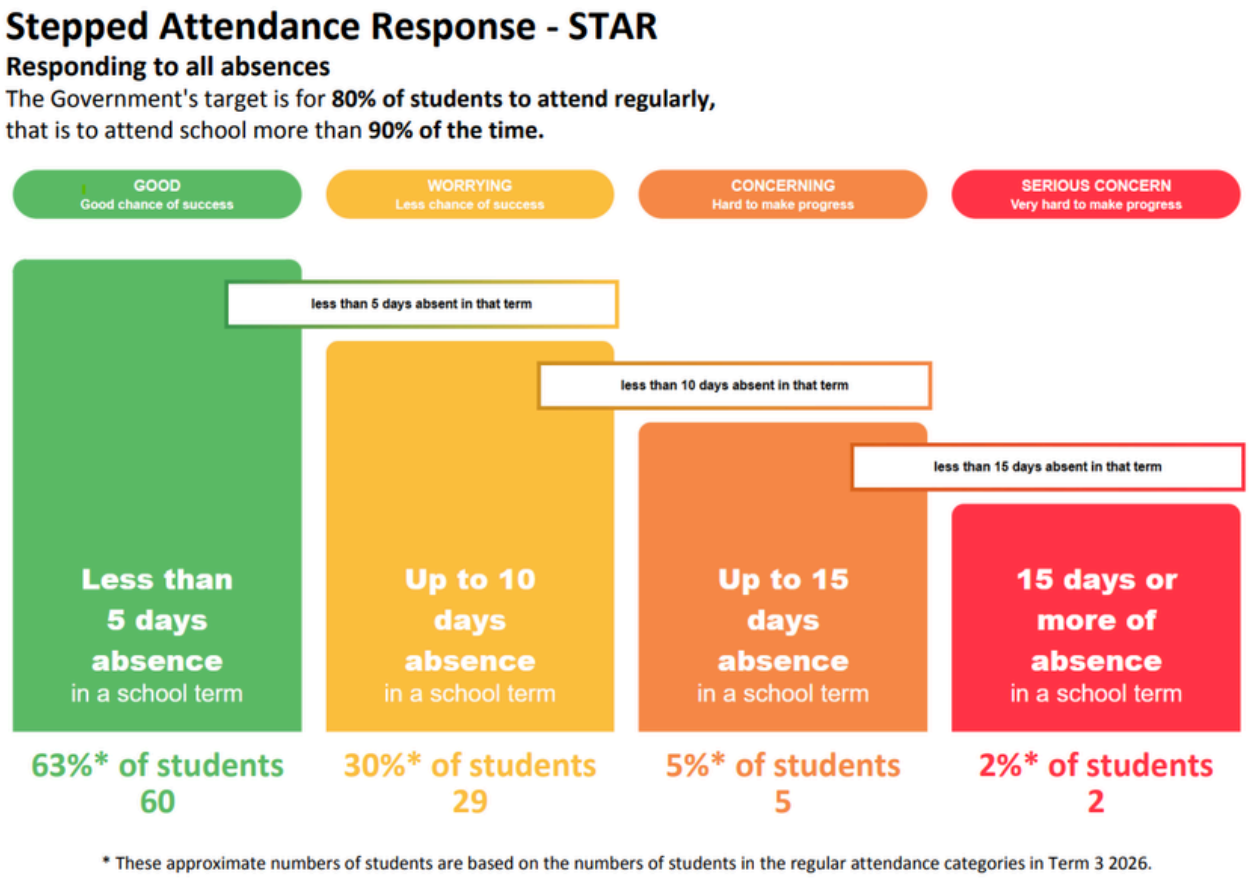
ATTENDANCE

The more students are absent from school, the less chane they have for success - especially within academic attainment.

With the MOE raising the bar with the new NZ curriculum - increasing what students should know and understand within each year group - it is especially important that children are at school as much as possible. Each week a report is generated which shows how our kura is doing in relation to the overall goal of having most students attend school at least 90% of the time. This has been attached below.

As part of the attendance initiative - when students move between the zones - green, yellow, orange and red - parents and caregivers will be contacted by their childs teacher to check in and have a korero. Some may also receive an email / letter outlining the worry about missed learning time, and the goal of improving attendance. These letters are templated via the MOE - but sent out by schools across the country (Please note that this response is aligned with students being Truant / or unexplained absence).
Each zone below initiates a different response - these responses are outlined in our AMP - which if you didn't see it a few weeks back - is linked here:
Ormond school AMP
If you receive call, email or letter about attendance - it is not us trying to make things difficult - but rather an attempt to work together to increase attendance of your child, so they can learn and grow to their full potential in our school setting.
Let's get our kids to school and get them learning!

ATTENDNACE TO DATE FOR TERM 3 2026



Nga Panui Nui
Notices & Updates

KEY DATES TERM 3

- 7th September - BOT Meeting
- 10th September - FATHERS DAY House competition 1:15-2:30pm
- 15th September - Motu Cross Country
- 23rd September - Speech finals night @ Ormond
- 25th September - Last day of term

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



Community Notices

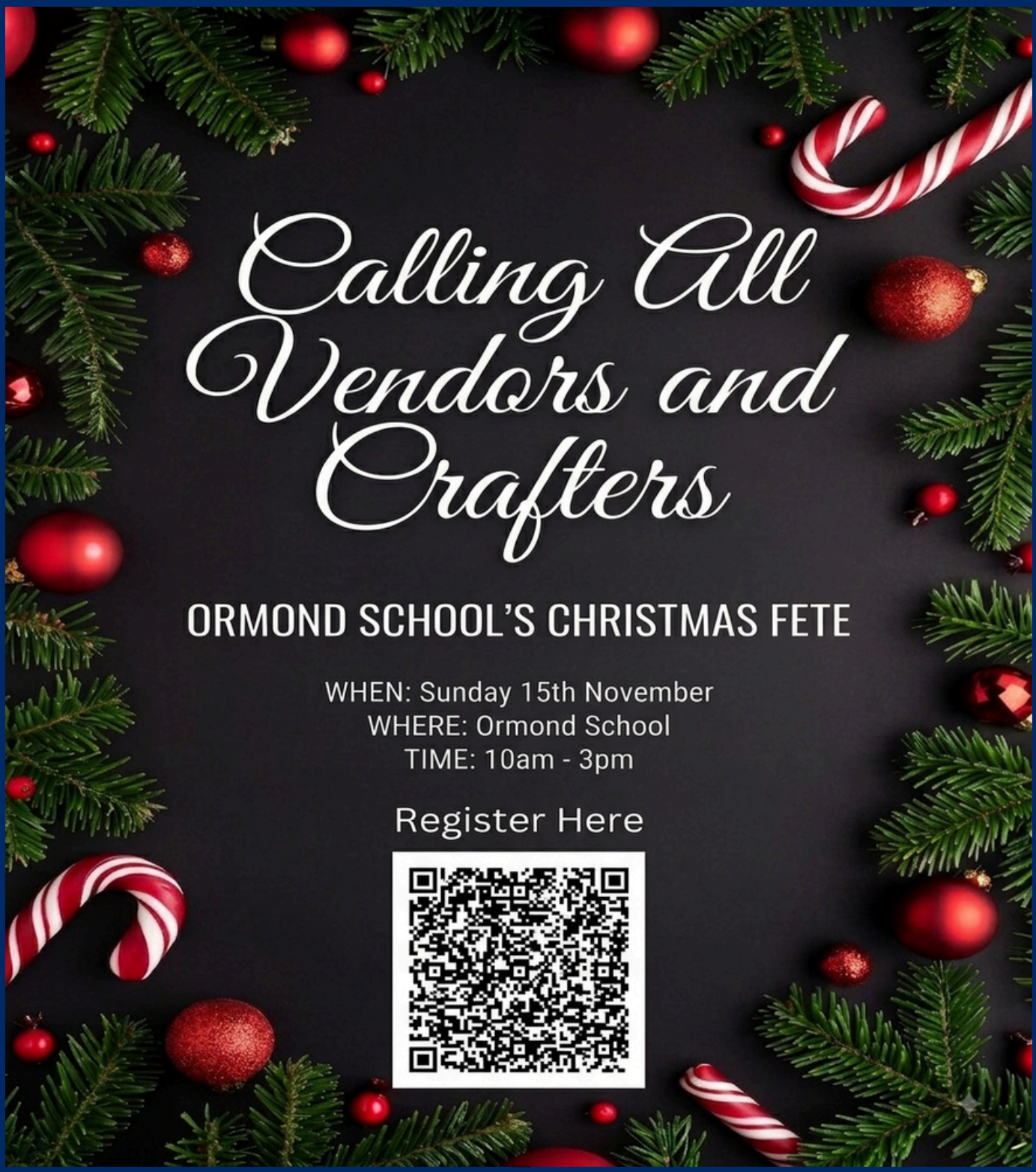
T3: HOT LUNCH & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

If you are interested in using our after school care service in term 3, 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 T3

AFTER SCHOOL CARE T3

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