Ormond School Newsletter

6th November 2026
Week 4 Term 4

Kia ora Ormond School Whānau,

After a busy few weeks filled with events, it has been great to return our full focus to our core business - teaching and learning. Over the coming weeks, our students will be completing their end-of-year summative assessments, and we are thoroughly looking forward to celebrating their progress and achievements together.

Our school swimming program officially kicks off next week! Please ensure your child comes prepared with their togs and a towel every day. Learning to swim is a vital life skill for all our students - it not only builds essential water safety skills to keep them confident in and around the water, but also promotes whole-body health, coordination, and physical fitness. As swimming is an essential component of our Physical Education curriculum, full and active participation is expected from every student, just like in any other learning area.

As shared in earlier newsletters this term, a reminder that we have a Teacher Only Day on Friday, 13th November. Our staff will be spending the day upskilling on the mathematics curriculum and deepening our implementation of our core resource provider, Numicon.

Our School Fete is taking place on Sunday, 15th November, and we hope to see you all there! A huge thank you to everyone who has already contributed to this event, whether by donating items for our super raffles or offering your time. A special mention must go to our hardworking Fundraising Committee - this dedicated group of people goes above and beyond to make our school an even better place for our children. Thank you for your incredible effort! Please help us spread the word to family, friends, workplaces, and the wider community - the more, the merrier!

We are already well underway with planning for 2027. If you know of anyone intending to enrol at Ormond School for next year, please ask them to get in touch with us as soon as possible. Having accurate numbers early makes a world of difference when planning our staffing and learning spaces.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Enjoy the weekend!

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Ormond School
F.L.A.X Awards



Luna

Ahoy, Luna, and welcome to the Kōwhai ship! You have transitioned from Kindy to school with so much eagerness and have settled into your new routines with ease. We love the way you jump right in, try new things, and get stuck into every activity. You are a great teammate and have already a nice group of friends in your new classroom. We can't wait to see you grow into a powerful pirate. Mahi pai, Luna - keep up the fantastic work!



Sam S

Sam, you take time to think about your learning and it has been great to see you apply yourself more and complete your work to a high standard. You are able to use your sound knowledge to help you decode in reading and you are now reading more fluently. We love your passion for the natural world and your confidence to share your knowledge during our dinosaur inquiry! You have a great sense of humour and you are a kind friend in Karaka. Keep being a Powerful Learner Superhero Sam! Ka pai tō mahi!



Hannah

Hannah you are a little pocket rocket. You fly off and get started on your tasks and love the challenge to do more than expected. You have a competitive streak and push yourself to do your best in the class and with all sports. You get yourself organised each day and are are always ready to help others and this makes you a Powerful Ormond School learner. You have a smile and a giggle that is infectious and are great Pohutukawa kid!
Keep up your amazing attitude Hannah, you are soaring to the moon! Kai pai to mahi



Honour

Honour, this week you have shown outstanding perseverance and confidence with your inquiry project. When team members were away, you stepped up into a leadership role—taking initiative to allocate tasks and ensure everything stayed on track. You did more than your fair share of the work to guarantee your team met their deadline, refusing to let distractions get in the way. Your should be proud of your dedication, hard work, and drive this week!
Mauri mahi, mauri ora!

TIDY KIWI - WEEK 4
Pōhutukawa

HOUSE POINTS:

1st- Horouta
2nd - Waipaoa
3rd - Takitimu
4th - Ahititi

Te Ako Mahi

Learning in Action

Rimu's Enquiry around Election's

As part of our recent inquiry into elections, the students in Rimu Class took on the roles of political leaders! Working in groups, they formed their own political parties, crafted creative party names, and debated campaign policies designed to make Ormond School an even better place to learn and play. From playground upgrades to new school initiatives, our young leaders demonstrated impressive critical thinking, teamwork, and civic pride!









Inter School Touch

A huge congratulations to our touch rugby team for an incredible effort at the Inter-School Tournament! The team showed fantastic skill, sportsmanship, and determination all day, earning a well-deserved 3rd place finish in our grade. Check out the photos below to see our players in action!











Nga Panui Nui

Notices & Updates

KEY DATES TERM 4

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

TEACHER ONLY DAY

As per our calander above - please remember we have a Teacher Only Day on Friday the 13th of November.

TOUCH RUGBY DRAW

Please click on the link below to be taken to the Saturday Morning touch rugby draw for T4. This draw includes all teams for every week of the competition.

THIS WEEKS 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

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