

Newsletter



"Growing Great People"
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Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Welcome back from what was an excellent summer break. Hopefully you all managed to relax and enjoy some time with your families and friends. It has been great catching up with all the learners and hearing of their holiday experiences. From all accounts, everyone has had a great time during the holiday period, but they are just as excited to be back at school for an exciting year of learning. All returning and new students have quickly settled into their new environments, even with the exciting changes / construction happening around our school.

A warm welcome to all families who have returned this year and a particularly big welcome to all of the new families and new staff who have joined our learning community this year.

Welcome to our new staff member at Ormond School this year, Abby Whitehead (Rimu), for the first two terms of the year. Abby has made a positive start to her time at Ormond, quickly establishing positive relationships with her classroom children and others around the school.

This year is a special year for Ormond School as we celebrate 150 years of education. This occasion will form the basis of our learning themes this year as we explore our rich history and our unique place in our region.

We are the oldest school on the Poverty Bay Flats and that in itself is special. We will look to celebrate this milestone over Labour weekend. This celebration will enable the past to meet the present and is a fantastic opportunity to hear of the exploits from yesteryear. To express your interest in attending or if you know of past pupils, staff and whānau, please visit our school Facebook page or website to find an online form to complete to do this. We look forward to this event and what will be a fantastic occasion and milestone.

Term one has lots of events and learning opportunities happening, so please make sure that you are informed of upcoming events through the newsletter and the school Facebook page. Please check in with your child to see if they have class newsletters or other correspondence that sometimes comes home to inform you of event requirements. We found last year that these were not making it home and therefore key information was not passed on and was missed.

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

Key Dates Term One

- 13th February - Meet the teacher and Board / Whānau Picnic
- 19th February - BOT hui - 5:30pm
- 7th March - School Swimming Sports
- 12th March - School Triathlon
- 25th March - BOT hui - 5:30pm
- 26th and 27th March - Whanau Aspiration hui
- 27th March - Inter School Triathlon
- 29th March - 2nd April - Easter Weekend
- 8th April - Snorkelling - Rimu & Pōhutukawa
- 10th April - Inter School Rippa Rugby
- 13th April - Last day of Term One

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

Term Dates 2024

Term One: 31 January - 12 April
Term Two: 29 April - 5 July
Term Three: 22 July - 27 September
Term Four: 14 October - 16 December



GROWING GREAT PEOPLE
TE WHAKATIPU IWI NUI



ORMOND SCHOOL LEARNERS ARE GREAT PEOPLE WHO ARE:

**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

SIANNAH



Welcome to our Kōwhai ship Sisi! You have moved from the South Island, so everything is new for you, new place, new class, new people, new routines. It is a lot to get adjusted to but you have settled nicely into your new environment. You are respectful and friendly which means you have already made friends. I like the way you don't hesitate to go and ask others to play with you. Way to go Sisi, what an awesome start to your learning journey in Kōwhai!

RIOS

Rios, you have started 2024 with a bang! We can see already, that you have stepped up as a Year 3 role model in our class. You are ready for learning, you listen carefully to instructions and you are responsible and reliable, keen to help others that are new to our class. What a SUPER start to the year Rios! Keep up your amazing attitude to your learning, we can't wait to see what you can achieve!



NINA



Nina is so great to have you in Pohutukawa, I can see you are ready to take off with your learning. You give your best to the tasks you are set and will come and ask if you are not sure. Powerful Learners have confidence and this is what you are showing after being at our school for just a few days. I know you will be aiming for the moon. Keep up this great attitude, Ka pai to mahi. Great work and a super start to Year Four.

SAMUEL

Samuel you have had an excellent start to the year in Rimu. In two days you have shown me what an awesome leader and role model you are. You get started with your work right away and stay on task. You finish all your work to an exceptional high standard and take pride in your work. You try your best in our morning fitness routine and I can't wait to see what else you accomplish in the next two terms.

Keep up the awesome mahi!



KEEP
NEW ZEALAND
BEAUTIFUL

TIDY KIWI AWARD - WEEK 1

Pōhutukawa

BE A
TIDY
KIWI



NAU MAI, HAERE MAI.... TO OUR NEW STUDENTS!



A huge welcome to our new students who have joined us. We welcome **Penelope, Nina and Henry Charteris, Ranulf and Wyatt Ryan and Siannah Diack** and their whānau to our Ormond learning community. We are thrilled that they have joined us to begin or continue their learning journeys.

WELCOME TO ORMOND.... NEW STAFF



Kia ora my name is Abby Whitehead and I am super excited to be joining the Ormond School team. I started my teaching career at Te Wharau in the juniors before I took some time off to have my children. My husband and I run a sheep and beef farm in Ormond with our two children. Willow is 4 and Fergus is 2.5 years old and they both attend Ormond Kindergarten next door. I am excited for them to come to Ormond school one day. I enjoy being outdoors and helping on the farm. I love spending time in my garden and am an aspiring flower gardener. Please come and say hi and introduce yourself. I look forward to getting to know the Ormond community over the next two terms that I am here.

GIVE CRICKET A GO!



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Years 1-4

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ORMOND SCHOOL

MEET THE TEACHER / BOARD

WHĀNAU PICNIC

A great time for our new and old whānau to meet our schools Board Members and your child's new teacher. A shared BBQ under the trees will provide an opportunity for whānau to reconnect and make new connections to begin our new school year on a positive note.

TUESDAY
13 FEBRUARY
5:30AM - 7:30PM



Shared BBQ, bring a salad, cutlery and own drinks, meat provided.



Bouncey castle, Zorbs and Bike Track available.



RSVP by Thursday 8th February



RSVP - School Office - 06 862 5725



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Classes At Ormond 2024



KOWHAI

Ahoy everyone,
We are Kōwhai, the class of powerful pirates. At the moment we have 9 amazing crew members who are all year 1 but more shipmates will join our vessel during the year. At the helm of our ship is our captain Kōkā Sophie. Together we are searching for new treasure (learning). We can't wait to sail the sea on many exciting adventures!

KARAKA

Kia ora! It's lovely to be back in Karaka for the new school year! We are a classroom of 23 Year 2 and 3 learners with two teachers, Michelle Dods and Raquel Parsons. Michelle is in for part of the morning, taking maths and some literacy while Raquel is taking Reading Recovery and Early Literacy Support. In Karaka, we use our superpowers to be Powerful Learner Superheroes! Powerful Learner Superheroes follow our key learning messages and consistently show our school values and learner qualities. We have enjoyed establishing relationships and routines this week and are looking forward to an exciting year of learning ahead!



PŌHUTUKAWA

Kia ora kotou.
Welcome to Pōhutukawa, where the sky is not the limit, it is just the beginning. Our class metaphor is "Shoot for the Moon, even if you miss, you will land in the stars!". We are a class of 26 eager Year 3, 4 and 5 astronaut learners, with Mrs Thompson ready to soar to the heights. We have had three days of getting to know each other and share our strengths with others. We have a great year ahead of us, just like the Rocket Lab launch this week, we are ready to BLAST OFF! Feel free to join us on our journey at anytime.

RIMU

Kia ora and welcome to the Rimu team this year. We have 28 awesome tamariki who are ready for the challenges and learning that awaits them in 2024. Our class metaphor is that we are moths and weta climbing the Rimu tree to reach the top, where the magical view of the ngahere awaits us. This year we have two teachers - Mrs. Whitehead for the first two terms then Koka Ang is back for Term 3 and Term 4.





Property Update

The school property projects are progressing well. Although, there has been a delay with the roof re-pitch, progress is still being made to the Library, LSC office space, Resource and Kōwhai rooms inside. These projects have a completion timeline through to the end term one. We thank everyone (Kindergarten whānau and our whānau) for their understanding and for making the necessary adjustments to allow this to happen safely. It is going to be great to see these completed to update part of our school buildings.

NOTICES & UPDATES

Te Karako School Bus: Unfortunately this service has ended. The funds that we received for this service through the Ministry of social development was only enough to cover two terms last year as this was cyclone relief funding. We apologize for the inconvenience this has caused.

Swimming: Please send your child to school with togs everyday.

Sun hats: Term One is wear your hat term. Students are required to wear a wide brimmed or bucket hat whilst in the playground and during outdoor activities. School hats are available in the office for \$25.00

Stationary Packs: These are able to be collected and paid for at Office Products Depot. They are all premade so just let them know Ormond School and your child/children's Class for 2023. Please note: if your child was already in Kōwhai in 2023, they will not need a new pack if they are still in Kōwhai this year.

Kowhai: \$33.10

Karaka: \$40.70

Pohutukawa: \$38.90

Rimu: \$31.95

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