

Newsletter



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Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Welcome to the end of another exciting week of learning at Ormond School, as we officially reach the halfway mark of term two.

We enter week six with the slight feeling of uncertainty as we continue with Teacher and Principals collective negotiations. The teacher collective agreement for Teachers and Principals expired in June last year, and negotiations have been ongoing since then.

Our Teachers are still fighting to get better resourcing and a fairer deal for our tamariki at school. As part of this, kaiako from across NZ, have voted YES to the following industrial actions should an agreement not be reached with the Ministry of Education:

A strike day on the 31st May (next Wednesday); No school related meetings/hui before 8.30am and after 4.30pm. Teachers have voted against Option C of not writing student learning reports for parents and whānau. This emphasises the values and commitment of our Teachers.

However, due to a process initiated by the Minister of Education to progress negotiations, the strike date and meeting bans will not be confirmed until late on Sunday the 28th May. I apologise that this makes things very difficult for whānau but it is a decision which is out of our hands.

As soon as we are informed as to whether the strike will go ahead or not on the 31st May, we will send a message via email, School Loop and Facebook.

Our Ormond School Teachers, and myself as Ormond Principal, believe that the current offer being offered by the Government does not address the serious issues we have around funding, learning support, class sizes and understaffing. The heart of the matter is that no one wants to become a teacher anymore, the profession is finding it hard to keep teachers in the job (one third drop out after less than 5 years) and the profession is ageing, with an average age of a teacher being 56+. All this points to a crisis unfolding in front of us and part of the solution will be the Ministry creating better pay, resourcing and conditions to attract the best people in the job, and keep them in the job. Those who have been in the profession for twenty years or so will tell you these are the same issues that are always at the forefront of negotiations, but are never resolved. We are committed at Ormond to provide the best learning opportunities that we can for our tamariki. However, we must improve the work conditions within our sector so that we can do that. The funding we currently receive is not enough to provide the support that we need to cater for the increasingly diverse needs and strengths of our learners.

Now is the time to do what is right by children, parents and teachers, so that we can provide the world class education system our tamariki deserve.

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

Key Dates Term Two

- **31st May** - Strike Day (TBC)
- **31st May** - Fast Five netball
- **31st May** - PJ Day (2nd June If Strike happens)
- **14th June** - Girls and Boys rugby 7's
- **23rd June** - Mid year reports home
- **25th June** - BOT hui
- **27 and 28th June** - Whānau Learning Conversations
- **28th June** - Horo Hopu
- **30th June** - Last day of Term

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



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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

RUBY

Ruby, I know that saying bye to your mum in the morning or jumping in the pool for Swim for Life are not your favourite things. But everyday you show how brave you can be by still doing these things. You also show courage by jumping into the learning pit on a daily basis. You work hard to get out and don't hesitate to give challenging activities a go, like the one you did yesterday matching the sounds and pictures.

Way to go Ruby!



BROCK

Brock, we are so impressed with how well you have settled into our class. You have a great attitude to your learning and you are prepared to work hard to improve your mahi. This week you have shown initiative, working on the formation of your numbers in maths and on your writing, without being asked. Keep up the great work Brock - you are a Powerful Learner Superhero, tino pai!



JAMES

James this week you have stood out for the extra effort you put into your work. You have asked if you can do extra after school even after a long day of giving your best. It has also been great to see you diving into the learning pit and not just treading water but getting a ride from a jet boat to tackle challenges! Koka Heather recommended you for the FLAX award this week and I couldn't agree more! Tumeke James!



SCARLETTE

Scarlette you have started at Ormond School with a great attitude to learning. You quietly focus on what you are asked to do. You have been working very conscientiously and have been really focused on all of your learning activities. I have been very impressed with your fantastic attitude when learning new things. You have shown perseverance to complete your tasks and take the initiative to ask questions when you are unsure. What a great start to learning in Rimu, Scarlette.

Ka mau te wehi



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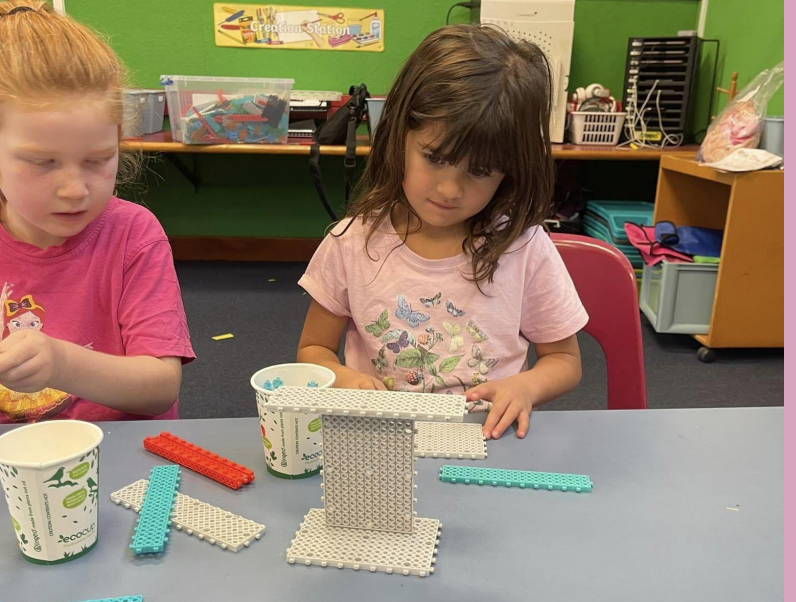
TIDY KIWI AWARD - WEEK 5

Rimu

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TIDY
KIWI









2023 Fundraising Raffle

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are organising a School Raffle to fundraise towards sporting equipment, education supplies and the eventual upgrade of our Playground. The Raffle will have a 1st Place prize of a Mystery AIR NZ weekend away for 2. We are looking to gather an exciting range of prizes from our community. All donations will be gratefully received. Ideas are items such as meat packs, vouchers from local businesses, donated goods and services, firewood, access to holiday homes for a weekend.

Can you please let us know what you are able to donate by emailing:

ormondschoolfundraising@gmail.com or contacting Huia at the office.

Raffle prizes to be confirmed by 31 st May 2023.

We thank you for your support,

Kind Regards

Zara, Debs & Sonia

Ormond School Fundraising Committee

Sports Draws

Netball

Year 1 & 2 Ormond Thursdays 3:45pm

Year 3 & 4 Friday 4:15pm - Court 6

Ormond Ferns Vs Wainui Flames

Year 5 & 6 Saturday 11am - Court 4

Ormond Magic Vs Awapuni

Football Draw - Watson Park

FIRST KICKS 5v5 9:15am - Field 8

Ormond us Central Dynamos

MINI FOOTBALL 7v7 8:30am - Field 16

Ormond All Stars us Bayleys Ngatapa Rebels

FUN FOOTBALL 9v9 8:30am - Field 18

Ormond Rockets us Sonrise Sharks

Ormond School Hoodies & Jackets are **ON SALE NOW!!**



Jackets are \$85.00

Names on sleeve or back (one or the other)



Hoodies are \$70.00

There are some sample sizes of the jackets available to try on in the office, where you can also place your order!



Friday 31st May is PJ Day @ School!!!

We want everyone to stay in their jammies and come to school!

Please bring a gold coin donation the money raised will be going to Jammies 4 June.

If you are also able to donate any of the following:

- A pair of new PJ's
- Thermals
- Socks and/or hats

These can be dropped off to the school office - we will then handover to Jammies 4 June along with the money raised!!

A sausage Sizzle will be available also on this day!

Order form in next week's newsletter.

Ngā mihi, Levi, Keānee and DJ.

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