

IRONGATE SCHOOL



KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU

Our tamariki are settling well into their new Ohu. The way we are structured supports tuakana-teina relationships within each Ohu, while still allowing our year levels to come together for shared learning experiences. A great example of this was our Year 7–8 camp, which was a combined effort across three Ohu — Puāwai, Mōrehu and Matewai.

This week our Year 4–8 students began **swimming lessons at Mitre 10 Sports Park**. It was awesome to see the confidence growing already, and both kaiako and students really enjoyed their sessions.

Across the kura, our Ohu are also finishing assessments. These help our kaiako understand each student's strengths and next learning steps, so we can plan teaching that best supports progress.

We have different sporting codes happening this term. Remember that you can pay these off over the year. Paying the full amount in one payment should not be a barrier to our students participating in something so positive. If you have any questions or concerns, Matua Hakoro is your man.

Attendance continues to be a key focus for us. Regular attendance makes a real difference to learning, friendships, and building strong routines. We value working in partnership with whānau to ensure tamariki are at kura every day they can be. To celebrate great attendance, we will be rewarding classes who achieve high attendance for a full week, as well as recognising individual students across the school who reach 95% attendance.

There is lots happening around the kura too. Three new classrooms are due to arrive in a couple of weeks — more communication will come out about this soon. On Monday, we will hold a special assembly as we honour our Te Tira o Mokotūāraro students on their leadership journeys — nau mai, haere mai whānau. We also have student teachers from EIT joining us next week, and we're looking forward to welcoming them into our kura community.



Last week some of our ākonga attended a rugby league skills session with the **One NZ Warriors**. 

They had an awesome time learning new skills and being active together.

Ngā mihi nui to HALs (Healthy Active Learning), Sport HB, the One NZ Warriors Community Foundation, and Rugby League Hawke's Bay for making this opportunity possible.

This week **Helen from Enviro HB** came and talked to our tamariki about Waste Management. 🌍♻️

We explored what a day's worth of rubbish looks like and discussed what we can reduce, reuse, recycle, green waste, and compost.



On Tuesday our **Te Tira o Mokotūāraro school leaders** joined other Year 8 leaders from across Hawke's Bay for a Rangatahi Leadership Wānanga run by the Maia Dreams Foundation.

They heard from inspiring youth leaders and took part in workshops to share ideas and set goals. ✨



Over the past week, we have noticed a number of tamariki experiencing high fevers and flu-like symptoms. If your child is feeling unwell, please keep them at home to rest and recover. We strongly encourage you to take them to the doctor to ensure they receive the appropriate care. Keeping unwell tamariki at home helps prevent the spread of illness and keeps everyone in our learning community safe and healthy.

Thank you for your support and care.

