

IRONGATE SCHOOL



KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU

Nau mai, hoki mai ki Irongate School for the start of a new year! I hope you've all had a restful holiday break and that our tamariki are feeling excited to reconnect with friends, teachers, and learning.

It was awesome to welcome our new whānau to our kura at our pōwhiri today — a special moment that reminds us how important it is that everyone feels they belong here.

Meet the Team – Wednesday 4 February (1.00pm–4.00pm)

We'd love to see you at our Meet the Team afternoon. Students will be released at 1.00pm (they'll be given some lunch before they go), and whānau are welcome to come in any time between 1.00pm and 4.00pm to meet our staff, connect, and get set for the year ahead. We'll also have a sausage sizzle available for whānau who come along.

Because **students are released at 1.00pm**, if this creates any childcare issues for your whānau, please notify the office as soon as possible so we can support where we can.

Teacher Only Day – Thursday 5 February

Please note that school will be closed for instruction on Thursday 5 February due to a Teacher Only Day. Our team will be engaged in professional learning in PRIME Maths, strengthening our teaching and learning practice so we can best support our Tamariki this year.

Year 7–8 School Camp – Camp Wakarara (Wednesday 11 February – Friday 13 February)

A reminder that our Year 7–8 camp will be held at Camp Wakarara from Wednesday 11 February to Friday 13 February. The camp cost is \$25 per child. A pānui will be coming home soon to invite whānau to a hui where we'll go through organisation and further details. I believe this hui is on Monday 2 February — please keep an eye out for the pānui, and we'll also post a reminder on our Facebook page.

Year 7–8 Technology at Flaxmere College

Our Year 7–8 students will attend weekly technology classes at Flaxmere College. There is a technology fee of \$5 per child to support this programme.

School newsletters

From now on, future school newsletters will be sent home with your oldest child at school. We're also intending to transition to digital newsletters in the future, so thank you in advance for your support as we make this shift.

Ngā mihi nui,

Irongate Staff