

IRONGATE



SCHOOL

KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU

What an awesome start to the term! The first two weeks have been full of positive energy — tamariki settling back into routines, reconnecting with friends and kaiako, and giving learning a real go. I'm proud of the way our kura is living our Irongate values each day through **whanaungatanga** (relationships), **manaakitanga** (care), **kotahitanga** (togetherness), and **ako** (learning).

A big thank you to our whānau for making sure tamariki are at kura and ready to learn by 8.20am — it makes a huge difference to learning and helps set the tone for a successful day. A special note for our Year 7–8 road wardens: because duty begins early, they need to be at kura by 8.00am. Ngā mihi for supporting them to take up this important leadership role.

Our expectations for student attendance: Regular attendance at school is important to your child's success, and there is a clear connection between going to school regularly and doing well in the classroom. Making sure students attend and engage in learning is a shared responsibility. As a parent/caregiver, you are responsible for making sure your child attends school every day.

This term is gearing up to be a very busy one, especially as sport ramps up. We're calling on whānau support — if you're able to volunteer as a coach or team manager, please let us know. Your support helps ensure our tamariki can participate confidently, safely, and with pride.

And something exciting to look forward to — **Irongate School's 50th Jubilee!** As the term progresses, we'll be introducing this kaupapa in classrooms, building our understanding of our kura history and celebrating the journey of our community. If you're an ex-Irongate student, start chatting with your babies about your time here: What was the same? What's different? What do you remember most? Those stories matter — they help strengthen our sense of belonging and identity.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kōkā Nadine

WE'RE EXCITED TO WELCOME OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS

NAU MAI HAERE MAI



MISS URI

Kia ora, tēnā koutou katoa
He uri ahau nō Ngati Hauā
I whānau mai ahau i Ahuriri
Ko James rāua ko Jessica oku mātua
Ko Abbey Uri tōku ingoa
Nō reira, tēnā rā tātou katoa
I am Miss Uri the new year 7 & 8 kaiako in Puāwai.
I was born and raised in Napier and graduated from
EIT with my Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) in 2025.
I love Irongate and am so excited to work here.

WHĀEA OLIVIA

Ko Olivia Campbell tōku ingoa.
I'm really happy to be joining IRONGATE School here in Flaxmere — the place I grew up. It means a lot to be teaching in the same community that raised me.
I come from a close whānau with strong connections to horticulture. I spent most of my childhood helping out on the orchard — picking, thinning, and doing seasonal jobs. That work taught me to be consistent, work hard, and look out for the people around me. Those values still guide me now.
I studied Design Innovation and later trained as a primary teacher. I enjoy creating calm, well-organised classrooms, but relationships are what matter most to me. I want our tamariki to feel safe, supported, and proud of who they are.
You'll see movement and creativity in our class. I grew up doing ballet and theatre, and I believe kids learn best when they can move and express themselves. I also enjoy bringing fitness into the day to help with focus and confidence.
I'm continuing to grow my use of te reo Māori in the classroom and I value strong partnerships with whānau. I believe when we work together, our tamariki thrive.
Outside of school, I enjoy hiking, Pilates, sewing, and creative projects.
I'm looking forward to getting to know you all and working alongside our tamariki this year.