

IRONGATE SCHOOL



KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU

Next week we're excited to welcome our new buildings to site (we'll confirm the delivery day as soon as we can). Look on our Facebook Page for updates.

A reminder that we have two Teacher Only Days next week — Thursday 4 March and Friday 5 March. Our staff will be using this time to prepare for upcoming changes in assessment and reporting, and to strengthen our implementation of the refreshed English and Maths curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. Ongoing teacher judgements, supported by a range of assessment information, will continue to guide how we understand and report on your child's progress.

Sports is ramping up! If sports fees are a challenge, please see Matua Hakoro — we can set up a payment plan so our tamariki can take part. Panui will come home for different sporting codes. Please ask your child if they have one.

On Monday morning, we will hold a mihi whakatau to welcome our new Caretaker, Everard Reid. We're grateful to have him join our team and support our kura.



Our Year 4-6 ākonga are having swimming coaching every Thursday this term at the HB Aquatic centre.



Kia ora,

I am Harjas, one of the student teachers here at Irongate for 2026.

As a Hastings local, I am pumped to become a part of the Irongate whānau this year and get to know the kura and become a part of the team.

I am in my second year of my Bachelor of Teaching degree at EIT. When you don't find me in the classroom, you'll find me at the beach with mates or on the basketball court shooting hoops.

I am excited to see and be a part of the mahi.

If you see me around Kura, come and say Kia ora and have a korero.

Ngā mihi,

Matua Harjas



Tēnā koutou! Ko Zanny toku ingoa.

I am excited to be joining the Irongate whānau this year, and get to know all the tamariki and kaiako that make up the Irongate Team.

I am one of the two student teachers joining the Kura for 2026, for our second year of study toward becoming qualified Kaiako.

Originally from windy Wellington, I made the move to the sunny Ahuriri in 2024 to be closer to my whānau and the sunshine!

I am a very bubbly, friendly and active person. I'm a keen runner who is often seen out an about adding to my daily step count. I am in my happy place in the outdoors, whether this be exploring our incredible Aotearoa bush, jumping into lakes or climbing our maunga, you'll find me jumping in feet first and smiling all the way.

I hope to meet and get to know everyone during my year in Irongate! Don't be a stranger, come and say Kia ora if you see me in the playground.

Ngā mihi,



This leadership group is called Te Tira a Mokotūāraro, named after the kaitiaki who Ruawhoro placed at the Ngaruroro Rivermouth.

These tamariki have shown they understand our school values. They are also kind to everyone, they are responsible, they can be trusted, they are honest and they give everything a go, even when something is hard to do.

