



Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Newsletter No. 4

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Empowering Tamariki to Become Rangatira Who Value the Past to Create the Future

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Rochelle Jensen

**Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei,
Bonjour, Ni Hao, Namaste, Olá, Hello**

A warm welcome to Term 2. We've enjoyed a positive start with lots of new enrolments and a well attended family movie night. Tamariki (children) are arriving at school in the correct uniform, well rested for a day of fun and learning. A reminder that 8:30am is the best time for children to arrive as teachers are in their classes by this time. This is also a good opportunity for parents/caregivers to pop in for a quick catch-up.

Attendance

Mr Andy spends hours every week chasing up unexplained absences. This takes him away from directly supporting the well-being and learning of children. You can help by reporting if your child is going to be away.

Txt: 027 578 5325

Online: gatepa.school.nz/contact

Phone: 07 578 5325 ext 1

School Starts: 8.55am -- School Ends: 2.55pm

Report Attendance - ✉ 0275785325 www.gatepa.school.nz 075785325 ext 1



Rangatiratanga



Manaakitanga



Tūmanakotanga



Whanaungatanga

UPDATES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Uniform

We are pleased to announce that after 18 months of research and design, we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our new uniform polo shirt.

Whānau told us they wanted the polo shirt to be durable, breathable, quick drying and less expensive. We are confident our new design delivers. New shirts will be available via the school office for \$35.



The pattern reflects the weaving together of the many cultures that make up our learning community.

There will be no expectation to buy this new polo shirt, we anticipate having both the existing and the new polo shirt for the next two years as we transition.

Reporting to Whānau

Parents/caregivers have a valuable role to play in supporting their children's learning at and beyond school.

This year there will be two Learner Led Conferences:

- Term 2 - Thurs 8th June
- Term 4 - Thurs 26 Oct

A written report will be available at these conferences along with the opportunity to talk with the teacher and your child about learning goals and plans for progress.

New Staff

We are delighted to welcome the following new staff:

- **Whaea Tay** - Office Administrator
- **Whaea Puneet** - English of Second Language (ESOL) teacher
- **Whaea Kerry** - Literacy Learning Assistant
- **Matua Louis** - Lunches for Learners Support

Keep an eye on facebook for their profiles.

A big thank you to Whaea Manda who has been relieving in the office.

Cultural Groups

Nurturing and celebrating the languages, culture and identity of all our tamariki is important at Gate Pā School. Thank you to the community members who facilitate these groups.

- Kapa Haka continues this term with Whaea Marina and Whaea Te Akau.
- Indian Dance with Whaea Puneet starts Wednesday at 2pm
- Pasifika Cultural classes with Whaea Lolo start Wednesday at 2pm
- Samoan Cultural classes with Whaea Zyri begin after school next week. More details to follow.

Noho ora mai,

Rochelle Jensen



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NAU MAI, HAERE MAI - WELCOME TO OUR NEW TAMARIKI:

Teihana, Ryan, Tainui, Kahurangi, Manuel, Aiden, Dream, Jayden-Rhys, Breanna Martina,
Joshua, Kaiya, Lapulou, Victor, Scarlett, Anaisha

IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU HERE!

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" – Nelson Mandela

Term 2 Dates

Wednesday 26th April - Friday 30th June

- Friday 5th May and 26th May
- Filipino Language Meeting
- Wednesday May 10th and June 14th
- BOT Meeting
- Friday 12th May - Juicies Friday
- Thursday May 18th - Cross Country
- Friday May 19th - Pink Shirt Day
- Friday 2nd June - Staff Only Day
- Monday 5th June (*School Closed*)
- King's Birthday
- Wednesday 7th June -New Enrolment
- Information Evening
- Thursday 8th June - Learner Led Conferences
- Friday 16th June - School Photos
- Matariki Day - (Falls within Term 2 Break)*

Events specific to syndicates/teams will be communicated via syndicate newsletters.

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FREE community fitness - for all abilities

899 Cameron Road, Gate Pa

Monday - Friday
7:00am - 8:00am

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