



Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Thursday 8th February

Newsletter No. 1



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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 e te whānau, Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Mabuhay, Sat Sri Akaal, Ayubowan, Asalaam Walaikum, Bonjour, Konnichi Wa, Ni Hao, Hallo, Olá, hello,

Welcome to the 2024 school year at Gate Pā - Pukehinahina School. It has been great to see our new and returning tamariki arriving at school, excited to connect with their school whānau and immerse themselves in learning.

A warm welcome to our 40 new children and three new staff members, all of whom bring unique personalities, skills and talents that will contribute to the rich and diverse learning community at Gate Pā - Pukehinahina School. Special acknowledgement to our many migrant families; we pledge our support and care for your families as you make a home in Aotearoa-New Zealand.

How we can work together to support the wellbeing and learning of every child is key to the success of our school and is the focus of the following Term 1 events. We look forward to seeing you at these events:

- **Meet the Teacher - Tūtakina Kaiako** - Thursday 15th February - Book online or fill out the attached form. Please note a separate newsletter will explain the Gateway hui process (Room 6 and 7).
- **Whānau BBQ** - Thursday 29th February - 3:30 - 5:30pm - A chance for staff and whānau to mix and mingle.
- **Maths/Pangarau - How to Help at Home** Thursday 21st March - 5:00-6:00pm - Ideas and resources

Please also note the **'Setting Up for Success'** newsletter attached. Getting these little things right are essential in supporting us to focus on best practice teaching and learning.

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New Staff

A warm welcome to our new teachers *Whaea Kuini* and *Matua Flynn*, our sports co-ordinator *Matua Michael* and our student teacher *Matua Ollie*. A full staff list together with their roles is available on our website.

House Leaders

Our 2024 House Leaders have been selected. This important process began last year and involved applications, interviews and presentations. These students will be involved in a leadership programme to support them to develop as rangatira for our school. Heartiest congratulations to them all:

- **Hēni Pore**
 - Ayani Grunge & Aniket Mehra
- **Taratoa**
 - Chloe Mae Cotter & Pounamu Anderson
- **Puhirake**
 - Ailani Rarere & Aloiafi To'o
- **Pene Taka**
 - Aiden Joseph & Azalia Wallace



Emergency Drills

As part of best practice health and safety, emergency drills are scheduled each term. We will communicate these with you as required.

BOT Meetings

These public meetings are held in our staffroom at 6pm twice per term. You are welcome to attend.

- Term 1: 15th Feb. and 22nd March
- Term 2: 10th May and 14th June
- Term 3: 2nd August and 6th Sept.
- Term 4: 25th Oct. and 15th Nov.

Feedback - Concerns and Complaints

We welcome your feedback in shaping our kura. In the first instance please meet directly with the person concerned. This will often be the class teacher. If the matter remains unresolved, please make an appointment to see the Team Leader. If the matter is still not resolved, please see the office to make an appointment to see the Principal. A full copy of our *Concerns and Complaints* process is available on our website along with all other school policies.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you pop in and out of kura and encourage you to quickly establish close links with the classroom kaiako (teacher). Your voice matters and supports us to do the very best for your child(ren).

He waka eke noa - We are all in this together.

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday the 15th February.

Noho ora mai,

Whaea Rochelle Jensen

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2024 TERM DATES

Term 1 - (11 weeks)

Thursday 1st February - Friday 12th April

Waitangi Day - Tuesday 6th February (School Closed)

Meet the Teacher - Thursday 15th February

Good Friday - 29th March - (School Closed)

Easter Monday - 1st April (School Closed)

Easter Tuesday - 2nd April (School Closed)

Term 2 - (10 weeks)

Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July

Learner Led Conferences - Thursday 9th May

Kings Birthday - Monday 3rd June (School Closed)

Staff Only Day - Tuesday 4th June (School Closed)

Matariki - Friday 28th June (School Closed)

Term 3 - (10 weeks)

Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September

Learner Led Conferences - Tuesday 24th September

Term 4 - (10 weeks)

Monday 14th October - Tuesday 17th December

Labour Day - Monday 28th October (School Closed)

Staff Only Day - Tuesday 29th October (School Closed)



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Setting Up for Success

Systems and Procedures

School Hours

School Starts at 8:55 am and finishes at 2:55 pm.

- The school gates open from 8:15 am and close at 3:15 pm. Outside of these times, the school cannot provide care and supervision.
- The best time for children to arrive at school is 8:30am, as the playground is supervised and teachers are in their classrooms.

Exiting School

Junior children must be accompanied by a senior sibling or a parent/caregiver. For safety reasons, they will not be allowed to leave the school on their own.

Uniform

Correct uniform must be worn every day. All school uniform items can be purchased from our school office. The STORE on our school website allows pre-ordering and payment. A reminder that school hats are compulsory in Terms 1 and 4.

Communication

Newsletters, Seesaw, Email, Phone and Facebook (Gate Pā School-Pukehinahina) are all essential tools for staying up-to-date with school events and your child(rens) learning.

Contact Details

Please ensure that the office has your most up-to-date contact details. It is vital we can contact you, should an emergency occur.

Parking

The safest place to park is in the neighbouring church car park. This area is available to whānau before and after school. Please do not park in the staff car park.

Before and After School Care

Before and After School Care is available at a range of venues including Coast Kids - Greerton. See their website for more information. <https://coastkids.net.nz>

Stationery

All our children receive FREE STATIONERY. This will be given to them by their class teacher.

Free Lunches and Fruit

Our children receive a free lunch every day, as well as fresh fruit. Please provide your child with a water bottle and a nutritious afternoon snack.

Absent From School

Please inform the office of your child's absence via phone, text(027 578 5325), or by filling out the absentee form on our school website. For planned long-term absences, please seek approval from the Principal.

Signing Children Out

If you need to take your child out of school early, please sign them out via the office.

Lateness

If your child is late, they need to enter via the school office so their attendance can be recorded.

Visitors

If parents or visitors are at school, please sign in at the office.

Zone

A school zone is now in place. See our website for details. Please note exceptions to our zone include, families of currently enrolled students whose addresses become out of zone as a result of this Enrolment Scheme.