




**Gate Pā School**  
Pukehinahina

# WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Tuesday 9th April

**Newsletter No. 3**

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

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Rochelle Jensen*

### TERM 1 ROUND-UP

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,

### WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

Term 1 was a busy one, dominated by our learning focus Te Taiao (our environment) - What can we do to improve Te Taiao? Structured literacy continued to be embedded throughout our kura, and we continued our focus on best practice in Mathematics, with support from the outside provider - Cognition Education. Our Specialist teachers added value through teaching Science, Art and Music. We also partnered with Sports BOP, Travel Safe, Aquatic Skills for Life and Steam-ED to hone in on skill development and to support us to activate our gully/ngahere space. It was awesome to see the diverse talents of our tamariki flourish through these curricula.

### HONOURING CULTURE



In honouring the bicultural foundations of Aotearoa, every staff member was supported to integrate Te Ao Māori into their daily practice with many participating in Te Ahu o te Reo (Māori language learning). All children participated in Kapa Haka and we continue to see an increase in pride and in skill level. We also celebrated the culture, language and heritage of our tamariki from other parts of the world, through class and school-wide activities and cultural groups. This included our Samoan group accepting the invitation to perform at two community events.

### GROWING ROLL

Our roll reached a record, for this time of year - 345, and we continued to welcome both migrants and local tamariki. Our Māori medium pathways now include three bilingual and two immersion classes, all nearing capacity. We boast a diverse and growing staff, with a range of skills, all underpinned by a deep care for all our students.

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### HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

Relationships are the glue that binds us together and remind us of our common goal - the well-being and learning of our tamariki. Many events were held to support the strengthening of this partnership: Meet the Teacher day, a Whānau picnic, an Asian cultural gathering, summer sports, trips to Mauao for our juniors, an overnight camp for Karewa, senior swimming sports and the Maths Whānau Night.

### YOUR FEEDBACK PLEASE



A busy and rewarding term! We'd love to hear your thoughts on the term and/or specific events. Please share your feedback to help us improve as a school. You can find the survey link on facebook or your email. Alternatively, please share your thoughts with the classroom teacher or school office.

### REMINDERS

#### PROPERTY

Our team, work hard to ensure that our school property is the best possible learning environment for our children. Sadly, we have had a few recent after hours incidents of graffiti and stealing. If you see anyone mistreating our property, please call our security monitoring firm, Nutech, at 07 578 8233, or the Police.

#### SCHOOL UNIFORM

As the weather cools down, our school polar-fleeces become a necessity. These are available for purchase at the school office and can be ordered through our online store. A reminder that full school uniform must also be worn to and from school.

Noho ora mai,

Whaea Rochelle Jensen

## KEY DATES

- **Sports Registrations Close - Fri 12th April**
- **Last Day of Term 1 - Fri 12th April**
- **First Day of Term 2 - Mon 29th April**
- **BOT Hui 1 - 15th May at 5:30pm. All welcome to attend.**
- **Learner Led Conferences - Thurs 16th May**
- **Kings Birthday - Mon 3rd June -School Closed**
- **Staff Only Day - Tues 4th June - School Closed**
- **BOT Hui 2 - 19th June at 5:30pm. All welcome to attend.**
- **Matariki - Fri 28th June - School Closed**
- **Last Day of Term 2 - Fri 5th July**

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