




Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Monday 3rd March 2025

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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! Mālō e lelei! Ni sa bula! Kia orana! Fakaalofa lahi atu! Kam na mauri! Namaste! Vanakkam! Sat Sri Akaal! Ayubowan! Mabuhay! Selamat datang! Sawasdee! Mingalaba! Asalaam Walaikum! Hallo! G'day! Howzit! Bonjour! Konnichiwa! Nǐ hǎo! Olá! Hello! It's hard to believe we're nearly halfway through Term 1! We've had a strong start to the year, with lots to celebrate.

Learning

✨ Our structured Maths and Literacy programs are in full swing, making up three hours of learning each day.

✨ Our Term 1 concept, *Future Self*, encourages tamariki to explore their goals, aspirations, and ways to overcome challenges.

🎨🎵💻 Our Specialist programs (Visual Arts, Music, and Digital Technology) have been designed to add richness and value to the *Future Self* concept. *JamBus* is also available to tamariki who register for extra weekly music lessons, at a cost to whānau.

🌿 Kapa Haka kicks off next week, alongside the *Ocean Stars Pasifika* program (3:00 -3:30pm Wednesday), and our Filipino group is already up and running!

🏀🏆 PE and Sport remain a priority! The school pool is used daily, and we have 6 teams entered in various after-school sports modules!

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Home-School Partnerships

👤 Most whānau are now signed up to *HERO*, our main communication tool. Turn on 'notifications' to ensure you are not missing any updates on *HERO*. If you need support to sign up, please come to the office.

📊 95% of parents/caregivers attended *Meet the Teacher* - awesome engagement!

📅 Attendance is hitting 90% most days – let's keep this up! *Missing School = Missing Out*.

👦 Tamariki are arriving at school on time (between 8:30-8:45 am) and in the correct uniform.

Ka pai!

Friendly Reminders

🚲 *Bikes & Scooters*

Great to see so many tamariki biking and scooting to school! But remember – helmets protect their brains and can save lives. Buckle up, whānau!

👕 *Uniform*

From Term 2, the old light-coloured Gate Pā polo shirt will no longer be accepted. Our black polo shirts (\$35 each) are available to purchase from our Kindo store via our school website and can be picked up from our school office or delivered to your child's classroom.

Concerns & Complaints

At Gate Pā School, we value open communication and aim to resolve concerns quickly and respectfully. If you have a question or concern:

💡 Start by speaking to your child's classroom teacher.

💡 If needed, talk to a team leader or senior staff member.

💡 For further support, contact the office to make an appointment with the principal.

💡 If unresolved, submit a formal complaint in writing.

Our full *Concerns and Complaints Policy along with all our School Policies* are available under *Our School* on our school website.

Upcoming Events

👥 Whānau Fun Picnic Evening – Thurs 6th March, 3:30-5:00 pm. Bring a picnic rug and join the fun!

🔒 Cybersafety Evening (**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**) Tues 11th March at 7:00 pm -Our School Hall.

☀️ *Staff Only Day* - Wed 12th March. **School is CLOSED**. All staff will be learning about the new Maths curriculum.

Thanks for your continued support as we work together for the wellbeing and learning of every child at Gate Pā School.

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi.

Ngā mihi,

Rochelle Jensen

Principal / Tumuaki

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