



PARENT EDUCATION LINK BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL

Thursday 24th September, 2020

Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

Newsletter No. 15

Week 10, Term 3

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora tatou whānau

It is great to mark the end of term 3 with warmer weather, success with summer sports, and a return to Level 1. Returning to Level 1 means school assemblies and drinking fountains are back on !!! However contact tracing and vigilance with hand-washing will remain.

A few highlights from term 3:

Winter Sports

Seven teams were involved in the following winter codes: hockey, basketball and netball. A huge thank-you to all coaches and managers. See facebook for results.

ICAS - International Testing in Maths and English

Several Year 5 and 6 students participated in the ICAS International test for Maths and English. We are awaiting the results.

Junior Instrumental Group

36 students were involved in our junior instrumental group. The focus was developing skills in playing, making and performing music using a range of different instruments. Thanks Ms Last for this initiative.

Manu Kōrero

This week rumaki students across the year levels shared their speech topic in te reo Māori to three Māori language proficient judges. He taonga te reo Māori! Acknowledgments to Johnlees Faulkner from Ngāti Ranginui, Manawa Hoskins from Ngai Tūhoe (both senior students of Tauranga Boys College) and Matua Amorangī Kuka, Ngāti Ranginui and Kaiako at Te Puna Reo o Pukehinahina for judging. The goal was participation.

Final results:

- Year 0-2 - Maioha Kuka (Ngāti Ranginui, Takitimu) - First Place.
- Year 3-4 - Desmond Te Ua Norris-Layne (Waikatō, Tainui) - First Place.
- Year 5-6 - Hirini Sydney Leabourn (Te Whakatōhea, Mataatua) - First Place.

Speech Competition

Year 3/4 - Congratulations to Kirapreet Heera for who speech on the environment - First Place.

Year 5/6 - Congratulations to Aarish Aryal for his speech on Drugs & The Referendum - First Place.

- Congratulations to Vanie Vili for her speech on Bullying - Second Place.

Looking Forward

Last Day of Term - Friday 25th September

- Crazy Hair Day - please support your child to create a crazy hair-do. School uniforms must still be worn.
- School assembly in the hall - 9:45am

A key focus of Term 4 will be whānau engagement. We have missed our regular catch-ups so next term will be crammed full of events.

These include:

- Pōwhiri for new whānau - 12th Oct @ 9:15am
- Multicultural and Fun Friday - 23rd October
- Kids Sing Competition - 28th Oct - 60 kids involved from Gate Pā School
- KidsCan FunRun - 30th October, 2pm. More information will be sent out in a separate newsletter.
- School Athletics - 6th November
- DISCO - 6th November
- New Entrant Class Begins - 9th November

We look forward to seeing you all back in Term 4, Monday 12th October.

Take care all,
Ngā mihi nui

Rochelle Jensen
Principal/Tumuaki



Welcome to Lukyis Johnson-Summerell,
Davan Visser, Heinrich Visser, Maddison
Rolleston, Dayelahrn-Harmony Te Ariki and
Ciana Porter who have joined us recently.

It is great to have you here!

Save the Date Friday 23rd October 2020

Multi-Cultural and Fun Friday

Celebration.

10 am to 12.30 pm.

Room 8-Writing

Here are a couple of

Poems written using a mentor text 'Look'.

Date: 21/08/20
look

look at the shiny blue sky.

look at the dark grey

~~sun~~ rain splashing on the

kick your feet.

COMING EVENTS-2020

September

Fri 25th School Assembly-9.45 am.
End of Term 3.

October

Mon 12th Start of Term 4.
Powhiri to welcome new children
and families at 9.15 am.
Fri 23rd Multi-Cultural & Fun Friday
Celebrations-10 am to 12.30 pm.
Tues 27th Staff Only Day. No School.
Fri 30th Kids FunRun-2 pm.

Learning Through Lunch

In keeping with our mission Growing Caring Citizens
For Our World, we will be teaming up with Good
Neighbour and Garden to Table to provide each of
our students with a nutritious lunch everyday. These
partners allow us to work in a way which strengthens
whānau connections and supports children to
develop skills for life. Trials have already begun. We
aim to roll this programme out during term 4 or at
the beginning of term 1.

Will keep you posted.

LOOK

LOOK at the brown tweeting bird

look at the pink flowers

falling. Look at the children

work! look at the bright

shining sun rays.

By Rema-Rae Guthrie

By Aradhya Sidhu