



# Gate Pā School

Pukehinahina



## FINAL NEWSLETTER 2021

10/12/2021

Kia ora tatou whānau

Despite the challenges of COVID, we are extremely grateful for the way our learning community has supported each other throughout 2021. This includes our Board of Trustees, staff, whānau and all the agencies who work with us. Sincere thanks to you all.

Keeping our tamariki at the heart of the matter, holding steadfast to our We CARE motto and having high expectations for behaviour and learning have allowed us to soar high.

### **Some Highlights:**

- Poupou at our entrance that reflect the history of Gate Pā, our bicultural foundations and the cultural diversity of our kura
- Facebook and Seesaw, increasingly used by whānau to stay connected
- Student participation in After School Sports reached record numbers
- Whānau support via FoTs and with Sport and Cultural activities increased
- Social Workers, Jordy and Tamsyn, increased their support at our kura
- Behaviour incidents reduced
- An Enviro-Ed group and a Building Club were introduced
- A growing roll including a significant increase in the number of children in Rumaki and the introduction of two junior Bilingual classes in 2022
- Phonics based approaches to accelerate literacy learning were introduced schoolwide
- Student progress across the curriculum was closely monitored and extra support was put in place as required
- Connections with local Early Childhood Centres were strengthened, including regular visits from Te Puna Reo O Pukehinahina and Above and Beyond
- Further enhancement of our school grounds is to take place over the holidays which includes fencing of our school perimeter and work on our bike-track

None of this is possible without a united team, deeply committed to our tamariki. We are indeed blessed at Gate Pā School. Our staff are simply the best!

*Te mahitahi kia taea e ngā ākonga katoa te kite i o rātou pūmanawa  
Working together to enable all learners to realise their full potential.*

### **Staff Changes**

Sadly, we farewell two long-standing staff members: Duan Scott and Carmen Munro. Both have made a significant positive impact on our kura and will be missed.

In 2022 we welcome Whaea Olivia Amundsen and Whaea Mireia Tenas. Olivia joins us from Putaruru Primary and will be teaching a Year 5/6 class in 2022. Whaea Mireia works part-time at Tauranga Girls' College and will be supporting our ESOL students.

### **New Enrolments**

The more we know the more we can plan. Please encourage whānau who are thinking about sending their children to Gate Pā School to pop into the office and/or fill out an 'expression of interest' form on our website.

### **Key Dates including Pōwhiri**

2022 term dates are enclosed. Term 1 starts on Tuesday 01st February. On this day at 9:15 am, Gate Pā School will be hosting a pōwhiri ( formal Māori ceremony) to welcome new tamariki, parents and staff. All extended whānau are welcome.

### **Stay Updated**

A reminder that our school website and our facebook page - 'Gate Pā Pukehinahina' are great tools for keeping in contact.

### **School Grounds**

Our school whānau are welcome to enjoy our school grounds over the holidays. Please keep a watchful eye on activities and report anything untoward to Nutech security: 07-578 8233. Security cameras along with regular checks from Nutech will support us to keep our school safe.

### **Stationery and School Fees**

No school fees in 2022 and we will continue to supply all children with free school stationery.

### **Final 2021 Reminders**

- End of Year Prizegiving - Mon 13th Dec - this will be shared via Facebook with whānau
- School Finishes - Wed 15th Dec - 12:00pm
- Reports are enclosed, enjoy celebrating your child's progress and their special talents .

Finally whānau, I thank you for your support and feel incredibly privileged to be part of such a rich and nurturing learning community. I am hopeful that 2022 will see a return of face-to-face school gatherings so we can truly connect!

On behalf of the staff at Gate Pā School, I wish you all a safe and restful break to refresh, recharge and reflect on what is most important - he tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata.

Noho ora mai,

Rochelle Jensen

Tumuaki/Principal





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## 2022 TERM DATES

**School Office Opens:** Thursday 27th Jan and Friday 28th Jan  
**Auckland Anniversary Day:** Monday 31st January

### Term 1 – (11 weeks)

**Tuesday 1st February - Thursday 14th April**

Open Afternoon (a chance to pop in to meet the teacher) - Thursday 27th Jan -1-4pm

**School Starts** - Tuesday 01st February, Powhiri - 9:30am.

Waitangi Day -Monday 7th February (School Closed)

Meet the Teacher - Thursday 17th February

Whānau BBQ - Thursday 24th February 3:15 - 5:30 pm

Staff Only Day - Friday 18th March (School Closed)

Staff Only Day - Thursday 14th April (School Closed)

Good Friday - 15th April - (School Closed)

### Term 2 – (10 weeks)

**Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July**

Staff Only Day - Friday 3rd June (School Closed)

Queen's Birthday - Monday 6th June (School Closed)

Matariki Day - Friday 24th June (School Closed)

Student Led Conferences and Art Exhibition - Thursday 30th June

### Term 3 – (10 weeks)

**Monday 25th July- Friday 30th September**

### Term 4 – (9 weeks)

**Monday 17th October - Wednesday 14th December**

Labour Day - Monday 24th October (School Closed)

Learning Hui - Thursday 01st December - 1:30- 5:30pm

## GATE PĀ SCHOOL ORGANISATION 2022

<b>Principal</b>	Mrs Rochelle Jensen	
<b>Associate Principal/SENCO</b>	Mr Terry Furnage	
<b>Learning Support/Jnr Lead</b>	Mrs Jodi Hill	
<b>Kopuereua Syndicate: Team Leader</b>	Art Reedy	
Whare Reo - Rumaki	Whaea Ari Reedy	Year 3-6
Room 1	Whaea Maia Kuka	Year 0-2
Room 2	Withdraw Space/ Roll Growth	
Room 3	Whaea Laura Schulte	Year NE-1 Bilingual
	Whaea Kamran Kaur	Year 2-3 Bilingual
<b>Tauanata-Ohane Syndicate: Team Leader</b>	Jodi Hill	
Room 8	Mrs Sandra Selis	NE/Y1
Room 7	roll growth	
Room 6	Mrs Erica Smith /Mrs Sarah Strahan	Y1/2
Room 5	Mrs Robyn Robertson	Y2
Room 4	Mrs Amanda Donald	Y2
<b>Whakareo: Team Leader</b>	Ann-Marie Morris	
Room 9	Ms Yasmim Waltham	Y3/4
Room 10	Whaea Ann-Marie Morris	Y3/4
Room 11	Mrs Katherine Brenner	Y4/5
<b>Karewa Syndicate:Team Leader</b>	Whaea Kat Gilbert-Tunney	
Room 12	Mrs Yolly Bennett	Year 5/6
Room 13	Whaea Olivia Amundsen	Year 5/6
Room 14	Collaborative Space	
Room 15	Whaea Kat Gilbert-Tunney	Year 5/6
<b>Release and Specialist Teachers</b>		
Delwyn Last	Sarah Strahan	
Ananda Marshall	Jake Anderson	
plus our wonderful team of support staff.		

