



PARENT EDUCATION LINK BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL

Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

Friday, 7th May 2021

Newsletter No. 5 Week 1, Term 2

Kia ora tatou whānau

Another busy term begins! This term we are firmly focused on providing our children with a range of experiences. Cultural groups including Kapa Haka, Filipino, Pasifika and Indian start next week. We are also working hard to extend on the natural interests of our junior children by providing more deliberate play experiences. Golf, Robotics and Choir will also be on offer as well as a medley of Fun Friday activities. Please encourage your children to get involved in as many opportunities as possible.

Lunches for Learners

We are keen to increase the number of children who eat the school provided lunches and are eager to hear your voice around this.

Please come to a 45 minutes hui next Thursday to sample the kai and hear about the aims of the programme. The caterers and a nutritionist will be there.

- Thursday 13th May 2:00pm Staffroom
- Thursday 13th May 5:30pm Staffroom

Comments and Concerns

Research and daily practice continue to show us that the closer the links between home and school, the more child/ren will flourish. We encourage you to keep in regular contact with the classroom teacher(s). If you have any concerns, as per our school policy, please contact the classroom teacher as soon as possible. If concerns remain unresolved please see the syndicate leader. If still unresolved please make an appointment to see the principal.

Key Term Dates:

- Thursday 17th June—Student Led Conference. As teachers will be busy with conferences you are encouraged to keep your child/ren home. For those who are unable to do this supervision will be available.
- Friday 2nd July -Teacher Only Day.

Please note the Teacher Only Day planned for Friday the 4th June has been postponed until next term. The new date will be confirmed soon.

Walking School Bus

This has been put on hold due to lack of interest and a shortage of volunteers.

Building Update

A combination of MoE Funding, grants and fundraising will see the completion of our Cultural narrative front entrance project. This will be completed with a blessing at dawn on the 8th June. We hope to see you there. Upcoming projects include playground upgrades and the refurbishment of our Junior and Rumaki classes.

Attendance

We are continuing to work with whānau to support all children who are well to be at school everyday. It is great to see our attendance rates on the rise and ahead of the national averages!

Thanks for your ongoing support.

Ngā mihi nui
Rochelle Jensen
Principal / Tumuaki





Welcome to Marama, Shanaiah and Reihana who have joined us recently.

It is great to have you here!

Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.

*What a great start to Term 2.
Very few unexplained absences.
Let's work together to improve this.*

If your child is absent, please contact the office to report their absence.

Telephone (07)5785323 Ext 815
Text 0275785325
Or use the link on the school website

Āhuru Project

Āhuru; to be warm, comfortable & cosy.

We provide free warm blankets, clothing and shoes for families in the Tauranga area. Please text us on the number below with the age of your children, if they are a boy or a girl and what they need. We have lots of gumboots, warm pyjamas, sheets, jackets and blankets. We can deliver them to you.

Text or call us:

021 809 858

COMING EVENTS - 2021

May

- Fri 7th Friends of the School (FoTs) meeting in staffroom
9 a.m. All Welcome.
- Tues 11th Starting New at Golf (SNAG) Coaching
9.10 a.m.- 10.40 a.m.
- Thurs 13th Lunches for Learners Hui
2.00 p.m.
5.30 p.m.
- Fri 14th School Assembly 9.50 a.m.-10.40 a.m. in the school hall.
- Tues 18th Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30 p.m. - 7 p.m. in the staffroom.

June

- Mon 7th Queen's Birthday—School closed.
- Tues 8th Dawn Blessing of New Front Entrance.
School Cross Country.
- Wed 9th Friends of the School (FoTs) meeting in staffroom
9 a.m. All Welcome.

Sports News

This term is going to be so much fun! We have netball, basketball, hockey, rippa world cup, a mini marathon, the amazing race, the tough guy and gal challenge, a chess tournament and golf!!

Sport is so beneficial to our tamariki, it builds a healthy heart, better mental health, new connections, increased confidence not to mention problem solving and teamwork that is required, that is why it is so brilliant to see so many of our whānau putting their hand up to help out with the sports happening this term.

Upcoming Sports Events:

May

- Fri 7th Mini Marathon
- Tue 11th SNAG Golf begins
Basketball Middles begins
- Fri 14th Basketball Seniors begins
- Sat 15th Hockey begins
- Fri 21st The Amazing Race
- Sat 22nd Netball begins
- Fri 28th Rippa World Cup'

June

- Mon 14th Chess Tournament
- Tues 15th Tough Guy and Gal Challenge

Arohanui
Whaea Manda