



Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Friday 7th November, 2025

Newsletter No.10, 2025



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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ARI REEDY

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whānau o Pukehinahina,

As Acting Principal this term, it has been a huge honour and privilege to lead our kura. Whaea Rochelle is currently on her sabbatical and is enjoying the opportunity to focus on tuhituhi (writing), exploring ways to strengthen our writing programme for 2026. Alongside her professional learning, she is also taking some well-deserved time to rest and recharge, ensuring she returns refreshed and ready for the year ahead. Her mahi includes looking at best practice and effective pedagogy to help all our tamariki thrive as confident writers.

We have had a fantastic term so far, filled with high achievement, fun, laughter and plenty of learning. It is always heartening to see our tamariki engaged, curious and having fun while they learn.

Learning Conferences and Reporting

It was wonderful to see so many of our whānau attending learning conferences this term. These conversations are an important part of strengthening the partnership between home and school. Reports were handed out and it was pleasing to note the positive progress across the curriculum compared to Term 4 of 2024. Ngā mihi nui for your continued support and partnership in your child's learning journey.

Attendance

We are thrilled with the significant progress we've seen in attendance this term, with most days seeing over 90% of our tamariki present and ready to learn. Our kura goal remains 95%+ and we're getting closer every week! To celebrate this, we have some special events planned for those classes and students who reach this milestone, it's going to be lots of fun!

Property Update

By now, you'll be aware that our senior classes have relocated to the field into their new modcoms (modular classrooms). The transition went smoothly and our tamariki have settled in well, enjoying their temporary learning spaces. Contractors are now onsite progressing with the strengthening of the fire lining and if all goes to plan, we will be ready to move back into our new akomanga at the start of 2026. Exciting times ahead!

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Board of Trustees

Our newly elected Board of Trustees has now met and we are pleased to announce Amanda Marshall as our new Chairperson. Congratulations Amanda – we know you will lead with wisdom, dedication and heart. Ngā mihi nui to all our board members for their service and support of our kura and community.

Enrolments for 2026

If you have a child who will be starting school in Term 1 2026, please complete an enrolment form as soon as possible. Early enrolments help us plan staffing and class organisation effectively.

Māori Medium Pathways

At Gate Pā School, we are proud to offer three learning pathways:

- Rumaki – Full immersion in te reo Māori
- Reo Rua – Bilingual education
- Auraki – Mainstream

If your tamaiti is currently in Auraki and you are interested in transitioning them to Māori Medium education, please speak with your child's current class teacher or email areedy@gatepa.school.nz for more information.

Staffing News

We are delighted for Whaea Laura and Whaea Tay, who are both hapū and will soon be heading off on maternity leave. We wish them and their whānau all the best as they prepare to welcome their new pēpi. We also welcome Matua Amorangi Kuka and Beadeen Ansell, who will be covering Whaea Laura and Whaea Lisa, who will be covering for Whaea Tay. Nau mai, haere mai!

Class Placements for 2026

Class lists for 2026 are currently being drafted. Students will learn who their teacher will be for next year during our School Orientation Day on Wednesday, 3 December.

As we begin to look ahead to 2026, we're excited about the opportunities and achievements yet to come. For now, we focus on finishing this year strong, joyful and filled with aroha.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Ari Reedy
Acting Principal/ Tumuaiki



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IMPORTANT DATES



TERM 4 2025

MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER – TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER



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**FRIDAY
7TH NOVEMBER**

***Gumboot
Friday***

**TUESDAY
11TH NOVEMBER**

***Senior School
Athletics***

**FRIDAY
14TH NOVEMBER**

***Junior School
Athletics***

**FRIDAY
14TH NOVEMBER**

***West Cluster
Athletics***

**THURSDAY
20TH NOVEMBER**

***Kopurererua
Mauao Trip***

**FRIDAY
21ST NOVEMBER**

***200 Nights
Reading
Baywave Trip***

**THURSDAY
27TH NOVEMBER**

***Traffic Wardens
Orange Day***

**THURSDAY
27TH NOVEMBER**

***Karewa
Smallgusta Trip***

**THURSDAY
27TH NOVEMBER**

***ESOL Family
Gathering***

**FRIDAY
28TH NOVEMBER**

***YR 6
TIS Orientation
Day***

**MONDAY
1ST DECEMBER**

***YR 6
Graduation
Dinner***

*Please note: Dates and times subject to change.
More information will be sent home closer to each event.
Some events may be added as the term progresses.*

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THURSDAY
4TH DECEMBER

*Filipino
Christmas
Celebration*

THURSDAY
4TH DECEMBER

*Taumata-
Ōhane Strand
Trip*

TUESDAY
9TH DECEMBER

*End of Year
Prizegiving*

TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Last Day of School for 2025

12pm Finish!

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