



Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION
Wednesday 24th August

Newsletter No. 9



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Kia ora e te whānau

Book Week is in full swing at Gate Pā /Pukehinahina School. Although this event has been focused on our junior tamariki, tomorrow (Friday) the whole school is invited to dress up as their favourite book character. We can't wait to see who turns up! Reading Logs continue to be used school-wide to reward mileage; syndicate parties are held each term to celebrate 50 nights of reading and an end-of-year trip to Baywave will reward those who have read for 200 nights. Whānau play a valuable part in this process by regularly reading with their tamariki and signing the reading log.

Pangarau (Maths) will be the focus of next Wednesday's Maths Fun Night. This whānau-friendly event will explore different games that can be used to teach tamariki essential maths knowledge. Wednesday 31st August - 5-7pm. Creche and kai will be available.

New Dates

The Board has recently approved a Staff Only Day in term 4 - Monday the 7th November. This will be an important day of staff professional learning focused on assessment and reporting. Please also note the school year will now finish on Friday 16th December not Wednesday 14th as previously advised.

Parent Trustee - Please vote

Nominations are now closed for the BoT Parent Elections. As we received more than the number of positions advertised (five) we will have an election. To complement the information that has been mailed to you, all nominees have been profiled on our school facebook. Voting closes 4pm Wednesday the 7th September. Voting papers can be delivered or sent to the school office. Any patai (questions) please contact Iri in the school office.

Attendance

Every school day is a big day! In Aotearoa, all children under 16 years of age are required to attend school every day, unless they are sick. We know there is a direct link between regular attendance and academic progress. We also know that schools are places where children develop social skills and meet their life-long friends. If you need support getting your tamariki to attend school every day please contact their class teacher or the school office.

School Photos Update

Photos will be available for viewing and ordering from the 12th September.

Pick Up and Drop Offs

The health and safety of our tamariki is our number one priority. For this reason, we ask all whānau to use the church carpark for pick-up and drop-offs and then to enter school on foot via one of the two main entrances - the one with the Poupou or the one by the church carpark. Thank you for NOT parking or entering school via the main staff carpark or in the carpark behind the tari (office).

Finally, thanks for your ongoing support as we continue to juggle staff illness and a relief teacher shortage. Thankfully warmer weather is on its way and with it a range of summer sports that your tamariki can participate in. The Summer Sports Newsletter will be out soon:)

Noho ora mai,

Whaea Rochelle Jensen (Tumuaki/Principal)



Nau mai haere mai, to all our new tamariki:

It is great to have you at Gate Pā School

Sahana, Isha, Hoani, Maddison, Kyran, Ariana, Maia-Rose, Eshin, Wirihana, Iziah and Danika.



Koha Shed - Tools to borrow

Starting Term 3 out of the shed next to the garden by the Junior playground. Sign out on Friday (2.30-3.15pm) and return the next Monday (8.30 - 9.15am).

Organised by the Gate Pā Stakeholders Group.
Any questions see Whaea Ann-Marie
amorris@gatepa.school.nz

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Milre 10 Mega Tauranga



2022 Important Dates

Term 3

- Wed 31st August - Whānau Maths Night, 5 - 7pm
- Fri 2nd September - Tauranga Music Festival at Baycourt - 7pm
- Wed 7th September - School Board of Trustees - Voting Closes
- Tues 13th September - BOT Mtg - 5.30pm
- Wed 21 September - Multicultural Festival - 10am - 2pm
- Fri 30th September - Term 3 ends

Term 4

- Mon 17th October - Term 4 Starts
- Mon 24th Labour Day - School Closed
- Mon 7th November - Teacher Only Day (TOD) - school closed
- Tues 13th December - Prizegiving
- Fri 16th December - Term 4 ends

Whānau Maths Night

Come along and learn how to support your tamariki with maths at home.



Gate Pā Primary School
Wednesday 21 August 5 - 7pm
August Keen

Pizzas and prizes!!!

Donut Friday! 2nd September
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Order at the office

