



Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION
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Kia ora e te whānau

This week is Māori Language week - Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. The focus is inspiring New Zealanders to speak the Māori language proudly. At Gate Pā / Pukehinahina we aim to integrate te reo Māori into all classrooms. Our Bilingual and Rumaki options offer a pathway for whānau who wish their tamariki to develop greater fluency. We thank our Rumaki whānau for being our Te Ao Māori rangatira.

I have the privilege of being in Christchurch this week for the Principals' Federation Conference. Aotearoa ki te whai ao! - Aotearoa and Beyond is the overarching theme. This involves a focus on learning from leaders, artists, pioneers, scholars and everyday people who have a connection to Aotearoa and who push boundaries to achieve the very best for us and our country! I look forward to sharing my learning when I return.

You'll be aware that New Zealand has moved to a long-term approach to COVID-19. The new approach will only result in minor changes to the way we operate. Household contacts of a person with COVID-19 no longer need to isolate but instead need to complete a RAT test each day for five days. Therefore students who are household contacts and test negative can continue coming to school.

We were delighted to see so many of you at our recent 'Whānau Maths Night'. The turnout reinforced what we already know - how lucky we are to have a community so vested in the learning of their tamariki. Together we are stronger. Ngā mihi whānau.

Another recent and highly successful event was our choir who performed at the Tauranga Musical Festival. You made us very proud! Thanks Mrs Bremner and Matua Tux for your leadership.

Winter bugs continue to impact the health of staff and students. This is a nationwide issue which occasionally results in a shortage of relievers. Please be aware that in keeping the school open it may at times be necessary to split the students from one class across other classes in the school. This is always a last resort.

Countdown is on for our Multicultural Festival (21st September). This is an important event for our kura as it reflects the value we place on cultural diversity. Classes have been busy practising and are excited about sharing their performances. See details overleaf.

New Staff

With a growing roll, comes the opportunity to recruit new staff. We are delighted to welcome:

- Ria Te Kani who will be supporting in Room 8

In partnering with the University of Waikato, Bethlehem Tertiary Institute and Te Whare Wānanga O Awanuiārangi we are also lucky to have the following student teachers supporting in classrooms:

Jess Horne Rm 15

Te Popoki Tait-Olsen Rm 2

Kara Jones Rm 8

Photos Update:

School photos are available online to purchase. Visit www.crescentmoonstudios.co.nz/order

Enter your child's Photo Day ID - Ordering closes on Sunday 25th September. If you require assistance, please call in to the school office and Iri would be able to help.

Finally, a special shout-out to all involved in Winter Sports. Participation along with our reputation continues to increase as we focus on growing great sportspeople.

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
William, Reikura and Kalayis.



Gate Pā School
Tūhono Kōwhiri

YOU ARE INVITED TO A GATE PĀ SCHOOL...

MULTI-CULTURAL FESTIVAL

HE WHĀNAU KOTAKI TĀTOU

Wednesday 21st Sept 10am-2pm

Venue: The church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints
(884 Cameron rd)

All whānau invited to come and watch all tamariki perform on the big stage
Please bring a cultural kai to share and a picnic blanket for kai time.
Please label your kai for any food allergies.
Come dressed in your cultural outfit (whānau prizes for this)
Coffee cart available (cash and eftpos)

Come and celebrate our tamariki and cultures from all over the world

2022 Important Dates

Term 3

- **Tues 20th Sept. - BOT Mtg - 5.30pm**
- **Wed 21st Sept. - Multicultural Festival - 10am - 2pm**
- **Mon 26th September - SCHOOL CLOSED- Queen Elizabeth 11 Memorial Day.**
- **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**