



Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome to Term 4. It was great to enjoy the movie *Moana* with so many of you last week, we hope to be able to host more of these whānau events. Whilst short, Term 4 is packed with celebrations and activities in and outside the school. Please check the back of this panui for dates and stay in touch via class seesaw messages.

Term 4 marks the start of warmer weather. To keep safe, school hats must be worn. These can be purchased from the school office for \$18. Tamariki without hats will have to sit in the shade during break times. The school pool will open shortly, look out for updates.

### **School Closed**

**Monday 7th November - Staff Only Day** - A reminder that school will be closed to tamariki. Staff will be engaged in professional learning and report writing. These days were negotiated nationally as part of the Teachers Collective Agreement.

**Wednesday 16 November 1:30pm - Union Meeting** - All teachers are required to attend a union meeting. School will close at 1pm. Please arrange for your tamariki to be collected. The van service will run early.

**Online Behaviour** - We have recently experienced a spike in the inappropriate use of devices by our tamariki. This is happening in and out of school. It has a negative impact on wellbeing and learning. We are currently reviewing our systems to ensure closer monitoring and greater student responsibility. We urge you to limit device time for your tamariki and to monitor what they are using. A reminder that the majority of social media apps require users to be 13 years or over.

**Planning for 2023** - Planning for 2023 is well underway, this includes recruiting staff and sorting classes.

**Bilingual Classes** - we have spaces in our bilingual classes for tamariki in Y0-4. In these classes the main language of instruction is English however this is supported by 30-50% of instruction in te reo Māori. These classes are part of our Māori medium team - Kopurererua. If you think a Bilingual class could suit your tamariki please discuss with your child's class teacher or with Whaea Ari.

**New Entrants** - if you or your friends and whānau have tamariki who will turn 5 and attend Gate Pā School next year please inform the office. This information supports our planning.

### **Friends of the School (FoTS)**

Friends of the School (FoTS) is open to all Gate Pā whānau. This group of parents/caregivers plan and run fun events for our learning community.

This term's events:

- Wednesday 7 December - 5.30 - 7pm School Xmas party - new whānau welcome. Bring your tamariki and a plate of food to share.
- Friday 25 November - Bake Sale - Please support by bringing your baking to the Garden to Table room. Proceeds will be used to purchase new sandpit and pool toys.

### **New Staff**

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

- Whaea Rae Kuka - part-time kaiako in Whare Reo
- Whaea Ani Kuka - training to be a kaiako from Bethlehem Tertiary Institute

## Senior Camp

From the 14th to the 16th of November our Year 5 and 6 tamariki will be heading to Totara Springs Camp in Matamata. This is an opportunity for them to experience Education Outside the Classroom. They will be participating in a range of activities including archery, kayaking, rocket making and abseiling. This is a time for them to take risks, to challenge themselves and of course to have fun! On Monday the 14th students that are travelling to camp must be at school by 8:30am with all their gear ready to go. They will be returning by 2:55 pm on Wednesday the 16th of November.

Noho ora mai,

Whaea Rochelle Jensen (Tumuaki/Principal)



**Nau mai haere mai, to all our new tamariki:**

Rocko, Kauri, Tyeesha, Tumanako, Marnieah,  
Steve, Tiakiwai, Taharangi, Mahinarangi,  
Mahana, Te Amomapou, Ayeisha, Daivik, Jesse,  
Jay-Elle and Manpreet.

FUN-FAMILY-FOOD

# Whanau in the Park

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**POSTPONED**  
DUE TO WEATHER

Come join the fun!

**NEW DATE: SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER**  
**12PM- 3PM**

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## 2022 Important Dates

### Term 4

#### NOVEMBER

- Wed 2nd - BOT Mtg - 6pm Staffroom
- Thurs 3rd - Juniors attend Tū Manawa Sports Day
- Sat 5th - Pasifika Festival in the Bay
- Mon 7th - SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Only Day
- Tues 8th - Athletics - Middles and Seniors
- Fri 11th - Athletics Lap Race and Relays
- Fri 11th - Planting Day - 11-1pm
- Mon 14th - Wed 16th - Seniors Camp
- Mon 14th - Athletics 1:30pm - Juniors
- Wed 16th - Teachers Union Meeting - School Closes at 1pm
- Fri 18th - Paku Whakangahau - Performance Team
- Mon 21st - Mobile Dental Clinic Starts
- Wed 23rd - Yr 6's Orientation Visit to Tga Intermediate
- Wed 23rd - BOT Mtg - 6pm Staffroom
- Tues 29th - Enviro Group Trip to Maungatautari

#### DECEMBER

- Tues 6th - Learning Exhibition Waikareao - 2pm
- Wed 7th - BOT Mtg - 6pm Staffroom
- Thurs 8th - Senior Social
- Fri 9th - Baywave for 180 Nights Reading
- Fri 9th - Reports go home with students
- Tues 13th - School Prizegiving 10:30am - TGC Hall
- Mon 12th - Learning Exhibition Karewa - 2.00pm
- Fri 16th - 12:00pm - Term 4 Ends

