



Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Wednesday 29th September

Term 3 - Newsletter No. 10.



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Kia ora tatou whānau

We did it, we navigated another lock-down and a successful transition back to school ! Both these events highlighted the strength of us working together. Thanks for your support with Learning@Home and staying connected with us via seesaw and facebook. Lock-downs highlight the importance of us having your most up-to-date contact details, please let the office know if you have had any changes i.e. phone numbers, address.

A Growing Kura

We continue to welcome new enrolments across all levels of our school. Due to continual growth at our New Entrant level, in term 4 we will be adding another teacher to this class (Room 7). We will welcome our new teacher in the next newsletter.

Māori Medium Options

Due to increased interest and the availability of skilled staff, we are exploring additional Māori Medium options. Please see the attached newsletter to find out more.

Correct Uniform - At Gate Pā School we have high expectations for learning and behaviour. This starts with the correct school uniform. Children arriving in incorrect uniforms will borrow gear from the office for the day . Whānau will be contacted. A reminder that in Term 4 school hats are compulsory. These can be purchased for \$16 from the school office.

Feedback and Concerns

A reminder that we welcome feedback including concerns. Early communication helps us promptly address issues. In the first instance, please communicate these to the classroom teacher. If further support is required then contact the syndicate leader or the Principal.

Limiting Screen Time including Gaming

A plea to all whānau to limit the time children spend on devices. Less screen time means more time to do other things that have a positive effect on kids' physical, social, and behavioural well-being. We are also finding that some children are arriving at school extremely tired as they have been up late gaming :(

The Show Must Go On

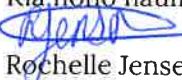
One of the challenges of COVID is reorganising school events to fit with COVID level guidelines. For future events we must predict levels, this is tricky... Thanks for your understanding as events get modified, postponed or cancelled.

- Production - Thursday 2nd December. Our production will go ahead but has been adapted to become more of a learning showcase. Each class will perform an item. There will be no cost.
- Fun Run - Friday the 29th October. Please support your child to gather sponsorship over the holidays. All proceeds will go towards upgrading the junior playground.
- Life Education - Commences 18th October. Each syndicate will choose a theme. All themes empower children to make healthy choices so they can live full and healthy lives. Harold the Giraffe supports all lessons :)

This Friday our student leaders have organised a Mufti Day, children are encouraged to wear something they wore during lock-down - see Facebook for more details.

Finally, this Friday marks the last day of Term 3. Term 4 begins on Monday the 18th October.

Kia noho haumarū (stay safe)


Rochelle Jensen - Tumūaki /Principal



Welcome to Axel, Reikura, Royalty, Aroha LJ, Anaru, Chennoah, Wintah, Azalea, Niko, Billy and Maddison who have joined us recently.

It is great to have you here!

COMING EVENTS - 2021

October

- Fri 1st End of Term 3.
- Mon 18th Start of Term 4. Pōwhiri to welcome new families at 9.15 am.
Life Education here at school.
- Mon 25th Labour Day - school closed.
- Tues 26th Staff Only Day - school closed.

Photolife School Photos Delay

Apologies whānau for the delay with the school photos. Thank you for your patience .

The delay is due to Lockdown in Auckland.



Room 7's Performance for their Whānau

Room 7 delighted whānau with dances and waiata before enjoying afternoon tea.

We welcome all new parents and whānau warmly to Gate Pā Pukehinahina School.





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Māori Medium Options at Gate Pā School - Looking Ahead


Kia ora whānau

Planning for 2022 has begun! As our kura experiences healthy growth, we will continue to offer both English (Mainstream) and Māori (Rumaki) options. Due to increased interest and the availability of skilled staff, we are also asking whānau if they are interested in the following:

1. Bilingual - Junior (Y0-3) - A bilingual option for junior students. In this class the teacher would communicate at a basic level of Māori. English would be the main language. This class would be part of the Rumaki syndicate and therefore be immersed in te ao Māori including regular marae visits, karakia, waiata, tikanga Māori. This option is suited to whānau who wish their tamariki to develop strong te ao Māori building blocks as well as continuing with their English learning.
2. Māori Medium Pathways - (Y4-6) - If you wish your child to pathway to Matai at Tauranga Intermediate or to Te Wharekura o Mauao, then some time in a Māori medium setting such as our Rumaki would be an advantage.

If you are interested in finding out more about either of the above options, please fill in the form below. Please note at this stage we are only scoping interest. The ability to deliver these options will be dependent on demand. Whānau hui will follow.

Ngā mihi nui,


Rochelle Jensen

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

We are interested in hearing more about:

- Option A : Bilingual - Junior (Y0-3)
 Option B: Māori Medium Pathways - (Y4-6)

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Child/rens Name and Year Levels:

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