



**Gate Pā School**  
Pukehinahina

**WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION**  
**Wednesday 15th February**

Newsletter No. 2



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Kia ora whānau

We continue to enjoy a positive start to the year with our tamariki coming to school well rested and ready for learning. Thank you for cooperating with us as we apply RED light settings. Whilst we acknowledge these are not ideal conditions for strengthening connections with our school whānau we understand that safety must take priority.

#### Meet the Teacher Hui

This Thursday is 'Meet the Teacher', if you haven't already, please book a time. This is an invaluable opportunity to learn from each other about how to best support your child's learning. A reminder that **all whānau must wear masks, sign in and physical distance during the hui. If you are unwell please stay home. If you would prefer an online hui please let the class teacher know.**

As all teachers will be involved in conferences from 8 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. we would appreciate it if you could **keep your child at home before and after their conference.** If this is not possible please let the office know by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

#### House Leaders

Our 2022 House Leaders have been appointed. This important process began last year and involved applications, interviews and presentations. Heartiest congratulations to these students:

- Hēni Pore
  - Zion Davies - R15 and Desmond Norris Layne - Whare Reo
- Taratoa
  - Kiwiē Kuka - Whare Reo and Ainslee Cook - R12
- Puhirake
  - Ngatairawhiti Anderson -R15 and Lily Loveridge -R12
- Pene Taka
  - Sachleen Kaur - R12 and Ashleigh Van Den Anker -R15

All House Leaders will be involved in a leadership programme to support them to develop in their new roles.


Whānau Picnic - This informal get together planned for Thursday 24th February has been postponed due to RED light restrictions. This event will be rescheduled.

Assemblies / Activity Mornings - Wednesday mornings are timetabled for assemblies and for teachers to meet and engage in additional Professional Learning. Unfortunately due to COVID, assemblies are unable to take place, however, activity mornings will continue until 9:30 am every Wednesday morning. These began last Wednesday. Thanks to feedback from staff and whānau this organisation has been modified to ensure maximum support to settle children in for the day.

Emergency Drills - As part of best practice health and safety, emergency drills are scheduled each term . We will communicate these with you as required .

Health Nurses - Throat swabbing for Strep Throat and the prevention of Rheumatic Fever will re-commence Tuesday 22nd February. This involves a health nurse swabbing the throats of students who are complaining of a sore throat. Parent consent was collected as part of the enrolment process, if you wish to check or change your status, please let the office know.

Noho ora mai,

  
Rochelle Jensen (Tumuaki/Principal)



Welcome to Georgia, Zekaiyah, Isabel, Vilo, Rohan, Carlos, Lachlan, Te Kaea, Nathanyl, Rivierah, Maddy, Hendrix, Ana, Vinita, Kaden, Samara, Te Hihiko, Isabella, Malachi, Rycheous, Millie-Lee, Kahera, Payton, Harmony, Mārire, Kairangi, Naura, Tayah, Tahj, Tū Maia, Kayla, Melanie, Peniamina, Kore-Jane and Dylan who have joined us recently .

**It is great to have you here!**

## 2022 Important Dates

### Term 1

- Thurs 17th February-Meet the Teacher.
- Thurs 3rd February-Friends of the School (FOTs) Meeting in the staffroom at 6 p.m.
- Fri 18th March-Staff Only Day (School Closed).
- Thurs 14th April-Staff Only Day (School Closed).
- Thurs 14th April-End of Term 1.
- Fri 15th April-Good Friday (School Closed).

### Term 2

- Mon 2nd May-Term 2 Starts.
- Fri 3rd June-Staff Only Day (School Closed).
- Mon 6th June-Queen's Birthday (School Closed).
- Fri 24th June-Matariki (School Closed).
- Thurs 30th June-Student Led Conference & Art Exhibition.
- Fri 8th July-End of Term 2.

### Term 3

- Mon 25th July-Term 3 starts.
- Fri 30th September-Term 3 ends.

### Term 4

- Mon 17th October-Term 4 Starts.
- Wednesday 14th December-End of Term 4

