



Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Tuesday 14th March

Newsletter No. 2

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Empowering Tamariki to Become Rangatira Who Value the Past to Create the Future

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL - *Whaea Rochelle Jensen*

Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Bonjour, Ni Hao, Hallo, Anyoung haseyo, Ayubowan, Asalaam Walaikum, Sat Sri Akaal, Konnichi Wa, Namaste, Olá, Hello,

Gate Pā School prides itself on providing a caring, whānau-friendly environment with high expectations for learning and behaviour. We are relentless with our expectations and need your continued support to ensure our standards are consistently met and our learning community thrives. Together we are stronger. He waka eke noa.

Whānau as Learning Partners - What can you do to support?

- Seesaw - learning is shared regularly through this platform, please view and respond.
- Reading Logs - these should come home daily, please support your child to establish daily reading habits by signing.
- Get Involved - stay connected with the classroom teacher and through our school Facebook. Share your views, skills and talents. Attend school events and support with class trips and special activities whenever you can i.e. Garden to Table, sports coaching and managing...
- Arrival and Leaving School - the best time to arrive is from 8:30am as this is when supervision is available. School finishes at 2:55pm. We have a growing number of children still at school well after this time. This puts pressure on our staff. Please be prompt with pick-up.
- Attendance - if children attend school daily they will be happier and learn more. If your child does have to be away, please let the office know. This saves us using valuable resources to chase up unexplained absences.

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Whānau as Learning Partners - What can you do to support? continued ...

- Correct Uniform - make sure your tamariki are in correct uniform every day - black bottoms and school polo shirt.
- Earrings- none that dangle. Sleepers and studs are best.
- Hair - tied back to prevent head lice and so it is not in the way of learning and play.
- Kai - lunch is provided but please supply a water bottle and healthy afternoon snack.
- School Admin. - including newsletters, payments. Your promptness with return slips and payments makes our life easier and saves us using valuable resources to chase these up.
- Maximise Sleep and Minimise Device Time - limited sleep and too much time on devices has a negative impact on behaviour and learning.
- Reinforce our School Values / Uara:



SCHOOL CLOSED - Thurs 16th March

A reminder that school is closed on Thursday due to our teachers taking part in a nationwide strike. Teachers are striking because they feel the Ministry's latest offer did not address workload issues nor did it provide extra learning support for the growing number of students who need it. Other reasons include the need to improve current pay offers to attract and retain people.

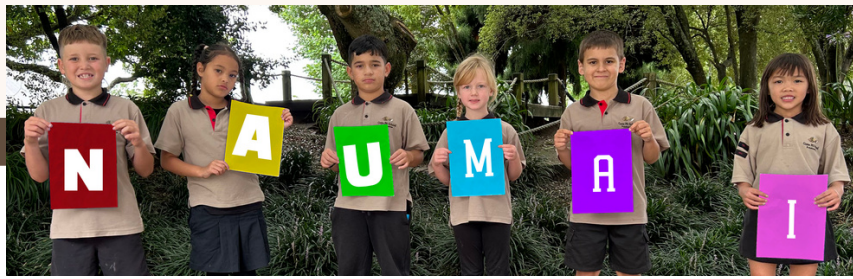
Thanks in anticipation for your continued support as we work together to support every learner at Gate Pā to thrive.

Noho ora mai,

Rochelle Jensen

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NAU MAI, HAERE MAI - WELCOME TO OUR NEW TAMARIKI:

Mishika, Daisy, Te Ariki, Natalia, Kingston, Akshaj, Juandre, Rochell, Aloiafi, Iosefatu, Sitela, Tohree, Tania, Harlem, Sneha and Shahen.

IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU HERE!

Term 1 Dates

- **Swimming Sports - Karewa Syndicate** - Wed 15th March - 9:30-11:30am
- **New Whānau Info. Session** - Fri 24th March -3:15pm
- **Noho Marae Huria - Karewa Syndicate** - 20-22nd March
- **School Closed - Teachers Strike** - Thurs 16th March
- **BOT Meeting** - Wed 22nd March - 6pm - Staffroom
- **Cultural Kitchen** - Thurs 30th March - 12:30- 2:30pm
Classes showcase a culture through kai.
- **Digital Safety Parent Evening** - Wed 5th April -5:30 - 7pm
- **Term 1 Ends:** Thurs 6th April
- **Term 2 Starts:** Wed 26th April

Further events specific to syndicates/teams will be communicated via syndicate newsletters.

