



Gate Pā School

Pukehinahina

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Kia ora whānau

Today we ended an action-packed term 1 with a celebration assembly, acknowledging our tamariki who consistently show our school value - Kaitiakitanga. Congratulations to our award winners!

Sadly today we also farewell two of our valued teachers: Ms Charmaine Bartling and Mrs Rosemary Meynell. For personal reasons, these two ladies have chosen to take a break from full-time teaching. Their warmth, wisdom and aroha will be missed. We wish them well in their future endeavours.

To fill these positions and to cater for our growing roll, we welcome three new teachers:

- **Mrs Laura Schulze** - Laura has recently moved back to Tauranga after living and teaching in different parts of New Zealand and spending some time overseas. She loves exploring new places and learning about different cultures. Laura will be teaching in Rm 6.
- **Mrs Kat Gilbert-Tunney** joins us from Tauranga Primary and will be teaching in Rm 14. She is a local lady with keen interests in Sport, Science, e-learning and Maths. Kat will join us early in term 2 (13th May).
- **Mrs Sandra Sells** returns to open our latest New Entrant roll growth class in Rm 7. Mrs Sells is well known and highly respected in our community for the magic she creates with our youngest students.

We are excited about the positive contribution these staff will make to our learning community.

A special shout-out to all parents/caregivers who coached and managed sports teams this term. We quite simply could not have provided our children with these opportunities if it wasn't for you!

Our school office will be open on the 30th April for new enrolments and to answer any questions.

Term 2 starts on Monday 3rd May. We will begin with a pōwhiri to welcome our new tamariki and staff.

In the holidays keep an eye out for our Front Entrance transformation. This project is significant in supporting us to acknowledge the past and to look forward. *Ka mua, Ka muri.*

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

Hei konā mai,

Rochelle Jensen
(Tumuaki/Principal)

