



**Gate Pā School**  
Pukehinahina

**WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION**  
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Kia ora e te whānau

It is a pleasure to open our gates and welcome you to Term 2. We are hopeful that this can be a term of momentum as we work with you to make progress with our strategic goals:

- Mahi Tahi - Collaboration
- Te Marau-Ā-Rohe - Local Curriculum
- Whakaako - Quality Teaching

Congratulations to our house leaders Desmond Norris Layne, Kiwie Moanaroa-Kuka, Ainslee Cook, Ashleigh Van Den Anker, Sachleen Kaur and Zion Davies. These leaders addressed a packed congregation on Friday 29th April to commemorate the Battle of Pukehinahina / Gate Pā. They spoke with heart and confidence as they shared how our school is continually reflecting on the lessons of the past to shape a better tomorrow. Pukehinahina- Mana tū, mana toa, mana ake ake!

#### **STAFFING**

Due to roll growth in the New Entrant area and Whaea Ann-Marie extending her work in the Tauranga Peninsula Community of Learning (COL), two of our valued part-time teachers will extend their hours:

- Mrs Sarah Strahan - will team teach in Room 8 (9-1 pm) until we welcome a new teacher mid-way through the term. This new teacher will begin a class in Room 7.
- Ms Delwyn Last - will teach in Room 10 two days a week (Thurs and Fri)

#### **WACKY WEDNESDAY**

This term we will restart our Wacky Wednesday programme. This means that school assemblies will take place every Wednesday morning from 9:00-9:30am. Whānau are welcome to attend. During this time half our teachers will be engaged in professional learning whilst the other half will be supervising children before school and during assembly.

#### **JUNIOR PLAYGROUND**

Unfortunately due to manufacturing delays, work on our junior playground has been postponed. I am promised it will be completed in stages, the first stage in the next month and the second stage before the end of term.

#### **FIT FOR LEARNING**

Last term we had several children arriving at school tired and unfit for learning as they had been up late gaming or surfing the internet. We have also spoken with many whānau about the challenges they face with restricting device use. You are not alone!

We strongly recommend that you set expectations. These should include:

- A restricted amount of device time
- Agreed apps and sites that are appropriate to use
- Discussion about what type of information is safe to share online
- Discussion about where they should go for advice including you, another trusted adult or a teacher

We are currently looking at facilitating a parent evening to support whānau to manage this issue. Details to follow.

#### **SAFETY**

Car-Park - Thank you for continuing to maximise safety by using the church car-park for pick-up and drop-offs.

COVID - Gate Pā School continues to be vigilant with hygiene and encourages all staff and students to stay home if they are unwell. Signing or scanning in is no longer required. Masks are no longer required to be worn by staff and students. They are highly recommended however so will be available for staff and students who wish to wear them. Parents/caregivers are welcome on-site for drop-offs and pick-ups. At other times, please sign-in via the office

### SCHOOL BOARD

In September we will be calling for parent/caregiver nominations to become trustees for our school board. Being a trustee involves working in partnership with the school, wider community and the Ministry of Education to ensure the best possible outcomes for all students. Our next board meeting is the 17th May at 5:30pm at school. These are public meetings so feel free to attend. We would love to see you:)

Noho ora mai,

  
Whaea Rochelle Jensen (Tumuaki/Principal)



Haere Mai / Welcome to our new tamariki:  
Aiylah, Javiera, Azalea and Dominic.  
**It is great to have you here!**



Our house leaders addressing the audience at St George's- Gate Pā Church to commemorate the Battle of Pukehinahina / Gate Pā. Tau kē!

### 2022 Important Dates

#### Term 2

- Fri 20th May-Pink Shirt Mufti Day-Anti Bullying
- Tues 31st May - School Cross Country
- Fri 3rd June-Staff Only Day (School Closed).
- Mon 6th June-Queen's Birthday (School Closed).
- Wed 8th June-School Photos.
- Fri 24th June-Matariki (School Closed).
- Thurs 30th June-Student Led Conferences & 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.
- Wed 14th December-End of Term 4