



Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION
Thursday 26th May

Newsletter No. 6



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Kia ora e te whānau

A busy term 2 characterised by happy, active tamariki and whānau getting involved is well underway. Thanks to all those parents/caregivers who are supporting by managing and coaching Winter Sports. You make these sporting opportunities possible. The return of school trips, specialist teachers and school-wide events is also supporting our kura to thrive. The research is clear - the more we work together, the better the outcomes for our tamariki.

Further opportunities to get involved this term include:

- Whānau Movie Night - MOANA - Thurs 2nd June @ 5pm
- Maths and Pizza Evening - Thurs 9th June @ 5pm
- Student Led Conferences & Art Exhibition - Thurs 30th June - All Day.
- School Cross Country - Tuesday 31st May
- New Whānau Afternoon Tea - Wed 15th June @ 2pm
- BOT meeting - Tuesday 21st June @ 5:30pm
- Matariki Disco - Wednesday 22nd June

Please see overleaf for other key dates including **Staff Only Day : Friday 3rd June**. School will be closed to students on this day as all staff will be involved in professional learning.

STAFFING

We welcome Whaea Tammy. Tammy will team teach with Mrs Sells in Room 8 before beginning a new class in Room 7 as numbers grow. Tammy joins us from Putaruru Primary. She is an experienced junior teacher and has specialist knowledge in supporting children with additional learning and behaviour needs. Tammy lives in Whakamarama with her husband and two children. Haere mai Tammy! We thank Whaea Sarah for her support in Room 8. Sarah will continue relieving in Room 4 and other classes.

UNIFORM - POLO SHIRT

Thanks to the 126 people who participated in our uniform survey. 75% wanted a change to the polo shirt so we will continue with this change process. Key feedback that will guide the change includes: cost - must be cheaper, fabric/colour - needs to be darker, cooler and more durable. A reminder that this change will be phased in over several years so there will not be any immediate additional cost to whānau.

COVID UPDATE - It seems a smaller wave of COVID has reached our kura. This has meant an increase in staff and student absences. We do our best to manage this with minimal disruption however it is challenging and does mean increasing the use of relief teachers. Please let the school know if your child tests positive for COVID. RAT tests are available from the school office so if your child is unwell we can supply you with a test kit.

We hope to see you at school for pick up or drop off or at one of the many school events we have planned. If your circumstances mean you can't make it in, please connect with us via seesaw and/or our school facebook.

Noho ora mai,

Whaea Rochelle Jensen (Tumuaki/Principal)



Nau mai haere mai, welcome to all our new tamariki: Maryanne, Charnaya, Dre, Amie, Elias, Jazmin, Sariyah, Pani, Toa, Max, Jack, Tamehana, Jaylah and Brooklyn.

It is great to have you here!



**Exploring our Gully With Our Environment Specialist-
Matua Jake.**



**Kia Kaha To All Tamariki Involved In
Winter Sports.**

2022 Important Dates

Term 2

- 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.**
- Wed 7th September-School Board of Trustees Triennial Elections.
- Fri 30th September-Term 3 ends.

Term 4

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