



Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION
Tuesday 2nd August

Newsletter No. 8



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Kia ora e te whānau

It always warms my heart when our tamariki bounce into school after the holidays, full of character and joy, set to reconnect with their mates and get back into learning. Haere mai whānau to an action-packed term 3! All key dates are listed on the back of this newsletter. Our main event is our Multicultural Festival - please mark the date: Wednesday 21st September 10-2pm.

High Expectations - Attendance

Our focus on high expectations in everything we do continues. This starts with using our manners and wearing the correct uniform and flows right through to learning. Closely connected to wellbeing and learning is attendance. This continues to be a national issue and our kura is no exception. Whilst I acknowledge there are factors outside of our control, I cannot reinforce enough the short and long term negative impact of poor attendance. The research is clear, tamariki with poor attendance make less academic progress, find it harder to make friends and are generally less happy at school. If you need support getting your child(ren) to school everyday, please contact the class teacher so you can be supported.

Uara (Value) - Rangatiratanga

Our school uara for this term is Rangatiratanga. Keywords used to describe Rangatiratanga are: leader, role model, responsible and confident. At Gate Pā School we know every child has special talents and therefore can be a Rangatira. Our learning this term will explore the strengths of every child while supporting them to develop skills of risk-taking and perseverance.

Celebrating Cultural Diversity

Part of Gate Pā's special character is its diverse cultural make-up. We are extremely proud of the richness this brings to our kura. In addition to our MultiCultural Festival, this term we have special activities planned to celebrate the history and traditions of whānau from the Cook Islands and Spain. Celebrating Māori Language will also be a key event in September.

Board of Trustee Nominations

Our triennial Board of Trustees elections are fast approaching. Now is the time to nominate yourself or another member of our learning community. Our Board meets twice a term and are firmly focused on steering the strategic direction of our school. Nomination forms have been posted to your home address. Nominations close on: Wednesday 3rd August, 2022 at 12 noon. Any patai (questions) please contact Iri in the school office.

Wheels Day

Every Friday of this term our bike track will be closed to bikes and open to scooters, skateboards, wheelies and skates. Tamariki can bring their own wheels. Helmets must be worn so please bring these too.

Car-Park Safety

A reminder that for safety reasons the staff car-park **cannot** be used by parents, there is however plenty of parking available in the church car-park.

Noho ora mai,

Whaea Rochelle Jensen (Tumuaki/Principal)

TEAM MESSAGES

Our kura is organised into four learning teams. Team names relate to the local legend-Taurikura. If you are not familiar with this pūrākau (legend), please ask your child(ren).

- Taumata - Ōhane - Y0-2
- Waikareao - Year 3/4
- Karewa - Year 5/6
- Kopurererua - Māori Medium

For names and contact details of the kaiako (teachers) in each team, please visit our website.

Historically, at the beginning of the term each team has prepared a panui (newsletter). This term we are combining the start of term messages into this panui.

Taumata - Ōhane - Y0-2

Welcome back to Term 3 and as you have read there is a lot going on this term.

Our new playground is a huge hit and we are working on our movement skills this term through dance, jump jam and during our Learning Through Play/Tūhura Tākaro activities. We are working on balance, coordination and core strength - all foundation skills that help our learners to be able to focus on their learning.

During week 5 we will be inviting you to join us celebrating Book Week (22nd - 26th August). An invitation to events during the week will be out shortly so please check your child's bag and SeeSaw for updates. We hope you will join us! Then during week 6 we are planning to visit the Art Gallery and the Library, so if you are able to join us please contact your child's classroom teacher to discuss details - classes will be attending on different days to accommodate all of the syndicate. Please pop in and be a part of the learning in the Taumata-Ōhane team.

Waikareao - Year 3/4

This term our team will focus on the following.

- **Performance Arts - Dance.** Each class is selecting a cultural dance and will perform this on Wednesday 21 September in a whole school and community performance at the church building next to the school. Your child will be learning about the culture of the dance too. We may need your help with costumes.
- **Science** - We will be learning about bones, our skeletons and teeth. This will also include how to look after our bodies, healthy eating and dental hygiene.
- **Literacy** - we continue to build students' ability to spell which impacts Reading and Writing, through our daily phonics programme.
- **Garden to Table** - students learning about growing food, preparing and cooking food. We would love to have you join us to help in the kitchen and garden. See your class teacher to volunteer almost once a week.

Karewa - Year 5/6

This term in the Karewa Syndicate we have two trips that the tamariki will be attending. The first is to the Tauranga Art Gallery, Room 12 on Tuesday 6th September and Rooms 13 and 15 on Wednesday the 7th of September. The second is our last Tu Manawa Sports Day for this year on Monday the 26th of September. We will need whānau support for this trip so put it in your diaries.

Next term we have our Senior School Camp at Totara Springs in Matamata. This will be from Monday 14th to Wednesday 16th of November. Tamariki who have followed our GPS CARE Values/Uara will be able to attend this camp. If your child has not followed the school values they may be asked to attend with a whānau member or to only attend during the day to make sure every child is kept safe during our time at Totara Springs. Further information about this camp will come out in the next few weeks.

Kopurererua - Māori Medium

Nau mai hoki mai ki te wahanga 3 o te tau. He mihi maioha ki ngā tamaiti me ngā whānau hou - Miracle Tau, Te Arahina Le Mon, Amāia-Rose Johnstone. Mauria mai i o koutou pukenga ki waenganui i a mātou te whānau o Kopurererua, otira ki te kura o Pukehinahina. This term we have lots of exciting kaupapa to learn about, our overarching theme being that of rangatiratanga - **kia tū rangatira mātou i ngā wā katoa**. We will be exploring this concept through all learning areas including performance arts (dance, drama and music), physical education, tikanga ā iwi and learning more about our rangatira of Tauranga Moana.

We appreciate all you do as whānau to tautoko your tamaiti at home and welcome you to be a part of our learning through our class see-saw pages, our syndicate facebook page or in person in our akomanga.

Ngā mihi o te wahanga 3 ki a koutou katoa. Mauri ora e te whānau.



Nau mai haere mai, to all our new tamariki:

It is great to have you at Gate Pā School

Chevy, Mordekai, Tepene, Cullen, Amaia-Rose, Jackson, Miracle, Amaiah, Dhalia, Rahui, Royale, Te Arahina and Kaitiaki.



NOMINATIONS CLOSE: Wednesday 3rd August

School Photo Tuesday 9th of August

There is no opt-in required; all students will have their photo taken; Gate Pā School will send out information when your child's photos are available to order online.

Out of School Sibling Photos

Bring your child with any siblings that do not attend Gate Pā School to have their photo taken together. Tuesday 9th August between 8am and 8.30am

Koha Shed - Tools to borrow

Starting Term 3 out of the shed next to the garden by the Junior playground. Sign out on Friday (2.30-3.15pm) and return the next Monday (8.30 - 9.15am).

Organised by the Gate Pā Stakeholders Group
Any questions see Whaea Ann-Marie
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2022 Important Dates

Term 3

- **Mon 25th July - Term 3 Starts**
- **Tues 9th August - School Photos**
- **Tues 9th August - BOT Mtg - 5:30pm**
- **Wed 31st August - Whānau Maths Night - 5pm - 7pm**
- **Fri 2nd September - Tauranga Music Festival at Baycourt - 7pm**
- **Wed 7th September - School Board of Trustees Triennial Elections**
- **Tues 13th September- BOT Mtg - 5.30pm**
- **Wednesday 21 September - Multicultural Festival - 10am - 2pm**
- **Fri 30th September - Term 3 ends**

Term 4

- **Mon 17th October - Term 4 Starts**
- **Mon 24th Labour Day - School Closed**
- **Mon 7th November - Teacher Only Day (TOD) - school closed**
- **Tues 13th December - Prizegiving**
- **Fri 16th December - Term 4 ends**

Whānau Maths Night

Come along and learn how to support your tamariki with maths at home.



Gate Pā Primary School

Wednesday 31 August 5 - 7pm
August Room

Pizzas and prizes!!!

