



**Gate Pā School**  
Pukehinahina

## **PARENT EDUCATION LINK BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL**

**Wednesday, 31st March 2021**

**Newsletter No. 3      Week 9, Term 1**

Kia ora tatou whānau

Celebrating students who read at home every night and classes with 100% attendance have been highlights of the last few weeks. Thanks whānau for your support by reading with your child and sending them to school unless they are unwell.

It has been great to see many teams making the most of our local treasures by taking their classes outside of school for learning experiences. Immersing our children in a variety of experiences to stimulate their curiosity is key to a rich educational experience. Waikareao estuary, Trustpower arena and Poututerangi Marae are among the places recently visited. Participation at community events has also been a feature of this term, with Gate Pā School hosting Top School, performing at the Anzac Park Fun Day and at the recent Multicultural day. Sincere thanks to all whānau who have supported these events.

Teachers are currently working hard to connect every whānau with the online platform - Seesaw. This is because we know from research that strong partnerships between home and school lead to improved outcomes for students. Thanks for supporting your child's learning by leaving a comment or liking their post. Pop into the office if you need support using Seesaw.

Whaea Ari continues to lead a review of our local school curriculum. Basically this is about making sure what we teach matches the aspirations you have for your children. Your voice matters so if you haven't already contributed please check out the board in the foyer or the survey on facebook.

Friends of the School (FOTS) continues to be a positive energy in our school with recent support provided for Top School and with this week's fun Easter activities.

The last few weeks of this term are a bit messy with lots of public holidays. Please see key dates below:

- Week 9 (this week)- No school on Friday 2nd April - Good Friday
- Week 10 - (next week) - No school on Monday 5th April and Tuesday 6th April - Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday.
- Week 11- Mon 12th April - Friday 16th April- School is open all week.
- Last day of term 1 : Friday 16th April

Finally the staff at Gate Pā School wish you and your whānau a safe and happy easter and look forward to welcoming you back next Wednesday.

Ngā mihi nui

Rochelle Jensen  
Principal / Tumuaki





Welcome to Mele, Sevin, Eanelay, Chundoun, Jacob, Jonathan and Marino who have joined us recently.

**It is great to have you here!**

**New Enrolments**

Due to roll growth, we will start a new class in Term 2. To support with planning, please let Iri in the office know of any 5 years old who will be starting. Please also encourage your friends and neighbours to do the same.

**COMING EVENTS - 2021**

**April**

- Thurs 1st School Assembly - Easter Awards 2.15 p.m.
- Fri 2nd Good Friday–School closed.
- Mon 5th Easter Monday - School closed.
- Tues 6th Easter Tuesday-School closed.
- Fri 16th End of Term 1.

**May**

- Mon 3rd Term 2 Starts 8.55 a.m.  
Powhiri to welcome new families.
- Fri 7th FoTs meeting in staffroom 9 a.m.
- Thurs 13th Whānau Picnic - 3.15 p.m.



**Celebrating our amazing readers!**



**Sport News**

We are proud of our boys Hunter and Hohaia for joining BOP Golf Tournament at the Mount Maunganui Golf Club. Awesome - Ka Rawe! Be inspired by these boys, to try something new, learn a new skill and have a good time.

