



Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

WHĀNAU – SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Tuesday 13th October, 2026

Newsletter No.10



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Empowering Tamariki to Become Rangatira Who Value the Past to Create the Future

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Rochelle Jensen

Kia ora e te whānau! Talofa lava! Mālō e lelei! Ni sa bula! Kia orana! Fakaalofa lahi atu! Kam na mauri! Namaste! Vanakkam! Sat Sri Akaal! Ayubowan! Mabuhay! Selamat datang! Sawasdee! Mingalaba! Asalaam Walaikum! Hallo! G'day! Howzit! Bonjour! Konnichiwa! Nǐ hǎo! Olá! Hello!

A warm welcome back to Term 4! We hope everyone has enjoyed a refreshing break and is ready for a busy and exciting final sprint towards Christmas. With longer days and warmer weather upon us, a reminder that school hats (pōtae) are compulsory during Term 4. These must be Gate Pā School hats and can be purchased from the school office for \$25.

Reporting on Student Progress

Next week, detailed student progress reports will be published on HERO. These will outline your child's progress in Reading, Writing and Maths, along with practical ways to support their learning at home. Attendance information and general teacher comments will also be included.

We strongly encourage all whānau to book a *Report Check-In* with their child's teacher. This is an opportunity to discuss progress, celebrate successes and identify next steps together.

Bookings open on HERO next week.

You will be able to select one hui slot from the following time periods:

- Tuesday 27 October: 3.10–6.10pm
- Wednesday 28 October: 3.10–5.30pm

A Busy Term of Learning and Opportunity

Term 4 is packed with opportunities for our tamariki to learn, participate and showcase their unique gifts and talents! Our Science learning continues with *The Material World*, alongside preparations for Athletics Day. We look forward to celebrating reading milestones, sporting achievements and the rich cultures and talents of our

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kura through Pasifika in the Bay, our Festival of Lights (Diwali) celebrations and a Talent Showcase.

There will also be some bittersweet moments as we celebrate and farewell our Year 6 tamariki, ready for their next exciting chapter.

Key term dates are attached to this newsletter. We encourage whānau to get involved wherever possible and share in these special moments.

Best Practice

A key strategic goal for Gate Pā School is to raise student achievement and reduce equity gaps through effective teaching. On 26 October, Whaea Ari and I will travel to Sydney to visit three schools and learn from their approaches to teaching, learning and school leadership. We will also work alongside an educational consultant to further refine our strategic plan, ensuring our priorities remain focused on making the greatest difference for our learners. Learning from others, challenging our thinking and applying what works are important ways we continue to strengthen teaching and learning at Gate Pā School.

Finishing the Year Strong – Every Day Counts!

Although the end of the year is in sight, learning continues right through to our final day of school. Our behaviour expectations remain clear and consistent, with appropriate support and consequences in place to ensure a safe, positive and respectful environment where everyone can learn and thrive. For more information about our approach, our *Student Behaviour Management Policy* and *Behaviour Flowchart* are available on SchoolDocs, with hard copies also available at the school office.

Every day counts, and regular attendance is essential to maintaining the progress our tamariki have worked so hard to achieve. As the weather warms up and the term gets busier, let's keep our tamariki's daily WOF (Warrant of Fitness) in check – plenty of sleep, limited screen time, a good breakfast, sunscreen and a full water bottle!

Please help us finish the year strongly by ensuring your child is at school every day they are well, rested and ready to learn.

We look forward to a fantastic final term of learning, connection and celebration!

Ngā mihi nui,

Rochelle Jensen

Principal / Tumuaki

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IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday 22nd
October**

Learning Reports
published to
HERO

Monday 26th October

Labour Day-
School is closed

**Tuesday 27-
Wednesday 28th Oct**

**Whānau report
check-ins**

Book a time via
HERO

Tues - 3:10-6:10pm

Wed - 3:10-5:30PM

**Saturday 31st
October**

Pasifika in the Bay
Tauranga Girls'
College

**Monday 2nd
November**

**Festival of lights
(Diwali)
celebration**
5:30-7:00pm in hall

**Wed 4th - Thurs 5th
of November**

**Karewa Forest
Discovery Day**
Room 12+13- Wed
Room 14+15 - Thurs

**Friday 6th of
November**

Photolife
School Photos

**Thursday 12th
November**

Phase 2
Athletics Day
(Year 4-6)

Friday 13th November

Phase 1
Athletics Day
(Year 0-3)

**Dates & times are subject to change. Further information will be
released closer to the time of the event.*



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**Friday 13th of
November**

Phase 2
**200 Nights
Reading
celebration**
(Year 4-6)

**Monday 16th of
November**

Cohort 2 begins
*Whakatau welcome
in the hall - 9am*

**Thursday 19th of
November**

Senior West
Cluster Athletics
at Tauranga
Domain

**Friday 20th of
November**

Gate Pā
Talent Showcase
11:30am in hall

**Thursday 26th of
November**

Traffic Warden's
Orange Day

**Friday 27th of
November**

Year 6
**Tauranga
Intermediate
Orientation Day**

**Wednesday 2nd of
December**

**Gate Pā School
Orientation
Morning**
*Meet your 2027
kaiako*

**Thursday 3rd
December**

Year 6
**Graduation
dinner**
5:30-7:00pm

**Friday 4th of
December**

**End of Term
assembly**
School hall -
9:15am

**Friday 4th of
December**

Phase 1
**200 Nights
Reading
celebration**
(Year 0-3)

**Tuesday 8th of
December**

**End of Year
Prizegiving**
*Tauranga Girls'
College Gymnasium
9:30-11:30am*

**Tuesday 15th of
December**

**Last Day of
School**
*School closes at
12:00pm*