



**Gate Pā School**  
Pukehinahina

WHĀNAU – SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Wednesday 01st April 2026

Newsletter No.3



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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 Akaa! Ayubowan! Mabuhay! Selamat datang! Sawasdee! Mingalaba! Asalaam Walaikum! Hallo! G'day! Howzit! Bonjour! Konnichiwa! Nǐ hǎo! Olá! Hello!

It is hard to believe we are entering the final days of Term 1. It has been a busy and productive term, with many new enrolments, our Year 6 camp, and the junior trip to the zoo. We also welcomed the Education Review Office (ERO) for an evaluative visit and are successfully moving our "Modcom" classes back to their upstairs rooms.

### ERO Update

The Education Review Office (ERO) recently conducted a thorough review of our school. This process included classroom observations, meetings with parents, and a detailed analysis of our data and internal systems. We are pleased to share that the initial verbal feedback was extremely positive, with highlights including our achievement data and learning support systems. We look forward to receiving the formal report.

### Property Update

The fire-lining work is now complete, and the council has granted the necessary permit for us to move back upstairs. This transition will take place one classroom at a time between now and the end of the week. By the start of Term 2, the "modcoms" will be removed, and Rooms 9-15 will resume learning in their upstairs spaces. We appreciate how well the students have handled the disruption caused by these recent moves. Their safety is always our top priority, and we are pleased to confirm that the upstairs area now exceeds all fire safety standards.

### Use of School Grounds After Hours

Regrettably, we have recently experienced several incidents of vandalism. While we are committed to keeping our grounds open to the community after hours, we will be forced to restrict access if these issues persist. We ask for your support in keeping our school safe; if you observe any suspicious or undesirable activity during the holidays, please contact the police or Nutech at 07 578 8233.

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## Attendance

While overall attendance and academic progress are rising, Term 1 data shows that a number of students are still missing between 5-10 days of school each term. While we understand that illness and family commitments are unavoidable, this level of absence significantly impacts both learning and wellbeing. It can make it much harder for children to maintain steady routines and develop strong friendships.

We want to encourage our students to build resilience by making every effort to be at school, even when the weather is grey or they are feeling slightly unwell. Please trust that our staff are here to provide the care and support your child needs to feel safe and settled. When students are in class, we can ensure they are connected, learning, and thriving alongside their peers.

For students who have been absent for more than 10 days this term, the school will have already been in touch to discuss the involvement of other support agencies.

## Learning at Home - Spotlight on Maths

Supporting your tamaiti/child with Maths at home helps build confidence, problem-solving skills, and success in line with the New Zealand Curriculum / Te Marautanga o Aotearoa.

Basic Facts are essential - think of basic math facts as the "alphabet" of maths; once children know them by heart, they can read and solve complex problems.

### Sites to support:

#### Prototec Maths

- <https://learning.prototec.co.nz/maths>
- Practice basic facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) to build speed and confidence

#### Maths No Problem – Parent Guides

- Access your child's maths books, examples, and lesson support
- Sign up: <https://hub.mathsnoproblem.com/self-signup/FX3QVH2>
- Access Code: 7JXSNSK
- Please note: only go up to the section your child is currently working on at school to avoid learning confusion.

Term 1 ends on Thursday, April 2nd, and Term 2 resumes on Monday, April 20th.

Please see overleaf for key dates regarding Term 2.

Wishing you all a very safe and happy easter break.

Thank you for your continued support,

Rochelle Jensen

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# IMPORTANT DATES

<b>MON 20 APR</b>	9:00 AM	<b>Full School Pōwhiri</b> <i>Welcoming all new students, whānau and any new staff.</i>
<b>MON 27 APR</b>	School Closed	<b>ANZAC Day</b> <i>School closed - Public holiday.</i>
<b>TUE 5 MAY</b>	5:30 PM	<b>BOT hui</b> <i>Held in the staffroom. Open to the public.</i>
<b>THU 14 MAY</b>	3:00pm	<b>Parent Hui</b> <i>Parent information shared for 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' programme.</i>
<b>FRI 29 MAY</b>	School Closed	<b>Staff only day</b> <i>School is closed.</i>
<b>MON 1 JUN</b>	School Closed	<b>Kings Birthday</b> <i>School closed - Public holiday.</i>

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





**THU  
4  
JUN**

9:00 AM

**School Cross country**

*Further details to come out closer to the event.*

**TUE  
9  
JUN**

5:30PM

**BOT hui**

*Held in the staffroom. Open to the public.*

**WED  
17  
JUN**

4PM

**Learning Reports**

*Learning reports will be published on HERO.*

**THU  
18  
JUN**

8:00am-  
6:00pm

**Learning Conferences**

*Further details including booking schedule to be shared closer to the event..*

**WED  
1  
JUL**

FROM  
4PM

**Matariki Disco**

*Further details to come closer to the event.*

**Migrant Community Learning Hub**

*Learning hub designed to specifically support Migrant whānau.*

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June