



Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

WHĀNAU – SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

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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!

Progress Reports and Learning Conferences

As we near the halfway point of the year, we are looking forward to sharing clear, quality information with you about your child's achievement. This will be shared in both written and oral forms. Progress reports will be published on HERO on Wednesday 17 June, followed by Whānau Learning Conferences on Thursday 18 June. These hui are an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress and next learning steps. We are striving for 100% whānau attendance, so please contact your child's teacher if you need an alternative time. As all kaiako will be in conferences from 8:00am to 6:00pm, we ask that children stay home before and after their conference where possible. If supervision is needed, please let the office know before Wednesday 17 June. Please contact the office if you need support accessing HERO.

Matariki, Culture and Cross Country

Across the kura, a mix of creativity and the explicit teaching of foundational skills has continued to feature strongly throughout Term 2. The creation phase of our Matariki concept is now well underway, with recycled materials being transformed into magical wearable art pieces. Cultural celebrations have also been a highlight, with Samoan Language Week and Filipino Independence Day giving our tamariki rich opportunities to learn, connect, and celebrate the diversity within our school community. Our athletes have also had a chance to shine at cross country. Congratulations to all children who made it through to the West Cluster event, and a special mention to Prue Marshall and Malachi Smith, who will proudly represent our school at the Western Bay of Plenty Cross Country Championships this week.

School Starts: 8.55am -- School Ends: 2.55pm

Report Attendance HERO app or 578 5325 -ext 1

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Networking in Northland

Last week, I was fortunate to travel to Northland with 22 other Western Bay of Plenty principals, visiting the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, Tāne Mahuta, Manea Footprints of Kupe, and Whangārei Boys’ High School.

A key takeaway was from Principal Alec Solomon, who spoke about achievement as a pathway to opportunity. His message was clear: when tamariki experience academic success at school, more doors open for their future.

This aligns with Gate Pā School’s strategic focus: growing competence in an environment that nurtures culture and character.

Whānau Feedback

I will be available before and after learning conferences on Thursday if you would like to pop in for a kōrero or share any feedback. We are always open to hearing what is working well and how we can continue to improve.

Upcoming Events

WED 17 JUN	4PM	Learning Reports Learning reports will be published on HERO.
THU 18 JUN	8:00am- 6:00pm	Learning Conferences Book your slot on HERO
THURS 25 JUN	6PM	Matariki Noho Marae KAREWA TEAM - Rms 12,13,14 and 15
WED 1 JUL	VARIOUS	Matariki Disco Juniors - Y0 - Y3 - 5:00 - 5:45 PM Seniors - Y4 - Y6 - 6:00 - 7:00 PM
FRI 3 JUL	2:55 PM	TERM 2 ENDS
FRI 20 JUL	8:55am	TERM 3 BEGINS

Looking Ahead to Term 3

You can expect one more newsletter before the end of term, which will look ahead to Term 3 and summarise key kura dates.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ngā mihi nui,

Rochelle Jensen
Principal / Tumuaki