



PARENT EDUCATION LINK BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL

Wednesday 10th March 2021

Gate Pā School

Pukehinahina

Newsletter No. 2 Week 6, Term 1

Kia ora tatou whānau

What an awesome term we are having with 95% of our children consistently showing our school values in both learning and play. Whānau engagement has also been high with record numbers attending Meet the Teacher and having loads of fun at our Whānau Picnic.

Friends of The School (FOTS)

This group is growing in numbers and strength!! The first meeting was held last Friday. Many ideas were discussed including a Walking School Bus, support for Top School and regular fun days. Thanks Kellie Collingwood and your awesome team.

Upcoming Hui: Friday 12th March 2pm New parents welcome afternoon in the staffroom.

Wednesday 17th March 6pm FOTs Meeting in the staffroom.

Landscape Project

In April we will be upgrading our school's front entrance. A key goal of this upgrade is to reflect the stories of this area and the rich cultural diversity of Gate Pā School. Thanks to everyone who uses our grounds after school and weekends, we have had no vandalism this year. If you see anything suspicious please phone Nutech on 07 578 8233.

Lunches for Learners

Gate Pā School provides a free and nutritious lunch to every learner every day. While putting lunches in schools is about making sure children are eating, it's also about teaching them healthy eating, good habits and what makes up a nutritious meal. Some flavours are more popular than others however, by trying new flavours children are quickly discovering new foods that they enjoy. Having their mates around them enjoying the kai also helps. Parents /whānau can support these great eating habits by ensuring any snacks sent to school are healthy and encouraging the children to try these lunches.

Walking School Bus

We are exploring the idea of a Gate Pā School Walking School Bus. A Walking School Bus is like a real bus - it travels at a set time and children join or leave the bus at designated stops. If you are interested in being part of this, please fill out the slip below and return to the school office.

A big shout-out to Whaea Manda (Amanda Marshall) who has made a great start to the sports coordinator role. It is fantastic to see so many children involved in summer sports and to see new opportunities emerging including a chess club.

Stay connected with us via our school facebook Gate Pā Pukehinahina and class seesaw.

Ngā mihi nui,
Rochelle
Principal/Tumuaki



Walking School Bus



1. Name:.....Names of Children:.....
2. Yes, we are interested in our child/ren being part of the Gate Pa Walking School bus.
3. Our address is:.....
4. I am/I am not willing to be a volunteer for the Walking School bus. Please circle.
5. Further comments:



Welcome to Amos, Isaac, Kyran, Aperahama, Sonny, Bossalinie, Ezekiel, TJ Tikitiki, Maryanne, Ezra, Daijana, Junior, Bryson, Poumanu, Killuminati, Turirangi, Jozaiah, Semper, Amyjane, Journey, Aiden, Ngatairawhiti, Krish, Maki, Ataahua, Hari, Heni Te Kapua, Tiakiwai, Cherish, Zabir, Zayan, Shanaya, Maksim, Hareora, Hamahona, Rosalee, Desire-Lee, Indica, Sage, Te Ngakau, Ruby, Madoc, Rickahn, Joshua-Toa, Lucy, Sargun and Hunar who have joined us recently.

It is great to have you here!

COMING EVENTS—2021

March

Mon 15th—Fri 19th Zero Waste—At School.
Thurs 18th Top School starting 4 p.m.
Mon 22nd Mobile Dental Van here at school.
Fri 26th Waikareao Syndicate— picnic and sleep over.

April

Fri 2nd Good Friday—School closed.
Mon 5th Easter Monday—School closed.
Tues 6th Easter Tuesday—School closed.
Fri 16th End of Term 1.

Gate Pā School Curriculum

Look out for multiple opportunities to share your ideas on what you think is most important for our tamariki to learn. Thanks to those of you who have already contributed.

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 year olds who will be starting. Please also encourage your friends and neighbours to do the same.

Top School 2021 **4pm Thursday 18 March.**

Come and support the school.

A range of hot and cold food and drinks available.

Cash sales only.

Volunteers required

Please see Andy at the office or text to 0275785325 if you can help.

Sports News

Sport this term is well under way after a turbulent start. Between COVID and earthquakes we have managed to get some game time in. We have one Volleyball team playing at Memorial Hall and six Rippa Rugby teams playing at Greerton Park, both on Friday nights. Our Volleyball team is made up of Middle and Senior students, the majority of the team have never played before but are now looking very comfortable on court. Our Rippa Rugby are teams from each syndicate, two Junior, two Middles, two Senior.

There were not enough players to put together a FlippaBall team but those that were interested have been learning the rules and trying out the skills in the school pool on Tuesday afternoons. This has been a great opportunity for both younger and older students to come together, have some fun and learn a new sport.

Chess Club has been on every Tuesday lunch time in the Library, and has been met with a surprisingly high number of students interested, experienced and eager to play. If you have any old sets of Chess or Checkers that you would like to donate, they would be well received.

Focus on Fun every Wednesday lunchtime, has seen some of our Junior students learning new Rippa Rugby skills and a chance to experiment with trying new Soccer skills too.

Thank you so much to all the parents/caregivers/whānau who have signed on to help with teams, you make these sports possible. We still need a manager and coach for one senior Rippa Rugby team so if you can help, please contact Amanda Marshall—0210599984—amarshall@gatepa.school.nz

Whaea Manda
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