



Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Tuesday 7th February

Newsletter No. 1



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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Rochelle Jensen

Ngā mihi o te tau hou. Happy New Year to you all.

We hope you enjoyed the holidays despite the lack of sun and are settling back into the school routine. We are delighted with the smooth start to the term, with the majority of children getting to school on time and attending every day. Wearing the correct uniform including a hat and bringing a water bottle and healthy snack are also essential. These things really support us to maximise quality learning time and build positive relationships with each and every child.

Whanaungatanga

Over the next few weeks we have whānau events planned. We value these events as opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of how we can best work

together to support your child(ren):

- *Meet the Teacher - Thursday 16th February* - Book a time. See Facebook or Seesaw for booking details.
- *Whanāu BBQ - Thursday 23rd February* - 3:15 - 5:30pm - A chance for staff and whanāu to mix and mingle.
- *Cultural Kitchen - Thursday 30th March* - 12:00 - 2:00 pm. Classes showcase a culture through kai.

New Staff

Our new staff are fitting in beautifully, adding value and diversity. A warm welcome to: Whaea Lisa, Whaea Sherry, Whaea Nadia, Matua Gareth, Whaea Jess, Matua Everdt and Matua Ray. A full staff list together with their roles is available on our website.

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

Report Attendance ☒ 0275785325 www.gatepa.school.nz ☎ 075785325 ext 1



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House Leaders

Our 2023 House Leaders have been appointed. This important process began last year and involved applications, interviews and presentations. These students will be involved in a leadership programme to support them to develop as rangatira. Heartiest congratulations to them all:

- Hēni Pore
 - Lupe Uata and Salmaan Samad
- Taratoa
 - Mahalia Papara and Heni Swallow
- Puhirake
 - Ariella Marshall and Kyrah Tekani
- Pene Taka
 - Davan Visser and Alexis Kerei

Emergency Drills

As part of best practice health and safety, emergency drills are scheduled each term. We will communicate these with you as required.

BOT Meetings

These public meetings are held in our staffroom at 6pm twice per term. You are welcome to attend.

- Term 1: 15th Feb and 22nd March
- Term 2: 10th May and 14th June
- Term 3: 2nd August and 6th Sept.
- Term 4: 25th Oct and 15th Nov

Feedback - Concerns & Complaints

We welcome your feedback in shaping our kura. In the first instance, please meet directly with the person concerned. This will often be the class teacher. If the matter remains unresolved, please make an appointment to see the Team Leader. If the matter is still not resolved, please see the office to make an appointment to see the Principal. A full copy of our *Concerns and Complaints* process is available on our website along with all other school policies.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you pop in and out of kura and encourage you to quickly establish close links with the classroom kaiako (teacher). Your voice matters and supports us to do the very best for your child(ren).

He waka eke noa - We are all in this together.

Look forward to seeing you on Thursday the 16th February.

Noho ora mai,

Rochelle Jensen



NAU MAI, HAERE MAI - WELCOME TO OUR NEW TAMARIKI:

Anahi, Isabelle, Hauaru, Kabir, Tupu, Chloe-Mae, Nikita, Harlow, Dillan, Maia-Janelle, Shishir, Kyle, Hosea, Prue, Kayley, Kaiyon, Cherish, Gary-Cooney, Kiana, PJ, Melody, Ezti, Allie, Leef, Rickahn, Vaelton-Ray, Kymani, Nathan, Zach, Harley, Sisi and Ti Hīwera.

IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU HERE!

Term 1 Dates

- **BOT Meeting** - Wed 15th Feb - 6pm
- **Meet the Teacher** - Thurs 16th Feb - Book A Time
- **Whānau BBQ** - Thurs 23rd Feb.- 3:15 - 5:30pm - A chance for staff and whanāu to mix and mingle.
- **Paid Union Meetings** - Thurs 2nd March - School will remain open.
- **Top School** - Thurs 2nd March - 3:30- 7pm
- **Cultural Kitchen** - Thurs 30th March - 12:00 - 2:00 pm. Classes showcase a culture through kai.
- **Term 1 Ends:** Thurs 6th April
- **Term 2 Starts:** Wed 26th April

Events specific to syndicates/teams will be communicated via syndicate newsletters.



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2023 TERM DATES

School Office Opens: Thursday 26th Jan and Friday 27th Jan
Auckland Anniversary Day: School Closed Monday 30th January

Term 1 - (10 weeks)

Wednesday 1st February - Thursday 6th April

School Starts - Wednesday 01st February.

Waitangi Day - Monday 6th February (*School Closed*)

Meet the Teacher - Thursday 16th February

Whānau BBQ - Thursday 23rd February 3:15 - 5:30 pm

Good Friday - 7th April - (*School Closed*)

Term 2 - (10 weeks)

Wednesday 26th April - Friday 30th June

Staff Only Day - Monday 24th April

ANZAC Day - Tuesday 25th April

Queen's Birthday - Monday 5th June (*School Closed*)

Matariki Day - (Falls within Term 2 Break)

Student Led Conferences - Thursday 22nd June

Term 3 - (10 weeks)

Monday 17th July- Friday 22nd September

Staff Only Day - TBC

Term 4 - (10 weeks)

Monday 9th October - Friday 15th December

Labour Day - Monday 23rd October (*School Closed*)

