



Gate Pā School

Pukehinahina

19/01/2021

Kia ora tatou whānau

A few quick updates to support a successful start to the 2021 school year.

Key Dates

Term 1 starts on **Thursday 4th February**. On this day at 9am, Gate Pā School will be hosting a pōwhiri (formal Māori ceremony) to welcome new tamariki, parents and staff. All extended whānau are welcome.

Early in Term 1 we will also host the following:

- Meet the Teacher - Thursday 18th February
- Whānau BBQ - Thursday 25th February, 3:15- 5:30pm.

For further 2021 dates, [please visit our website](#).

New Enrolments

Please encourage whānau who are thinking about sending their children to Gate Pā School to fill out an ['expression of interest'](#) form on our website. The office will also be open on the 2nd and 3rd Feb from 9-12 for new enrolments.

New Staff

A warm welcome to the following staff who join our 2021 team. Keep an eye on facebook for profiles of these new staff.

- Jodi Hill - junior school team leader
- Rosemary Meynell - junior school teacher
- Matua Roha Dalton-Reedy - specialist teacher
- Matua Tama Robens - youth mentor
- Amanda Marshall - sports coordinator

For a full 2021 staff list please see [our website](#).

Stationery

Gate Pā School will continue to offer free stationery in 2021. Classroom teachers will issue all children with their own stationery in the first week of school.

Lunches for Learners

Gate Pā School will continue to provide nutritious, free lunches to all our tamariki.

We welcome **Bay Catering** as our new providers and take this opportunity to thank **Good Neighbour** for their lunches in 2020.

Uniforms

School polo shirts and hats can be purchased from the NZ Uniform Shop, 94 Elizabeth Street, Tauranga. Plain black items must be worn on the bottom i.e. tights, shorts, skirts. These can be purchased from any store.

The office will be open from the 2nd February so please pop in or phone if you have any further queries.

Hei konā mai,

Rochelle Jensen
Principal/ Tumuaiki