



Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Monday 29th July 2024

Newsletter No.6 2024



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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, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Mabuhay, Sat Sri Akaal, Ayubowan, Asalaam Walaikum, Bonjour, Konnichi Wa, Ni Hao, Hallo, Olá, hello.
E mihi ana ki a koutou, welcome to term three at Gate Pā School.

The term has started well with children bouncing back from the holidays and filling our kura (school) with positivity and excitement. Staff are well-organised for a rich term of learning, underpinned by high expectations for learning and behaviour.

Our Term 3 concept is: What is the most important thing? He Tangata, He Tangata, He Tangata. It is people, it is people, it is people. This social sciences concept will allow us to dig deep into the cultural identity of all our students, exploring the rules and traditions that make each culture unique. The uara (value) focus is Rangatiratanga. This will see us maximising opportunities for children to be role models, leaders and to grow in confidence in sharing their unique talents and skills.

Term 3 and 4 are also key terms to begin planning for 2025. This will include hearing your views about what we do well and what we could improve. As part of staying abreast of the latest research and practice in education, I will be joining a principal study tour to Australia and the UK. This tour commences on the 9th September. Whaea Jodi and Whaea Ann-Marie will join me on the Australian leg of this tour.

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STAFF UPDATES

Haere Mai (Welcome) to our new staff

- Whaea Kimberlie Cording - Room 7 Kaiako (teacher)
- Whaea Rori Baird - Art Specialist
- Whaea Christina Te Arika - Whare Reo Kaiako (teacher)
- Whaea Emma Graham - Financial Manager. Starting Term 4.

See Facebook for full introductions on each of these staff.

Celebrations

- Matua Flynn Henderson has been selected to be part of the Bay of Plenty Steamers' key training squad, so he will be working part-time in Room 14 this term. He will return full-time in term 4. Go well, Flynn.
- Matua Roha Reedy is currently in Paris with whānau supporting our Aotearoa teams at the Olympic Games. He will be back Monday 12th August. Ngā mihi to Tama Robens, Amo Kuka and Delwyn Last, who are steering the Whare Reo tuakana waka until he returns.
- Congratulations to Whaea Kim Rennie, who is expecting a baby girl. She will take maternity leave from mid Term 4.

Welcome back to:

- Whaea Laura Simpson, who will be doing some relieving in Whare Reo Teina.
- Whaea Ari Reedy, who will be supporting Kapa Haka.

Leaving Staff

- After 19 years of valuable service to Gate Pā School, Terry Furmage (Assistant Principal) has decided to resign at the end of this year.
- After 21 years of service, Debbie Higgs (Financial Manager) will be resigning at the end of this term.

Both Terry and Debbie will be missed dearly.

PROPERTY UPDATES

- Work is well underway on our senior playground. Expect a new and improved version by late August!
- To improve air quality, a new HVAC (heating, ventilation and cooling) system has been installed in our senior classrooms.
- We have noticed an increase in vandalism, including graffiti and the dumping of rubbish. We encourage our community to use our school grounds after hours but ask that it is respected and that any negative activity is reported to the police or for non-urgent reports, please let the office know.

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HOME - SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Term 3 - Key Ways We Can Work Together to Support Your Child to Thrive.

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi. With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive.

Attendance- Make sure your child attends school every day that they are well. If there are barriers to getting your child to school every day, please talk with your class teacher so we can support. *Attendance is the first step in achieving greatness.*

Learning Progress- Attend Learner-Led Conferences - These will be held on Tuesday 24th September. During this conference, you will receive a written report on your child's progress and discuss ways we can work together to support further progress.

Updates- Stay updated and active on your child's class SEESAW and our School Facebook.

Raising money for our school- Sign up for a New World ClubCard - Gate Pā. See office for details. For every \$100 you spend, our school receives \$1.

Sharing skills and knowledge- Talk to the class teacher about ways you can support your child and the class. We would love to see parents sharing cultural skills and knowledge as part of this term's concept.

School events- Support your child to attend the upcoming Disco and to dress for Mufti Day. See overleaf for dates.

Lend a hand at school events by joining *Friends of the School*.

Noho ora mai,
Rochelle Jensen.

TERM 3 SPORTS UPDATE

From our Sports Co-ordinator, Matua Mikey

This term we have our junior basketball team in action every Monday afternoon at the QEYC. We also have some juniors involved in fun sticks on Saturday mornings at the Tauranga Boys College, where they are learning new hockey skills.

Our middle school hockey team is still playing at Blake Park on Saturday mornings and is going incredibly well. They have entered an inter-school competition which is taking place on the 20th of August. Go well team!

Our amazing netball girls have entered an inter-school tournament which takes place on the 14th of August. Hopefully, they can keep up their winning ways.

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Our Tackle 5's rugby team will also be in action as part of the halftime show for the Bay of Plenty Steamers games on the 14th and 28th of September. Make sure you get down to support them and our very own Matua Flynn who will be playing for the Steamers .

We have some of the coaches from Bay of Plenty Rugby coming in to do some Rippa Rugby training with our tamariki to help get them ready for next term. Can't wait for this!

As always, we need whānau support with our teams. If you have any free time to help, it is much appreciated and very rewarding.

We also have many tamariki taking part in sports for clubs around the area, so please look out for them and if you see any, give them an extra big CHEER!!!

Noho ora mai,

Matua Mikey

email: sports@gatepa.school.nz



IMPORTANT DATES



TERM 3 2024

22ND JULY- 27TH SEPTEMBER

**MONDAY
22ND JULY**

Term 3 starts - 8.55am.
Mihi Whakatau
9.15am

**WEDNESDAY
7TH AUGUST**

Board of Trustees
Meeting - 5.30pm

**THURSDAY
8TH AUGUST**

School Disco.
To Infinity & beyond

**FRIDAY
9TH AUGUST**

Mufti Day

**WEDNESDAY
4TH SEPTEMBER**

Board of Trustees
Meeting - 5.30pm

**16TH - 20TH
SEPTEMBER**

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
Māori Language Week

**MONDAY
16TH SEPTEMBER**

Kids Can Ride
Year 5&6 Students Only

**TUESDAY
17TH SEPTEMBER**

West Cluster
Winter
Tournament

**TUESDAY
24TH SEPTEMBER**

Progress Reports
and Conferences.
Normal instruction not
available, as all teachers are
involved in conferences

**WEDNESDAY
25TH SEPTEMBER**

End of Term
Assembly

**FRIDAY
27TH SEPTEMBER**

Last day of
Term 3


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