



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, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Mabuhay, Sat Sri Akaal, Ayubowan, Asalaam Walaikum, Bonjour, Konnichi Wa, Ni Hao, Hallo, Olá, hello, As part of a principals' study tour, I am currently midway through school visits in Queensland and the UK. It has been a challenging experience as I scrutinise other school models and evaluate our own. What has become clear so far is that New Zealand is a leader in developing the whole child within a culturally responsive environment. However, it is also evident that we need to strengthen our ability to measure the quality and impact of programmes that develop fundamental literacy and numeracy skills.

The tour is led by Jeremy Kedian, an education consultant, who skillfully supports me and my principal colleagues to reflect on the effectiveness of our schools. Already, this experience has been pivotal in my leadership journey, providing clarity on how to pave the best path forward for our tamariki. It is indeed a privilege to be working *on* the school, rather than *in* it at this time—a privilege I am confident will benefit our school's future.

In my absence, Terry Furmage and Jodi Hill, along with our incredible team of staff, continue to lead the school.

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Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

It's more than just a week for our kura as we continue to embed Te Ao Māori into our systems and structures and in doing so honour and celebrate the bicultural foundations of Aotearoa. Ngā mihi to the Kopurererua roopu for leading this mahi.

Learner Led Conferences - Tuesday 24th September

Your attendance at these conferences is essential to support the wellbeing and learning of your child. Written reports will be available at these hui. If you are yet to book a time, or if the scheduled times are not suitable, please contact the class teacher.

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

Learning Concept

Our Term 3 concept, "What is the most important thing?", continues to explore the cultural identity of all our students. This concept will culminate in a Multicultural Festival next term. Please save the date: Thursday 31st October. Thanks to all parents who have come along to share aspects of their culture with our classes, and to the many whānau who supported the success of Samoan Language Week and our Filipino Cultural evening.

New Staff

We welcome Jared Williams as our new Caretaker and Emma Graham as our Financial Manager.

See our Facebook page for their full introduction.

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Deputy Principal Position

Two positions are currently advertised in the Education Gazette. These are key roles in shaping the future of our kura, and we expect to complete this process by Week 3 of Term 4. An appointments committee, comprising a parent representative from the BOT, a local principal, myself, and a teacher representative, has been formed.

Attendance

Our target is for 80% of children to attend school 90% of the time. We have seen significant improvement in attendance rates this year, and as a result, our tamariki are learning more and feeling more connected to their school whānau. Tino pai!

School Sport Registrations

Registrations are open for Rip Rugby, Football, Hockey and Basketball. Register via Kindo on our school website. Any queries contact Mikey at: sports@gatepa.school.nz

New World Clubcard

Thanks to New World Gate Pā who have partnered with Gate Pā School you can help to raise funds each time you do your grocery shopping. This is a great way to raise extra money for our kura to support our students, through the support of our TGC community who shop at New World Gate Pā. Every time you shop at New World Gate Pā and present your Clubcard, Gate Pā School will receive 1% of the total spend! All you need to do is simply register your club card on our Gate Pa School website, under the NW Clubcard tab.

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Kindo - School Shop

Thank you to the many whānau who have already signed up for Kindo. Kindo is our school's online shopping platform, enabling cashless payments for school services and products such as school uniforms and sports registrations.

New Enrolments

Gate Pā School continues to experience healthy roll growth. Knowing about new enrolments helps us with our planning. If you know of any students who are considering attending Gate Pā School, please contact the office. A reminder that a school zone is in place. Out-of-zone enrolments will only be considered if there is space available.

Term 3 ends on the 27th of September, with Term 4 commencing (with hats) on the 14th October. Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday.

Mauri ora

Rochelle Jensen
Tumuaki/Principal

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