



Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

PARENT EDUCATION LINK BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL

Tuesday 1st September, 2020

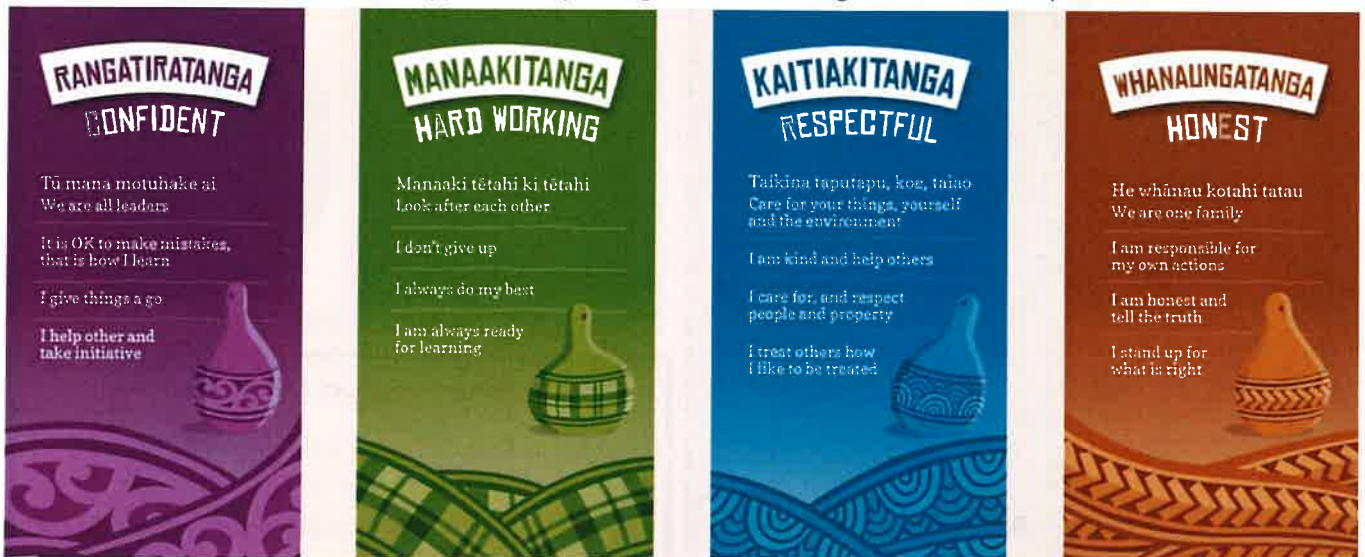
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Week 7, Term 3

Thanks for your flexibility, support and understanding as we adjust to changing alert levels. Contact Tracing, regular hand-washing, the disinfection of surfaces, optional face coverings and events changed at the last minute have all become part of our new 'norm'.

We have noticed for some children these changes have increased their anxiety and stress, this has contributed to a spike in negative behaviour. As a team we work hard to provide as much support as possible, we explicitly teach positive behaviours, provide personalised support such as counselling and keep whānau informed. We must however insist on students taking increased responsibility for managing their emotions and following our school values. This week we draw your attention to our school value of Kaitiakitanga / Respect. We thank you for your support in unpacking and reinforcing this value with your tamariki.



As a kura, we continue to experience healthy roll growth. We will therefore be starting an additional New Entrant Class in Term 4, 9th November. School visits will be completed prior to this date. Please contact the office if you need to secure a spot in this class.

Finally, COVID has reinforced the importance of face to face contact. Please keep in regular contact with classroom teachers particularly if anything changes in your family circumstances, this info. helps us to support your children. Also please save the 18th September for our Multicultural and Fun Friday Celebration, I think we all deserve a party! For new whānau, I hope to see you on the 10th September for our Friends of the School/ New Parents Hui.

Until then, take care.

Ngā mihi nui
Rochelle Jensen
Principal/Tumuaki





Welcome to Joraiya-Ray Lawson-Douglas, Taurian Farrell-Douglas, Katie Blissett, Ranui Te pou, Halo Paki and Karma-Jean Milanesi who have joined us recently.

It is great to have you here!

COMING EVENTS–2020

September

- Mon 7th Board of Trustees Meeting (BoT)
5.30 pm in the staffroom.
- Wed 9th–Fri 11th Zero Waste–Senior School.
- Thurs 10th Friends of the School/New Parent
Hui 2 pm in the staffroom.
- Mon 14th–Fri 18th Māori Language Week.
- Fri 18th Multi-Cultural & Fun Friday
Celebrations.
- Fri 25th End of Term 3.



Some fantastic art work by our Junior School students

Save the Date Friday 18th September 2020

Multi-Cultural and Fun Friday Celebration.



Time to be confirmed.

Gate Pā School Dental Van

The Mobile Dental Unit is going to be at Gate Pā School until the middle of term 4 this year. We hope to see as many children as we can, however we are now working under tight new rules, and we would love your help to make this easier for us.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, we are required to call the parent of each child on the day we want to see them, every time we need to see them and we ask the parent questions about the health of the child (Covid questions).

If the phone is not answered, we will send a text asking the Covid questions

So, to help us see your kids, could you either please answer your phone, or reply to any texts we send as soon as possible, or if you know you have recently changed your contact details, could you contact the school and update these.

Thanks for your help.

Brigitte and Regina

Dental Team

Te Waka Niho Tuaiwa