



Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Monday 25th November 2024

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Rochelle Jensen

Monday 25th November

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,

The term is flying by with plenty to celebrate including improved attendance, our highly successful Multicultural Festival, Year 6 camp at Totara Springs, athletics, Diwali, and our polished performances at the Pasifika Festival and the Tauranga Peninsula's Te Rā Ngahau. Academic achievements are also high, with a record number of children reaching 200 nights of reading and a record number of Year 6 children gaining entry into Tauranga Intermediates Children with Special Abilities class (CWSA - Totara House).

Survey Feedback

Thank you to the 150+ families who completed our whānau voice survey. The results clearly showed a preference for adopting Cohort Entry for our new entrants and for an increased emphasis on all students achieving expectations in core curriculum areas: reading, writing, and maths. These results align with best-practice research and the views of staff and other key stakeholders.

As a result:

- **Cohort Entry** will be implemented from Term 2 2025.
- Starting in Term 1, the school timetable will place greater emphasis on **core curriculum areas**, and we will increase resources to support academic progress.

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Staff News

- Four of our kaiako have successfully completed their first two years of teaching and are now fully registered. Ka rawe, **Matua Ev, Whaea Jess, Whaea Ellen, and Whaea Nadia!** We are very proud of you all!
- Sadly, **Jodi Hill** will be leaving Gate Pā School at the end of the year. She has been offered an exciting new opportunity at Welcome Bay School. During her time with us, Jodi has made a significant impact by supporting children with additional needs and establishing our Gateway class. While we will greatly miss her contributions, we are thrilled for Jodi as she embarks on this next chapter.

Heads Up

- **Start Date - 2025**
Term 1 starts on **Monday, 3rd February**. See our website for all 2025 dates.
- **School Organisation -2025**
Staffing for 2025 is currently being finalised. Before the end of the year, children will have the opportunity to meet their 2025 class teacher. A full *2025 School Organisation* plan will also be available to parents.
- **Academic Results**
While there are no written reports in Term 4, you may ask the teacher for your child's end of year results in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. These will be available from December 9th.
- **HERO System**
We will be moving to HERO in 2025. HERO is a school management system that will be used for whānau communication, reporting and administration. It is widely used in New Zealand schools, so many of you may already be familiar with it. More details will be provided next year. For now, you don't need to do anything.
- **School Arrival Time**
Some children are arriving at school too early. Please note that supervision is provided from **8:30 am**. Please organise your morning so children arrive between **8:30 am and 8:50 am**.

As the silly season begins, please take note of the key school events listed overleaf that will see us through to the end of the year. We and your tamariki love seeing you at these.

Stay safe and well.

Noho ora mai.

Rochelle Jensen - Principal/ Tumuaki

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IMPORTANT DATES



TERM 4 2024

14TH OCTOBER-17TH DECEMBER

TUESDAY
26TH NOVEMBER

West Cluster
Athletics

*Top performers from
senior school athletics day*

THURSDAY
28TH NOVEMBER

Tauranga Intermediate
Orientation

*YR 6 students enrolled to
attend TIS in 2025*

FRIDAY
29TH NOVEMBER

200 nights reading
Baywave

MONDAY
2ND DECEMBER

Senior Dinner

WEDNESDAY
4TH DECEMBER

WBOP Athletics
Top performers from
West Clusters

WEDNESDAY
4TH DECEMBER

Board of Trustees
Meeting - 5.30pm

THURSDAY
5TH DECEMBER

Special Assembly
**Farewell for
Terry Furmage**

2-2.45pm in School Hall

TUESDAY
10TH DECEMBER

School Prize Giving

*Tauranga Girls College
Gym - 10.30am*

TUESDAY
17TH DECEMBER

Last Day of
School

12pm finish



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