



Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Tuesday 15th August - Term 3

Newsletter No. 8



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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, Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei, Bonjour, Ni Hao, Namaste, Olá, Hello,

This term all classes are a buzz of learning around the concept of 'Change'. Factors which contribute to healthy individuals and healthy communities are a key focus. Tamariki are supported to make changes to benefit their health and that of their community.

Our production is also a key focus of this term. Every child is involved in telling the local story of Taurikura and will therefore need to be at the show. They do not need tickets. One show only - Thurs 24th August @ 6pm. Tickets can be purchased from our website or the school office. A full production newsletter will be out later this week.

Arrival and Exiting School

Thank you for your support with our new exit procedures. We are confident that with parents/caregivers now picking up their junior

children from class, safety has increased.

A reminder that our school day starts at 8:55am. The best time for tamariki to arrive is from 8:30am, we cannot provide supervision before this time as our teachers are busy preparing for the day. Similarly, we have staff on duty until 3:20pm so all tamariki must be collected by this time.

Zone

The Ministry of Education has identified that due to continual growth, a zone for Gate Pā School is necessary. Consultation will include a whānau hui and an online survey. The whānau hui is planned for **Wednesday 30th August**. A copy of the proposed zone is available at our school office. Please note that if your child is already enrolled at Gate Pā School, they, together with siblings and other whānau (who may have not yet enrolled) can continue to attend our school. A ballot system will also be available for children who have not yet enrolled and are from out-of-zone.

School Starts: 8.55am -- School Ends: 2.55pm

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Senior Playground Update

You may have noticed our senior playground still remains out-of-bounds. This frustrating situation is due to ongoing negotiations with our insurance company. We hope to have a positive update soon.

Attendance

As you may have seen in the media, schools together with the Ministry of Education are tightening up on absenteeism. This is because we know that if children attend school regularly they will thrive academically and socially. If you need support getting your tamariki to school, please contact the class teacher or Mr Andy.

EVERY DAY COUNTS:

If your child misses....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 years</u>
1 day per week	40 Days	8 weeks	Over <u>2.5 years</u>
2 days per week	80 Days	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5 years</u>
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <u>8 years</u>

Future planning - 2024 and beyond

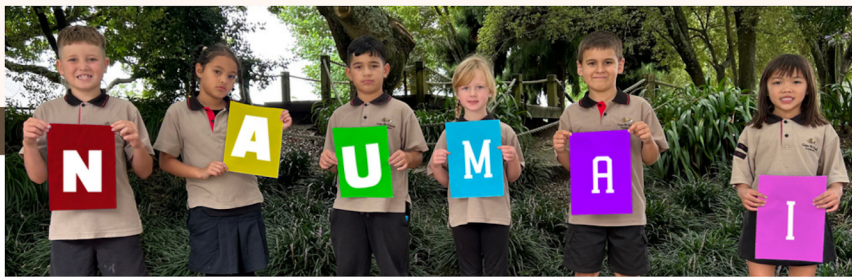
Over the next 6 weeks you will start to see opportunities to provide feedback on our school - what's going well and what could be better. Please contribute so we can do our best to reflect your needs and interests.

Hopefully we will soon see an end to the cold weather and with it the opportunity to involve your tamariki in the next round of sports. Keep an eye out for the Summer Sports newsletter, this will list all the opportunities for Term 4 sport.

Noho ora mai,



Whaea Rochelle Jensen



NAU MAI, HAERE MAI - WELCOME TO OUR NEW TAMARIKI:

Nahira, Macky Ann, Marianne, Aroha, Kaitiaki, Fatima, Ashira
Keven, Shourya, Zayne, Kazie, Gabriel, Leo, Johnny

IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU HERE!

Term 3 Dates

- Thurs 24th August 6:00pm - School Production
- Wed 30th August 4:30pm - Zoning Hui
- Wed 6th September 6:00pm - BOT Mtg
- Fri 8th Sept - Choir Perform at Baycourt
- Mon 11th- Fri 22nd Sept - Life Education
- Mon 18th Sept - School Closed - Staff Only Day

Events specific to syndicates/teams will be communicated via syndicate newsletters.

New Polo Shirts

Can now be purchased - \$35

Order online from:

<https://www.gatepa.school.nz/store>

You can pre-order via our online store and then pay in person via eftpos or cash.

All orders must be done through the store for stock taking purposes, if you cannot get onto the web to use our online store please come to the office.

