



Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Tuesday 14th November - Term 4

Newsletter No. 9



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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 week marks the mid-point of term 4, a term characterised by celebrations of culture, of language and of acts of manaakitanga-care and respect. I hope you can join us for at least one of these cultural celebrations and /or the Book Week activities scheduled for the week beginning 20th November. More details will be shared by the class teacher. See overleaf for other key dates including this Thursday's Kapa Haka festival and next week's Filipino Party.

Whānau as Learning Partners

He waka eke noa - We are all in this together.
Ngā mihi to all those who provided feedback in our recent surveys. Your voice is pivotal in shaping the future of our kura and the overall success of school. 2024 planning is well under way; this involves compiling class lists. Please let the current class teacher know of any additional information that may support

us to successfully place your child. While these decisions involve a multitude of factors, your voice is certainly one of them.

Our recent Student Led Conferences are key to supporting tamariki to thrive. Korero includes how whānau can support at home with learning goals. Thanks to all those who attended. If you were unable to make it, please contact the class teacher.

Sport

Congratulations to all those involved in Term 4 sports. A fine balance of coaches, managers, sports coordinators and whānau, helps ensure our tamariki get to experience the multitude of benefits that come from sport.

A special shout out to three of our tamariki who qualified at West Cluster and will go on to represent Gate Pā School at Western Bay of Plenty. Waimarie!

- Tatum-Lee Guthrie - Sprints and High Jump
- Alexandra Graham - Sprints
- Aloiafi Aleki To'o - Sprints and Discus

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Attendance

Attendance is linked to student wellbeing and academic progress. Poor attendance continues to be an issue for some of our families. In an effort to improve attendance, we will continue to use the resources available to us as well as those from external agencies.

Absences Add Up - Missing just two days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year.

Property Update

Thankfully our office upgrade is nearing completion. The main goal of increasing visibility for office staff to children in the sick bay has been achieved along with the creation of more office space.

Other projects that aim to improve our school as a teaching and learning environment include:

- Downstairs classrooms - new carpet complete. New wall coverings will be installed over the holidays.
- A window from Rm 15 to the breakout space will be installed in Dec 2023.
- Painting of the exterior - to be completed Jan 2024.
- Senior playground - damaged by Cyclone Gabrielle. Repairs are finally underway.
- School Pool - unfortunately has a leak, we are working hard to fix this so swimming can commence.

Save the Dates

We are entering the crazy time of year, so please flip overleaf for key dates. We don't want anyone missing out. 2024 Term Dates are also available on our school website.

Noho ora mai,

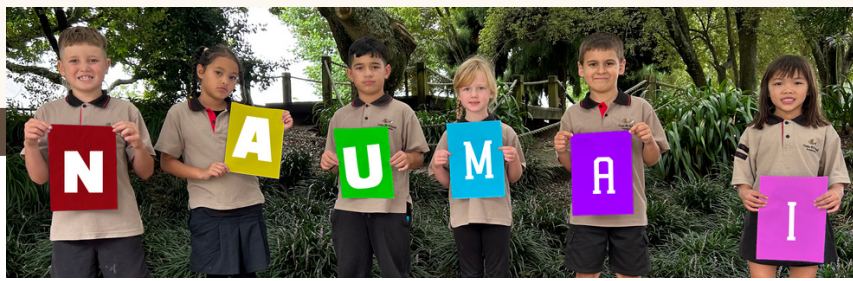
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Term 4 Value



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

Bowie, Aanvi, Keira-Leigh, Marianne, Olive, Rawiri, Nikora, Aryan, Aroha, Kaitiaki, Jarah, Mohammed, Sanjida, Aishley, Willow, Kahdenzar, Zoey, Amelia-Lee, Rachel, Nainish, Awish, Lafita, Harleen, Mia-Rose, Harrison, Khyla and Margaux.

IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU HERE!

IMPORTANT DATES

THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER Rā Whakangahau at Gate Pā School 10am -2pm	20TH - 24TH NOVEMBER BOOK WEEK Wed 22nd -Swap-a-book day Thurs 23rd Whānau Arvo and Author Visit Fri 24th -Character Dress Up	WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER WBOP Athletics Good luck to Tatum Lee, Alexandra and Aloiafi
WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER Filipino Community Celebration 3:30-5:30pm	THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER Whānau Summer Slide Reading Workshop 5:00 -7:00 pm	WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 200 nights reading trip to Baywave 12:00-2:30pm
WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER Gateway Afternoon 3:30- 4:30pm Gate Pā's New Entrant Programme	WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER Rā Whakanui 12:00-2:30pm Celebrating tamariki who consistently show our school values.	MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER Year 6 Leavers Dinner 5:30-7:30pm
WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER School Prize Giving 10:30am	FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER Last day of school 12PM finish	2024 TERM 1 COMMENCES Thursday 1st Feb For all 2024 dates see our website