



**Gate Pā School**  
Pukehinahina

# WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Thursday 24th October 2024

**Newsletter No.8 2024**



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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.

Welcome to term four at Gate Pā School! E mihi ana ki a koutou. This term, our value (uara) focus is manaakitanga, which is all about being caring, kind, respectful, and being of service to others.

### Reflections from Study Tour

I'm delighted to be back with our learning community and excited to plan for 2025, drawing on what I've learnt from my recent study tour and feedback from our community. We're proud of our efforts in delivering a local, culturally responsive curriculum that nurtures individual talents and helps tamaiti (children) become well-rounded citizens with a strong sense of identity who contribute positively to society. Looking ahead, we aim to boost progress in literacy and numeracy by ensuring a clearer sequence of expected learning, offering more timely support for tamaiti (children) who need it, and increasing resources to help teachers deliver quality lessons.

### Deputy Principal Appointment

Warmest congratulations to Ari Reedy, who will be our new Deputy Principal starting in 2025. Many of you will know Whaea Ari, who has recently returned from maternity leave. Ari has a delicate balance of skills, knowledge and attributes, along with a heart of gold. She is also deeply committed to the vision and values of our kura. We are excited about the positive impact she will have on Gate Pā Pukehinahina.

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

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### Key Dates for Term 4

Term 4 is jam-packed, please see attached dates. A reminder that next week, we will be closed on Monday (Labour Day) and Tuesday (Staff Only Day). School will resume as normal on Wednesday. On Thursday, we will celebrate the diverse cultures at Gate Pā School with a multicultural festival. Please see attached poster for details.

### Attendance

We have seen significant improvement in attendance this year, and as a result, our tamariki are learning more and feeling more connected to their school whānau. We need to keep this positive progress going. If you need support with getting your child to attend every day, please let the school know. If they are going to be absent from school, please call the school office - ext. 1, use the absentee form on our school website or text 027 578 5325.

### Sun Smart

A reminder that **hats** are compulsory this term. No potae (hat), no play. Hats can be purchased online from our Kindo Store or from our school office for \$20. Sunblock is also essential, so please apply before children arrive at school and pack a tube with them. Unfortunately, we are unable to supply sunscreen.

I have enjoyed catching up on the signing of **Reading Logs**. Tino pai (well done) to all tamaiti who will reach 200 nights of reading and will celebrate with me at Baywave!

Coming soon: a **whānau survey** to inform 2025 strategic planning. Keep an eye on your email inbox. If you are not receiving any email communication from us, please call the school office to update your details. Email addresses are crucial for school communication and contact.

Noho ora mai,

Rochelle Jensen.  
Principal / Tumuaki

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# MULTICULTURAL Festival

Join us as we celebrate the diverse cultures that make up Gate Pā / Pukehinahina School and take a look at the learning that took place last term around He Tangata, He Tangata, He Tangata. We encourage you to come dressed in your cultural costume.

**Thursday October the 31st**



## Performances 12PM

Performances by our:

Kapa Haka group

Filipino Dance Group

Guest performers:

Tai O Fenua Kindergarten. Chinese Dance Group

Indonesian Dance Group

Tauranga Girls High Pasifika Group

Indian Dance Group

Pacifica Dance Group



## Learning exhibition open 1PM

Showcasing our learning through, art, discussions, powerpoint presentations and more



## Food Truck and Stalls 11:30 - 2:55PM

Treat yourself to some amazing food including:

Indonesian

Pulled pork and fry bread

Steam pudding and custard

Filipino BBQ

Bring some money!

*Come dressed  
in your cultural  
costume*



# IMPORTANT DATES



TERM 4 2024

14TH OCTOBER-17TH DECEMBER

MONDAY  
14TH OCTOBER

**Term 4 starts  
8.55am.**

*Mihi Whakatau 9.15am*



**Gate Pā School  
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MONDAY  
28TH OCTOBER

**Labour Day**  
*School Closed*

TUESDAY  
29TH OCTOBER

**Staff Only Day**  
*School Closed*

WEDNESDAY  
30TH OCTOBER

Board of Trustees  
Meeting - 5.30pm

THURSDAY  
31ST OCTOBER

Multi-cultural  
Festival

*Postponement date:  
Thursday 7th November*

TUESDAY  
5TH NOVEMBER

Totara Springs Hui  
**YR 6 whānau only**  
5.00 - 5.30pm

TUESDAY  
12TH NOVEMBER

Senior (YR 4-6)  
School Athletics Day  
*Postponement date:  
Thursday 14th November*

FRIDAY  
15TH NOVEMBER

School Athletics  
Lap Races and  
Relays

MONDAY 18TH -  
WEDNESDAY 20TH  
NOVEMBER

Senior Camp at  
Totara Springs  
*Year 6 students only*

WEDNESDAY  
20TH NOVEMBER

Board of Trustees  
Meeting - 5.30pm

THURSDAY  
21ST NOVEMBER

Ra Whakangahau  
at Taumata School  
*Kapa haka performers only*

# 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**

**TUESDAY  
3RD DECEMBER**

**Senior Dinner**

**WEDNESDAY  
4TH DECEMBER**

**WBOP Athletics**  
Top performers from  
West Clusters

**WEDNESDAY  
4TH DECEMBER**

**Board of Trustees  
Meeting - 5.30pm**

**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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