



Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Thursday 21st October

Term 4 - Newsletter No. 11



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Kia ora tatou whānau

A warm welcome to an action-packed Term 4. It is a short one, with only 8 weeks remaining. Every day counts so unless your child is unwell, please send them to school. If you need support getting them here, please let Mr Andy or the class teacher know. This term, pōtae (hats) are compulsory, these can be purchased from the office for \$16. A reminder that a full water bottle and healthy snacks are needed to supplement the *Lunches in School* programme. Please avoid sugary snacks as these can have a negative impact on concentration.

Staff Only Day - This Tuesday 26th October is Staff Only Day. Therefore, school will be closed to all students. As Monday 25th October is a public holiday we look forward to welcoming all students back on Wednesday 27th October. Please note, Staff Only Days are part of the Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement and seek to reduce teacher workload.

School Events and Important Dates

It is with sadness we announce that due to Level 2 restrictions the following events have been cancelled.

- *School Production* - Thursday 2nd December - CANCELLED
- *Rippa Rugby* - After-school module - CANCELLED
- *Pasifika in the Bay Festival* - Wednesday 27th October - MODIFIED - a virtual event will be held instead
- See overleaf for other Term 4 events and important dates

The *School Fun Run* will continue on Friday 29th October at 2pm. Students should continue to seek sponsorship. As this event is held outdoors, whānau will be able to attend but must sign in and social distance. Masks are highly recommended.

Māori Medium Options: Whānau Hui - Thursday 28th Oct at 5:30pm- Venue: Staffroom

Thanks to the many whānau who have expressed interest in our māori medium options. Due to this interest, we are excited to announce that in 2022 we will be offering both Rumaki and Bilingual options. Rumaki is suited to tamariki with some knowledge of te reo and is available to all year groups. Bilingual is for tamariki wishing to learn the basics of te reo, this option will be available to our juniors (Year 0-3). On Thursday 28th October at 5:30pm we will hold a whānau hui for those wishing to hear more. We strongly encourage interested whānau to attend. If you are unable to make it but would like more info. please contact Whaea Ari: areedy@gatepa.school.nz Level 2 guidelines will be followed at this hui. Kai will be available. Tamariki are welcome to attend.

Welcome to our new kaiako - A warm welcome to Whaea Hana and Mrs Strahan, this term these kaiako will be team teaching in Room 7 (our new entrant class) with Mrs Sells.

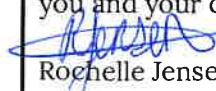
Planning for 2022 - To support us to plan for 2022 we need to know about expected enrolments. Please phone or see Iri in the office.

COVID - Level 2 Guidelines - We continue to follow the advice from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education. A full copy of our guidelines is available on request. You can support us by:

- picking up and dropping off from the front gate
- sending your child/ren with a water bottle (as fountains remain off)
- signing in is compulsory and masks are strongly recommended if you need to enter the school grounds

These rules are to keep us all safe so please do not be offended if you are asked to adhere.

Finally, thank you for the care and support you show our kura. Our buckets are filled each day by the kindness from you and your children! Waiho i te toipoto, kua i te toiroa (Let us keep close together, not far apart).


Rochelle Jensen - Tumuaiki/ Principal



Welcome to Amaia, Lathaniel, Rocky, Desmond-Jaye, Mario, Isaac, Tamanui and Alifeleti who have joined us recently.
It is great to have you here!

School Hats

School hats, \$16 each available from the school



Sports News

COVID-19 has once again wreaked its havoc, with the following changes to sports; Rippa rugby **cancelled**, Kakahu Pekepeke Rugby 7's tournament **cancelled**, Weetbix Kids Tryathlon **postponed** until next year, February 2022.

If you registered to play Rippa Rugby and would like to change to another sport, there are some spaces, it depends on age and sport so get in touch.

The issue with operating sports at Level 2 is that "the intent of the health order at Alert Level 2 is to limit community sport to social gatherings of 100 people" (Sport NZ) and so, it is difficult for some sports to limit the number of people at the games to 100, **so please be aware that some sports may require spectators to remain outside the venue**.

Coaches: We are part of the ever-changing world where it is difficult for parents who work to be able to commit to coaching during school hours or after school at 3pm. A lot of research has indicated that the best way for players to acquire skills is through game contexts, so one of the solutions to this dilemma of working parent-coaches is to actually just get teams together to play games at lunchtimes with myself or Matua Tama, then meet with coaches on game day. I would love to hear your feedback on these ideas or suggestions if you have any. On that note, we still need football (soccer) coaches and referees.

Important Dates:

22 October, Friday: Football (Soccer) hui in the August Room 2pm

26 October, Tuesday: First game of Fast Football (Soccer)

29 October, Friday: First game of Volleyball

2 November, Tuesday: First game of Mini Polo (Flippaball)

3 November, Wednesday: Girls playing sports day

8 November, Monday: First game of Basketball

11 November, Thursday: Go Girls Cricket Festival

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Term Four Important Dates

- Mon 25th October-Labour Day-(School Closed)
- Tues 26th October-Staff Only Day-(School Closed)
- Thurs 28th October-Māori Medium Options Whānau Hui 5.30pm in the staffroom.
- Fri 29th October-School Fun Run-2pm on backfield.
- Tues 2nd November-Board of Trustees Hui 5pm in the Staffroom.
- Tues 16th November-School Athletics Middles & Seniors.
- Fri 19th November-School Relays & Lap Races 9.30am.
- Thurs 2nd December-Ra Whakanui Day (Syndicate Celebrations)
- Tues 7th December-Board of Trustees Hui 5.30pm in the staffroom.
- Thurs 9th December-Gate Pā School Orientation Morning 10am.
- Mon 13th December-End of Year Assembly at Tauranga Girls' College 9.30am to 12.30pm.
- Wed 15th December-End of Term 4. School finishes at 12pm.

2022 Important Dates

- Thurs 27th January and Friday 28th January-School Office open from 8.30am.
- Thurs 27th January-Classrooms open from 1pm to 4pm to Meet the Teacher.
- Tues 1st February-Term 1 Starts.
- Tues 1st February-Powhiri 9.30am to welcome new students, whānau and staff.
- Monday 7th February-Waitangi Day (School Closed)
- Thurs 17th February-Meet the Teacher.
- Thurs 24th February-Whānau BBQ at 3.15pm.
- Fri 18th March-Staff Only Day (School Closed)
- Thurs 14th April-End of Term 1
- Fri 15th April-Good Friday (School Closed)
- Mon 2nd May-Term 2 Starts.