



**Gate Pā School**  
Pukehinahina

**WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION**  
**Wednesday 19th January**

Newsletter No. 1



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Happy New Year to you all. We hope you enjoyed the summer holidays and are ready to return to school. We are certainly looking forward to seeing our tamariki back on the 1st Feb !

This brief pānui (newsletter) contains important information to support a smooth transition back to school.

### **Important Dates**

- Thursday 27th January - School office opens for general inquiries and new enrolments.
- Thursday 27th January - 1-4pm - Open Afternoon - an opportunity to pop in and meet/confirm 2022 class teacher(s) and check out the classroom space. All teachers will be in their classrooms. All welcome.
- Tuesday 01st February - School Starts. Pōwhiri for new whānau - 9:30am
- Monday 7th February (School Closed) - Waitangi Day
- Thursday 17th February - Meet the Teacher
- Thursday 24th February 3:15 - 5:30 pm - Whānau BBQ
- Friday 18th March (School Closed) - Staff Only Day
- Thursday 14th April (School Closed) - Staff Only Day
- Good Friday - 15th April - (School Closed) - Holidays Commence

### **New Staff**

A warm welcome to Whaea Olivia Amundsen and Whaea Mireia. Olivia joins us from Putaruru Primary and will be teaching a Year 5/6 class in 2022. Whaea Mireia works part-time at Tauranga Girls' College and will be supporting our ESOL students. A full staff list is available on our website.

### Getting Set-Up

Gate Pā School will once again provide FREE stationery for all tamariki and as we have opted into the School Donations Schemes there will be NO requests for a school donation.

The only start up cost is the school uniform (if you do not already have one). This consists of the Gate Pā School polo shirt, any plain black bottoms and a bucket hat. Hats can be purchased for \$16 from the school office and polo shirts for \$40 from NZ Uniforms (94 Elizabeth Street). Please name everything clearly.

### Kai

Healthy nutritious lunches will continue to be provided to every child every day. Please supplement these with a healthy snack. Water bottles are also essential.

### COVID Update

As you are probably aware, children aged 5 and over can now get a COVID-19 vaccine. Please be assured that children will NOT be vaccinated at Gate Pā School. If you choose to get your child vaccinated then you will need to make an appointment with a health professional. Children in this age group MUST have parent/caregiver consent and they must accompany them to the vaccination appointment. I appreciate that this situation is causing angst for many whānau, please feel free to come and see me or call to discuss any specific concerns. Any additional COVID info. will be sent out as it comes to hand.

Finally, we look forward to seeing whānau pop in and out of kura and encourage you to quickly establish close links with the classroom kaiako (teacher). Your voice matters and supports us to do the very best for your child(ren).

Hope to see you on Thursday the 27th sometime between 1-4pm.

Noho ora mai,

  
Rochelle Jensen (Tumuaki/Principal)