



**Gate Pā School**  
Pukehinahina

**WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION**

**Monday 31st May**

**Newsletter No. 6, Term 2, Week 5.**



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Kia ora tatou whānau

Good things take time :) You will have noticed work on our front entrance is still underway with pou and signage to be completed. This means we will have to postpone the dawn blessing, scheduled for the 8th June, we will keep you posted about the new date. We look forward to this area soon becoming a hub for whānau to gather, to be proud of, and of having cultural significance to us all. It is important to remember that this is your school and that your whānau and their ideas are always welcome.

**Student Led Conferences and Art Exhibition**

Thursday 17th June - see attached newsletter or facebook for instructions on how to book a time.

This is an awesome opportunity for your child/ren to celebrate their learning with you.

**Reading Logs**

At Gate Pā School we value daily reading. Each child has a Reading Log that should be signed at home daily. Thanks for your support with creating these valuable habits.

**Lunches for Learners**

Thanks to the 30 + whānau who attended our recent hui. As a result of this feedback, the lunch menu has been adapted and changes have been made to our school systems. These changes are all aimed at maximising learning and well-being by supporting children to eat a nutritious lunch daily. Please support us by sending healthy snacks to complement the provided lunch. Examples include sandwiches, fruit, vegetables and nuts. A reminder we are a water-only school so please no sugary drinks. An updated menu and school timetable will be posted on our website as soon as we receive the menu.

**Emergency Drill and Contact Details**

At least once a term we practice an emergency procedure. Last week we successfully practised a lock-down. During an actual lock-down and in the interests of safety, parents are advised not to rush to school to pick up their children. Updates and instructions for pick-up would be sent to you via text and email. Therefore it is essential that we have your current contact details. Please pop into the office or call/email Iri to update these.

**Paid Union Meeting**

On Thursday 1st July from 12:30pm the teachers at Gate Pā School will be attending an NZEI Te Riu Roa Paid Union meeting. The focus for this meeting is increasing in-class support for our tamariki and reducing teacher workload and stress. As part of employment contracts, our teachers are legally entitled to attend this hui. Therefore we request and strongly encourage all parents to make arrangements to pick their child(ren) up by 12:30pm on 01st July. If you are unable to do this please contact the school office so supervision arrangements can be made.

**FOTS (Friends of the School) - PJs/Movie Night - postponed until further notice**

Thanks to FOTS for all their work in preparing for a movie night. We have found there is lots of 'red tape' to navigate before a movie can be shown publicly. So until we can work through this the movie night is postponed.

**New Enrolments**

The more we know the more we can plan. Please encourage whānau who are keen to join the Gate Pā School learning community to pop into the office and/or fill out an 'expression of interest' form on our website.

A reminder that school will be **closed** this **Monday 7th June** for Queen's Birthday. We hope this means some special whānau time for you all.

Noho ora mai,

Rochelle Jensen (Tumuaki/Principal)



Welcome to Charlie, Jaxson, Tai and Mackenzie who have joined us recently.

**It is great to have you here!**

### Sports News

Thank you to all the amazing whānau who are helping coach and manage sports teams this term, and those that offered to help. It is wonderful to see coaches and managers who have so much aroha for our tamariki, who are so busy but still put up their hand to help, who are teaching the players about loving the game not just winning it. You all are doing a fantastic job.

Well done to Anya Turua-Steele and Ariella Marshall, who took on the WBOP Climbing Competition. Both had very little experience with rock climbing but great attitudes. It was challenging physically and mentally as they completed 3 top rope routes, 3 bouldering challenges and a speed climb.

Ariella and Anya both were nervous about the event, which is what made this a growing experience for them. When we get outside our comfort zones we get to see new opportunities, new challenges and learn new life lessons.

Great work Ayla Daniels, who has made the Tauranga Basketball Association's Under 11s Representative team, which is pretty incredible given the fact she is only 8! Ayla is playing netball and basketball for the school this term after a season of volleyball. All three sports are new to her, but she is doing great! Ka pai to mahi, Ayla.

Last but not least, the *Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge* is coming up.

**When:** Tuesday June 15th

**Cost:** \$25

**Venue:** Baypark

**What it involves:** 1.5km or 3km muddy obstacle course  
Have you registered to take part? Would you like to register? Then get in touch.

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### COMING EVENTS - 2021

#### June

- Mon 7th Queen's Birthday—School closed.
- Tues 8th School Cross Country-11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Tues 15th Photolife—School Photos.
- Thurs 17th Student Led Conference & Art Exhibition (SLC). 8 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- Tues 22nd Board of Trustees (BoT) Meeting 5.30 p.m. in the Staffroom. All Welcome.
- Mon 28th Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) begins.

#### July

- Thurs 1st Paid Union Meeting (PUM). Please collect children at 12.30 p.m.
- Fri 2nd Staff Only Day. School Closed.
- Mon 5th Matariki Celebration week.
- Fri 9th End of Term 2.
- Mon 26th Term 3 starts.

