



Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Thursday 26th June, 2025

Newsletter No.6, 2025



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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! Mālō e lelei! Ni sa bula! Kia orana! Fakaalofa lahi atu! Kam na mauri! Namaste! Vanakkam! Sat Sri Akaa! Ayubowan! Mabuhay! Selamat datang! Sawasdee! Mingalaba! Asalaam Walaikum! Hallo! G'day! Howzit! Bonjour! Konnichiwa! Nǐ hǎo! Olá! Hello!

As we wrap up Term 2, we want to acknowledge that it's been a tough one. 🥺❄️

Winter bugs have hit hard, and we know many of you have been juggling sickness, work, and school. **Ngā mihi nui** for making sure your tamariki got to kura when they were well enough. 💪👶🏠

🎯 Celebrating Grit and Effort

A special shout-out to our Tackle 5 teams and everyone who gave it their all at Cross Country. 🏃♀️🏃♂️ It was awesome to see so many of you on the sidelines, cheering our tamariki on. 🎉👏

🌍 Culture and Identity: Standing Proud

This term has been full of opportunities for our ākonga to explore and celebrate their own cultures—and those of others. Here's a snapshot of what we've been up to:

- **Matariki** – We marked the occasion with daily Matariki activities 🌟, a disco 🎵, a special assembly 🗣️, and a remembrance breakfast 🍳. A big thank you to Accessible Properties for supporting the breakfast. **Ngā mihi** to the Kopurererua team for leading the way with the celebrations. 🌟
- **Filipino Independence Day** – Our Filipino group continues to grow in both numbers and talent. 🇵🇭 They celebrated with a whānau party 🥳 and performances at kura, Copper Crest, and Mercury Arena. *Mahusay!* 🎶👏
- **Samoa Language Week** – Tamariki proudly shared **gagana Sāmoa** through language and dance. 🗣️🎶 This cultural group is growing in confidence and pride. *Fa'afetai tele lava* to everyone who contributed! 🌺

📊 Reporting Progress and Attendance

Thanks to those who asked for printed reports—they should have made it home this week. 📧 You'll receive one more later this year alongside Learner-Led Conferences in Week 1 of Term 4 - Friday 10th October. 📅 Please be aware that the Ministry of Education is currently making changes to how schools report. From 2026, reporting will be clearer and aligned to year levels.

You'll also get a summary of your child's Term 2 attendance early next term—keep an eye out in Week 1, via HERO. 📱

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

Report Attendance 📧 HERO app or 0275785325

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Kura Direction – We Want Your Voice

Early next term, we'll be seeking your **whakaaro** (thoughts and insights) on the future direction of our kura. 🗣️📝 You'll have opportunities to share your voice through surveys and face-to-face sessions. Our current goals are grounded in the **3 C's**:

- **Competence:** Building strong learning foundations 📚 in core curriculum areas and ensuring all tamariki make meaningful progress across the curriculum.
- **Culture:** Embracing and celebrating who we are, where we come from, and the unique identity of our kura and of our country. 🌿
- **Character:** Nurturing kind, resilient, and responsible citizens. ❤️🤝🌱

📌 Check out the back page of this pānui for a Character update. We'll spotlight Culture next term.

Board of Trustees Elections – Coming Soon

We'll soon be calling for **parent trustee nominations**. This is a key role—representing the voices of whānau and shaping the future of our kura. 🗣️ The next Board meeting is **Tuesday 29 July, 5:30pm in the staffroom**. Come along and see what it's all about. 🗳️👥

Keep the Learning Going (without the screens!)

Want to keep learning fun and avoid a 'backward slide' during the break? 📖

The **Parent Portal** has heaps of ideas to try at home. 🏠🌟 Simple, low-cost and screen-free—just how holidays should be. 🌿📚🌱. This can be accessed from our school website:

<https://www.gatepa.school.nz/learning?art=75>

Kia haumaru, kia harikoa, kia pai te wā whakatā! 😊🌈🌿

Have a safe, happy, and restful holiday break. See you in Term 3! 🏠☀️❤️

Rochelle Jensen - Principal / Tumuaki

IMPORTANT DATES



TERM 3 2025

MONDAY 14TH JULY–FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

Please note: Dates and times subject to change.

More information will be sent home closer to each event. Some events may be added as the term progresses.

**MONDAY
14TH JULY**

**School Starts
8.55am**

*Whakatau to welcome new
whānau and staff at 9.15am*

**FRIDAY
18TH JULY**

**BOT Elections:
Call for
Nominations**

**TUESDAY
29TH JULY**

**Board of Trustees
Meeting**

5.30pm - Staffroom



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WEEK 4
4-8 AUGUST

Cook Island
Māori Language
Week

WEDNESDAY
6TH AUGUST

BOT Elections :
Nominations
Close

FRIDAY
8TH AUGUST

Rā Māketē -
Cultural Market
Day

TUESDAY
12TH AUGUST

Senior Winter
Sports
Tournament

WEDNESDAY
13TH AUGUST

BOT Elections:
Voting Papers
Issued

WEEK 6
18-22 AUGUST

Tongan
Language Week

MONDAY
18TH AUGUST

School Closed
Staff Only Day

TUESDAY
2ND SEPTEMBER

Board of Trustees
Meeting
5.30pm - Staffroom

WEDNESDAY
10TH SEPTEMBER

BOT ELECTIONS:
Election Day.

WEEK 10
15-19 SEPTEMBER

Maori Language
Week

TUESDAY
16TH SEPTEMBER

BOT Elections:
Votes Counted and
Results Declared

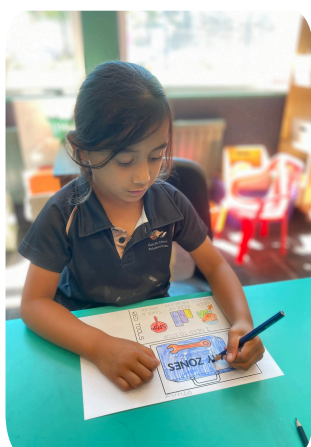
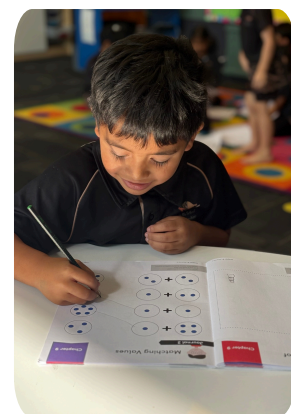
WEDNESDAY
17TH SEPTEMBER

BOT Elections:
New Board takes
Office

Our Annual Plan focuses on three key areas: Competence, Character, and Culture. Here's what we've been doing so far to strengthen CHARACTER:

Positive Culture for Learning

Our weekly Positive Culture for Learning lessons are now a feature of school assemblies, with House Leaders creating videos that promote positive behaviours and showcase our tamariki. We've also introduced new initiatives to help students develop emotional regulation skills, including the *Break Café*. It's making a difference—Observable Behaviour Record (OBR) data shows a decrease in both Major and Minor incidents, meaning more quality learning time.



Building Learning-Focused Relationships with Whānau

We've run a range of events to strengthen partnerships with whānau, including:

- Together We Learn -supporting reading and maths (15 May) -70% attendance
- Meet the Teacher Evening (20 February) - 90% attendance
- Cyber Safety Presentation (11 March) - 15% attendance
- Before School English Club (twice weekly) - several families attend every week



Onboarding HERO

We've made a great start using our new Student Management System, HERO. Staff are already using it effectively for:

- Marking attendance
- Daily notices for staff and students
- Recording key pastoral information and behaviour incidents
- Sharing learning updates with whānau

More features are coming, and we'll be seeking community feedback soon to help us keep improving how we use HERO together.



Introducing Cohort Entry - New Entrants

We've set up clear systems to support cohort entry for new entrants, including a pre-visit programme and published intake dates on our website. We'll keep reviewing and refining the process to ensure our learners get the best possible start.

High Expectations for Progress in Reading, Writing

We have robust systems in place to monitor student progress and provide targeted support where it's needed most. This includes the use of Learning Assistants in classrooms and specialist interventions in maths and reading. A key priority for us is to further strengthen everyday classroom practice. We're doing this through a coaching approach, focused on building teacher capability and consistency. High-quality teaching is the driver of strong, equitable progress for every ākonga.

*Next term, we'll share our updates on the **Culture** area.*