



Empowering Tamariki to Become Rangatira Who Value the Past to Create the Future

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Rochelle Jensen

Mānawatia a Matariki!

As the Matariki stars rise, we are reminded of the importance of gathering with friends and whānau to reflect, celebrate, and look forward with hope. Our kura is full of activities this week to immerse us in the spirit of Matariki, including a wishing tree for our dreams and aspirations, remembrance frames to honor loved ones, a special assembly, and a disco.

Academic & Learning Updates

Thank you to all whānau who attended our learning conferences. These meetings are essential for supporting your child's growth in competence, character, and culture. Detailed progress reports, using the new Ministry of Education descriptors (Emerging, Developing, Consolidating, Proficient, and Exceeding), will be available on HERO early in Term 4, along with practical strategies for home learning support.

Progress descriptor	Emerging	Developing	Consolidating	Proficient	Exceeding
Mid-year reporting	Not yet on track to meet expectations		On track to meet expectations		
End of year reporting	Has not met expectations			Has met expectations	

Community Engagement

Thank you for your feedback regarding our communication tools. As a large majority of you identified HERO as your preferred platform, we will continue using it as our primary channel. To keep you better informed, we are introducing a weekly "Week Ahead" update, which will be posted on HERO and Facebook. Term dates are available on HERO and attached to this newsletter. Please contact the school office if you need help accessing HERO.

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WHĀNAU – SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Tuesday 30th June, 2026

Newsletter No.6



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School & Community Updates

Fundraiser

We remain committed to purchasing an all-weather dome over the back basketball court to provide a space for whole-school events, year-round sports, and essential summer shade. To support this, we will host a Colour Run in Term 3—stay tuned for more details!

Nurse Prescriber Clinic

Starting Term 3, Week 1, a free Nurse Prescriber Clinic will be held every Tuesday from 8:00–9:30 am at Gate Pā School – Pukehinahina. No appointment is needed. A huge mihi to the Huria Trust for providing this service.

Attendance

We are incredibly proud of our community's rising attendance rates. Consistent attendance strengthens our learning – focused relationships and enriches every student's learning journey.

A Sneak Peek at Term 3

Next term, we will celebrate the culmination of our Matariki and Arts learning with a Wearable Arts show—not to be missed! Following that, we will dive into the world of Science, exploring the chemistry of matter (solids, liquids, and gases) through fun, hands-on experiments. We are also excited to introduce The Beat Station, a fantastic resource that makes music teaching and learning fun, simple, and engaging.

See Term 3 dates attached and don't forget Wednesday's Matariki Disco.

Enjoy the holidays and happy Matariki!

Ngā mihi nui,

Rochelle Jensen
Principal / Tumuaki



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Save the date KEY EVENTS

JUL 20

MONDAY / 9:00AM

SCHOOL PŌWHIRI

First day back at kura for term 3.
We will welcome all new students, whānau and staff with a pōwhiri/ whakatau.

AUG 6

MATARIKI WEARABLE ARTS SHOWCASE

2 SHOWS ONLY

2:30-3:30 & 4:00-5:00PM

Students have been learning about the stars of Matariki and what this means for them.
They have also been busy designing and creating Wearable Arts to reflect the star each class has chosen.

We will celebrate their end of concept learning with a Wearable arts showcase. Whānau will attend one of the 2 shows.

All students will be involved in both shows.

AUG 7

FRIDAY / 10-2PM

JAPAN DAY

International Group - (Labo) will arrive at Gate Pā School for a day of cultural exchange with our Year 5-6 students.

AUG 24

MONDAY ALL-DAY

STAFF-ONLY DAY

School is closed as Kaiako engage in Professional Development.

AUG 25

TUESDAY / ALL DAY

WINTER TOURNAMENT

Year 5-6 Winter tournament. Hockey, touch, netball, football.



AUG 26

WEDNESDAY / 5:30PM

FILIPINO/PASIFIKA WHĀNAU DINNER

Celebrate a night of culture, kai & whanaungatanga as we welcome our Filipino and Pasifika whānau to a shared dinner together.

SEP 4

FRIDAY / 2PM

COLOUR FUN RUN

School Fundraiser!

We will be hosting a School colour fun run. Prior to the event, students will be given an opportunity to raise money for our school. Lots of prizes to be won. This fun event will mark the end of our fundraiser.

TERM 3, 2026

TERM 3 DATES

SEP 9

WEDNESDAY / 5:00PM

MĀORI WHĀNAU KAI

An opportunity for all whānau Māori to come together for kai, kōrero, whanaungatanga as we prepare to celebrate Te Wiki o te reo Māori.

SEP 18

FRIDAY /ALL DAY

RĀ WHAKANGAHAU

Our junior and senior performing Kapa haka roopu will be performing at our West Cluster Rā Whakangahau at QE2.

SEP 25

FRIDAY /11:30PM

END OF TERM ASSEMBLY/ LAST DAY OF TERM

Special End of term awards are handed out at this assembly. Kaiako will communicate with whānau if your child will be receiving an award.

LANGUAGE WEEKS

This term we will be celebrating:

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| • VANUATU LANGUAGE WEEK | Week 2 |
| • COOK ISLAND MĀORI LANGUAGE WEEK | Week 3 |
| • TONGA LANGUAGE WEEK | Week 5 |
| • TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI | Week 9 |



MIGRANT COMMUNITY LEARNING HUB

Here are the set weeks for our Learning hub in term 3:

- **Thursday 27th of August**
 - learning support & ESOL
- **Thursday 10th of September**
 - Who to talk to, staffing structure



PLEASE NOTE:

Dates are subject to change. More information will be shared closer to each event via HERO and our school Facebook page. Please stay connected to these platforms to keep up to date with the latest information.