



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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Rochelle Jensen

Kia ora e te whānau,

A warm welcome back to Term 3. We hope everyone has had a refreshing break and is ready for another positive and productive term.

Growth continues to be strong at our kura, and this week we welcomed 14 new students. Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Pukehinahina. We look forward to partnering with all our new whānau to support every child to thrive. To accommodate this continued growth, we are pleased that two new classrooms are currently in the planning process for our school. All going well, these will be ready for the beginning of Term 1, 2027.

High Expectations for Learning and Behaviour

We continue to set the bar high for both learning and behaviour. We know that children thrive when expectations and boundaries are clear, fair and consistent, and we make no apology for being relentless about maintaining these standards. Thank you for working alongside us as we support every child to meet these expectations and be the best they can be.

A reminder that, should you have feedback or a concern, your first point of contact is your child's classroom teacher and/or team leader. If you feel your concern has not been addressed, please make an appointment at the office to meet with me.

Our Three Strategic Goals

Our strategic goals can be captured in one sentence: Developing COMPETENCE in an environment that nurtures CHARACTER and CULTURE. This includes developing strong academic knowledge and skills, nurturing positive character and values, and growing each child's understanding of their own and others' language, culture and heritage. This term (see attached) , we share the progress we have made towards our goal of COMPETENCE. Next term, we will share more about how we support and strengthen CULTURE across our kura.

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

Report Attendance  HERO app or 578 5325 -ext 1

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Save the Date - Matariki Wearable Arts Showcase

Thursday 6 August - Gate Pā School Hall

Come along and watch your child shine on the catwalk as we celebrate their learning, creativity and hard work! There will be two shows:

- 2:30–3:30pm
- 4:00–5:00pm

Whānau will need to book attendance for one show through HERO. All students will participate and will need to remain at school for both shows. More information about bookings and the event will be shared soon.

Monty the Monster Fun-Run Fundraiser

This exciting fundraiser will support our plans to build a dome over the basketball court, providing year-round protection from the sun and rain.

Next week, we will send out a separate newsletter explaining how each student can set up their own fundraising profile, collect donations, and earn awesome prizes.

Staff Update

As our roll continues to grow, several of our part-time teaching positions have become permanent for 2026. We warmly welcome:

- Whaea Olivia King to Room 16 (YO/1)
- Whaea Kate Parkinson to Room 12 (Y4)
- Whaea Tamara Murray who will be supporting our kura through relief teaching

We are delighted to have them as part of our team and know they will make a positive contribution to the learning and wellbeing of our tamariki.

Wellness

A reminder that, in collaboration with Huria Trust, a nurse-led clinic will operate from our Wellness Centre (Sick-Bay) every Tuesday from 8:00–9:30am. No appointment is needed, and the service is completely free for whānau.

We look forward to a positive and productive term ahead, working together to help every tamaiti thrive.



Rochelle Jensen
Principal / Tumuaki



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Whānauwhakaheke ki Tairāroa ki te ao māori

NURSE-LED CLINIC

Gate Pā School – Pukehinahina
Tuesdays 8-9:30am
Free. No appointment needed.

At Huria Trust whānau are now able to access FREE healthcare consultations and prescription services through our Nurse-Led Clinic. This service is specifically designed to address minor ailments and to cater to whānau with non complex medical issues such as:

- Eczema / Dermatitis
- Sore/Weepy Eyes
- Sore Ears and Throat
- Pain and Fever
- Skin Infections
- Urinary Tract Infections
- Headlice and Scabies
- Asthma
- Laxatives

Our Strategic Plan focuses on nurturing Competence, Character, and Culture.
Our progress so far in strengthening Competence:

Strong Foundations

Reading/Pānui, Writing/Tuhihi, and Maths/Pāngarau remain a strong focus across the kura. Our school timetable ensures dedicated daily literacy and numeracy sessions.

Team leaders and curriculum coaches work alongside teachers to strengthen consistent, high-quality teaching.

Extra support is in place for tamariki who need it, including learning assistants in junior classrooms during literacy and targeted withdrawal programmes.



Writing: A Key Area of Growth

This year, Writing has been a major area of growth. We started with a clear focus on handwriting, helping tamariki build the fluency and confidence needed for successful writing.

Alongside this, teachers are strengthening their practice through quality professional learning. As a result, writing instruction is more consistent, and students' writing, confidence, and enjoyment are improving.



Clearer Reporting for Whānau

Teachers are now using HERO to record assessment results. From Term 4, a new HERO template will provide parents and caregivers with a clear, in-depth progress report for each child.

Strengthening Learning Support

We have increased resourcing to better support ākonga with additional needs. Whaea Nicki now leads learning support in the junior school, Whaea Kat leads this work in the senior school, and Whaea Ari leads support within Rumaki. This has helped us respond more quickly, keep information up to date, streamline systems, and target support where it is needed most.

Academic Targets

We are tracking towards having a large majority of learners — 75+% — meeting or exceeding expected curriculum levels.

We continue to focus on lifting achievement for all learners, with a particular focus on writing progress for Māori boys and Pasifika learners, and Reading progress in Year 4.

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

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:

- 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.