

# WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION



Gate Pā School  
Pukehinahina



Thursday 12th December - Term 4

FINAL NEWSLETTER 2024



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

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei, Bonjour, Ni Hao, Namaste, Olá, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Anyoung haseyo, Ayubowan, Asalaam Walaikum, Sat Sri Akaal, Konnichi Wa, Ni Hao, Namaste, Olá, Mabuhay, hello

As we approach the end of the school year, it is timely to reflect on the many moments that have made 2024 special. It is also an opportunity to acknowledge the collective effort of our learning community, where each of us—whānau, community, and staff—have woven our roles together to form a strong team, nurturing the holistic growth of every one of our tamariki.



*Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi*

*With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive.*

## 2024 Highlights

### Curriculum

- Specialist teachers boost tamariki's learning in Science, Visual Arts, Music, and Digital Technology.
- Steady achievement gains have been made across all year levels in Reading, Writing and Maths.
- Our curriculum remains rich, localised, and holistic.

### Attendance

- Significant gains in attendance. With more tamariki attending 90+%.

### School Roll & Growth

- Our roll has reached a record 390 students. Due to this growth, we are currently closed to out-of-zone enrolments, with plans to revisit this in 2025.

### Māori-Medium Education

- We strengthened pathways in Bilingual and Rumaki settings.
- Our Kaiārahi, Matua Roha and Matua Tama, are on track to complete their teaching qualifications in 2025!

### Cultural Pride & Multicultural Celebrations

- As our kura grows more multicultural, we celebrate each child's language, culture, and identity while fostering an understanding of Te Ao Māori in all students.
- This year, we performed at Rā Ngāhau and Pasifika in the Bay and hosted our own Multicultural Festival.

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

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## Highlights continued...

### English as a Second Language Programme

- Our ESOL programme continues to grow and reflect best practice, enabling us to provide better support for students learning English.

### Whānau Involvement

- Whānau remain valued partners in supporting learning. Workshops like "How to Keep Our Kids Safe Online", Maths Whānau Evening, and Reading Together have been well attended.

### Character Development

- Our school values are increasingly embedded, resulting in fewer behavioural incidents and a stronger focus on learning.

### School Improvements

- We have enhanced our school environment with a new playground, a new bike shelter, an upgrade to the interior of our hall and an improved HVAC system in our senior classrooms.

### School Leadership & Recognition

- We have become recognised national leaders in education, hosting visits and facilitating presentations on best practices, including Common Code (teaching expectations), PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning), and our Gateway Class (new entrant program).

### Physical Activity & Sports

- Participation in After-School Sports remains strong, and we've increased opportunities for physical activity during the school day.

### Study Tour

- To stay informed with the latest educational research, our senior staff recently participated in a study tour to the UK and Queensland. The insights gained during this experience will help shape our kura.

## Looking Ahead to 2025

### Improved Focus on Competence

- Next year, we'll continue to increase our focus on student competence, with a particular emphasis on Structured Maths and Literacy.
- More learning assistants will be available and we will increase the number of booster and extension groups.

### HERO – New Student Management System

- We will introduce HERO, a new student management system that will improve how we communicate with whānau and how we monitor and report on student progress.

### Cohort Entry from Term 2

- We will implement cohort entry from Term 2, creating a smoother transition for new tamariki joining our kura. Please note, cohort entry only applies to New Entrant students.

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## Staff Update

We are blessed at Gate Pā School to have a united team of staff deeply committed to our tamariki.

See below for staff changes and 2025 organisation.

### Farewells:

Sadly, we farewell the following staff members :

- Mr Terry Furmage
- Ms Jodi Hill

### On Leave:

Matua Roha Reedy and Matua Tama Robens will be on leave in 2025 as they complete their teaching qualifications.

### New Staff:

We warmly welcome back : Whaea Olivia Amundsen.



## Key Dates 2025

2025 term dates are enclosed. Term 1 starts on Monday 3rd February. On this day at 9:15 am, Gate Pā School will be hosting a pōwhiri (formal Māori ceremony) to welcome new tamariki, parents and staff. All extended whānau are welcome.



## Stay Updated

A reminder that our school website and our facebook page - 'Gate Pā Pukehinahina' are great tools for keeping in contact.



## Stationery, School Fees and Uniform

No school fees in 2025 and we will continue to supply all children with free school stationery. Uniform items can be purchased online from our KINDO shop via our school website and picked up from the school office from Tuesday 28th January.



## School Grounds

Our school whānau are welcome to enjoy our school grounds over the holidays. Please keep a watchful eye on activities and report anything untoward to the Police or to Nutech security: [07-578 8233](tel:07-578-8233). Security cameras along with regular checks from Nutech will support us to keep our school safe.



## School Finishes - Tuesday 17th December at 12:00pm



Finally whānau, I thank you for your support and feel incredibly privileged to be part of such a rich and nurturing learning community.

On behalf of the staff at Gate Pā School, I wish you all a safe and restful break to refresh, recharge and reflect on what is most important – he tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata.

Noho ora mai,

Rochelle Jensen  
Tumuaki/Principal

Merry  
Christmas



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**2025 TERM DATES**

**School Office Opens:** Tuesday 28th January

**Term 1**

**Monday 3rd February - Friday 11th April**

School Starts Monday 3rd February

Waitangi Day - Thursday 6th February (School Closed)

Meet the Teacher - Thursday 20th February

Whānau BBQ- Thursday 6th March - 3:30-5pm

Staff Only Day - Monday 10th March (School Closed)

**Term 2**

**Monday 28th April - Friday 27th June**

Learner Led Conferences - Thursday 15th May

Kings Birthday - Monday 2nd June (School Closed)

Matariki - Friday 20th June (School Closed)

**Term 3**

**Monday 14th July - Friday 19th September**

Staff Only Day - Monday 18th August (School Closed)

Learner Led Conferences - Tuesday 16th September

**Term 4**

**Monday 6th October - Tuesday 16th December**

Labour Day - Monday 27th October (School Closed)

Tuesday 16th December - School finishes at 12pm

## GATE PĀ SCHOOL ORGANISATION 2025

<b>Principal</b>	Rochelle Jensen	
<b>Deputy Principal</b>	Ari Reedy	
<b>Leader of Learning Support</b>	Kat Gilbert -Tunney	
<b>Leader of Learning (Literacy)</b>	Ann-Marie Morris	
<b>Kopurererua Syndicate</b>		
Whare Reo Teina	Nadia Wihapi-Perkins + Laura Simpson (0.4) + Kaiawhina	Y0-3 Rumaki
Whare Reo Tuakana	Christina Teariki + Kaiawhina	Y4-6 Rumaki
Room 1	Kuini Mareroa	Y2/3 Bilingual
Room 10	Raman Kaur	Y4/5 Bilingual
Room 11	Jess Horne (Team Leader)	Y5/6 Bilingual
<b>Taumata-Ōhane Syndicate</b>		
Room 2	Everdt Venecourt	Y2/3
Room 3	Amanda Donald (Team Leader)	Y2/3
Room 4	Erica Smith	Y2/3
Room 5	Rori Baird	Y2
Room 6	Sherry Streiff	Y1
Room 7	Roll Growth	
Room 8	Sandra Sells	Y0
<b>Karewa Team Leader</b>		
Room 12	Yolly Bennett	Y4/5
Room 13	Olivia Amundsen	Y4/5
Room 14	Flynn Henderson	Y5/6
Room 15	Kimberlie Cording (Team Leader)	Y5/6
<b>Release and Specialist Teachers</b>		
Katherine Bremner	Digital Tech and Music	
TBC	Arts	
Ellen Baker	Release + ORS	
Sarah Strahan	Release	
<b>PLUS OUR AMAZING TEAM OF SUPPORT STAFF</b>		

