



Gate Pā School
Pukehinahina

WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Tuesday 4th February 2025

Newsletter No.1 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 Akaal! Ayubowan! Mabuhay! Selamat datang! Sawasdee! Mingalaba! Asalaam Walaikum! Hallo! G'day! Howzit! Bonjour! Konnichiwa! Nǐ hǎo! Olá! Hello! Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o Pukehinahina.

Welcome to the 2025 school year at Gate Pā – Pukehinahina School! It's been fantastic to see both new and returning tamariki arriving with smiles, reconnecting with friends, and embracing the excitement of a new year. We love the energy and enthusiasm as they settle in, ready to learn, grow, and be part of our school whānau.

We welcome 50 new children and five new staff members, each bringing their unique talents to our school community. A special shout-out to our migrant families—we are here to support you as you make Aotearoa New Zealand your home.

ACADEMICS

In 2025, we've increased the focus on academic progress and competency. Our timetable, alongside structured literacy and maths programmes, supports this goal. **Daily attendance** will be key to ensuring every child receives the support they need to succeed.

HOME AND SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

A strong partnership between home and school is crucial for your child's success. It starts with the basics—uniforms, punctuality, and staying connected with the teacher. Be sure to read the attached *Setting Up for Success* guide and *Term 1 Key Dates* for more information.

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

Report Attendance  HERO app or 0275785325

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HEADS UP:

- **HERO:** We're excited to launch HERO, our new Student Management System at Gate Pā School! HERO makes it easier for you to stay connected with your child's learning by giving you access to:

- ✓ Reports
- ✓ Attendance records
- ✓ Absence notifications
- ✓ Learning goals and progress
- ✓ School notices and much more



Get Started in Three Easy Steps:

- 1 Download the HERO by LINC-ED app for free from the App Store or Google Play.
- 2 Create an account using the email address we have on our school file.
- 3 If your email isn't working, it may need updating in our records. You can update it by visiting the office, calling the school tari, or contacting your child's kaiako.

We hope you enjoy using HERO and we look forward to connecting with you through this new platform!

- **Uniform:** The old light-coloured Gate Pā polo shirt will no longer be accepted after Term 1. New polos are available for \$35 at the office, with payment options.
- **Cohort Entry:** Starting Term 2, there will be two new entrant (5 year old) intakes per term, in Week 1 and Week 6.

We look forward to a wonderful year of working together to support every child's learning and well-being.

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

Ngā mihi,
Rochelle Jensen

Principal / Tumuaki




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IMPORTANT DATES



TERM 1 2025

3RD FEBRUARY-11TH APRIL

MONDAY
3RD FEBRUARY

School Starts
8.55am

Pōwhiri to welcome new
whānau and staff at 9.15am.

THURSDAY
6TH FEBRUARY

Waitangi Day
School Closed

TUESDAY
18TH FEBRUARY

**Board of Trustees
Meeting**
5.30pm - Staffroom

THURSDAY
20TH FEBRUARY

Meet the Teachers
*normal instruction not
available as all teachers are
involved in meet the teachers*

THURSDAY
6TH MARCH

Whānau BBQ
3.30 - 5pm
School Field

TUESDAY
11TH MARCH

**Whānau Cybersafety
Evening**
More details to follow

WEDNESDAY
12TH MARCH

Staff Only Day
School Closed

TUESDAY
25TH MARCH

**Board of Trustees
Meeting**
5.30pm - Staffroom

MONDAY
31ST MARCH

Parent Camp Hui
*Year 6 students only
More details to follow*

WEDNESDAY 9TH -
FRIDAY 11TH APRIL

**Year 6
School Camp**
*Tui Ridge - Rotorua
More details to follow*

FRIDAY
11TH APRIL

Last Day of Term 1
*Have a safe and happy holiday.
Term 2 starts: Monday 28th April*



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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.

Setting Up for Success

Systems and Procedures

School Hours

School Starts at 8:55 am and finishes at 2:55 pm.

- The school gates open from 8:15 am and close at 3:15 pm. Outside of these times, the school cannot provide care and supervision.
- The best time for children to arrive at school is 8:30am, as the playground is supervised and teachers are in their classrooms.

Exiting School

Junior children must be accompanied by a senior sibling or a parent/caregiver. For safety reasons, they will not be allowed to leave the school on their own.

Uniform

Correct uniform must be worn every day. All school uniform items can be purchased from our school office. The STORE on our school website allows pre-ordering and payment. A reminder that school hats are compulsory in Terms 1 and 4.

Communication

Newsletters, HERO, Email, Phone and Facebook (Gate Pā School-Pukehinahina) are all essential tools for staying up-to-date with school events and your child(rens) learning.

Contact Details

Please ensure that the office has your most up-to-date contact details. It is vital we can contact you, should an emergency occur.

Parking

The safest place to park is in the neighbouring church car park. This area is available to whānau before and after school. Please do not park in the staff car park.

Before and After School Care

Before and After School Care is available at a range of venues including Coast Kids - Greerton. See their website for more information. <https://coastkids.net.nz>

Stationery

All our children receive FREE STATIONERY. This will be given to them by their class teacher.

Free Lunches and Fruit

Our children receive a free lunch every day, as well as fresh fruit. Please provide your child with a water bottle and a nutritious afternoon snack.

Absent From School

Please inform the office of your child's absence via the HERO app, or by phoning or texting 027 578 5325. For planned long-term absences, please seek approval from the Principal.

Signing Children Out

If you need to take your child out of school early, please sign them out via the office.

Lateness

If your child is late, they need to enter via the school office so their attendance can be recorded.

Visitors

If parents or visitors are at school, please sign in at the office.

Zone

A school zone is now in place. See our website for details. Please note exceptions to our zone include, families of currently enrolled students whose addresses become out of zone as a result of this Enrolment Scheme.