

21 October 2020 Term 4 Week 2

Tēnā Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Week 2 and the term is flying past. This week's newsletter has a few items to be aware of so please ensure you keep informed.

School Hours.

School is open from 8am to 2.50pm daily. Now that we are at Alert Level 1 there is no need for students to be collected early unless there is a specific reason or agreed plan in place. Lately, some whānau have been taking children home early and in some cases, extremely early. Please be mindful of our school hours and respectful of your child's educational needs by ensuring they remain in class until 2.50pm.

Visitors.

All visitors must sign in and out at the school office. This is a safety procedure and we are required by law to record the names of all people on school grounds so please do not be offended if you are asked by a staff member to do so. Also, any altercations or disputes are to be directed to the Principal or Deputy Principal. Abuse of our staff in any form will not be tolerated.

Localised Curriculum Community Hui.

Next Thursday 29 October at 3pm, a community hui will be held at school to discuss our localised curriculum. It will be an opportunity for all school stakeholders to engage with our proposed localised curriculum. A detailed notice accompanies the newsletter today.

*Ma mua ka kite a muri,
ma muri ka ora a mua*

Those who lead give sight to those who follow,
those who follow give life to those who lead

Nga Mihi
Matua Tom

Rippa Rugby:

Permission slips will be coming out in the next few days for those who were successful in the trials.

We will be starting next Thursday 29 October at Greerton Park. Further details to come.

NOHO:

The Regional Kapahaka group have their noho tomorrow at 4:30pm. Please make sure all permission slips are back in ASAP.

Pukehinahina/Gate Pā Battle Commemoration

Kia tau ki a koutou te atawhai me te rangimārie o te Atua

I am writing on behalf of the Anglican Parish of Gate Pā to invite you to this year's short service at St. George's Anglican Church to commemorate the Battle of Gate Pa, to be held on October 28th at 4pm.

Due to lockdown in April, this commemoration has been moved to next Wednesday October 28, Te Pūtake o te Riri, He Rā Maumahara; the national day of commemoration of the New Zealand Wars and conflicts.

Our service will start at 4pm, when the British forces began their march up Pukehinahina. We will hear an account of the battle and then have a time of silent reflection with images playing. At 4.30 the bell will be rung 60 times to remember the approximately 60 men who lost their lives in the battle. We will finish with prayers/karakia for the future of our city.

This will be followed by refreshments in the lounge.

Te pai me te rangimārie
(peace and all good)

Rev. John Hebenton TSSF
Vicar