



Greetings, Kia Ora, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Taloha ni, Ni sa bula, Kamonaso, Kia Orana, Ni Hao, Namestay, Ram-Ram, Salām, Sanibona, Olla. Nau Mai Haere Mai Ki Te Kura O Marawaewae. Ngā Mihi O Te Tau Hou Ki A Koutou



Well Done to our Tops School Sports and Cheerleading Team who participated in the Top Schools Competition at Gate Pa School on Thursday the 15 March. A huge thanks to all of our whanau who came to support our tamariki.



**Farewell to Kate Armstrong as Sarah Arnesen is returning from maternity leave to take reading recovery in the mornings. We have really loved having Kate work with us. Her students have succeeded well and have transitioned well back into classrooms. Kate's lovely smile lights up our school and nothing is too much trouble for her. Thank you so much Kate, we will miss you.**

Out of our sorry story of the burglary of 16 iPads last Saturday out of two classrooms has come wonderful things. Our support from our community and our Whanau has been outstanding and so gratifying. Thank you so much! One of our Year 4 students stood up at assembly yesterday, when we shared our news with our tamariki, and suggested that perhaps each classroom could give one of their ipads to Rooms 8 and 9 so that their children didn't miss out. That took guts and courage and was so heartening. Apparently there were approx. six offenders. Our extremely grateful appreciation to the parents of one of the offenders who located nine of the 16 iPads stolen, down in some bushes on Courtney Road, and brought him into school yesterday morning after taking him to the Police. There is an article going in the Bay of Plenty Times about the burglary. Nothing like this has happened to our school for many years so I am not surprised at how devastated we all feel as we love our school. This nasty event has affected our kids learning and they have to go without until we can get replacements. The iPads returned had been sadly left in the rain so they are useless and we have remotely disabled the rest. An additional blow is that iPads for three of our treasures have also gone with all their work and apps on them. Shameful!

**WHAEA ANNE'S PATS ON THE BACK**

Jessica's tumeke memoir



Hayley is a tumeke author



Next term we will be welcoming Rebecca Belworthy who is going to be our new ESOL Tutor. We are very pleased to have such a highly qualified Teacher of English as a Second Language join us.



A very grateful GVS mum, two children and their nana enjoyed a wonderful plane flight thanks to the generosity of a community member.

OUR LEADERS OF THE WEEK!!!!



**ATTENTION !!!!!**  
**RIPPA RUGBY FINALS!!**  
 This Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> March we have the finals of our Rippa Rugby. We are so pleased to announce that we have 3 teams playing in the final for the Trophy. It would be awesome if we could get lots of support for our Teams, these games start at 4.00pm for the juniors then 4.30 through to 5.30 for the seniors.



"Take care of our children. Take care of what they hear, take care of what they see, take care of what they feel. For how the children grow, so will be the shape of Aotearoa."

Dame Whina Cooper  
 Photographer: John Stone

**What's happening?  
 Important Dates:**

- RIPPA RUGBY FINALS @ WAIPUNA PARK WELCOME BAY

Easter break Friday 30 March, Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 April (5 days including the weekend)

- Friday 13 April Last day of Term 1. We start Term 2 on Monday 30 April

**School Dates:**

- Term 1  
30/01/2018- 13/04/2018
- Term 2  
30/04/2018-06/07/2018
- Term 3  
23/07/2018-28/09/2018
- Term 4  
15/10/2018-13/12/2018

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 and our **FACEBOOK PAGE** for up to date news!!

**REMEMBER TO GIVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO THE OFFICE AS WE SEND OUT LOTS OF NOTICES VIA EMAIL!!!**



**REMEMBER THAT SCHOOL IS CLOSED THIS FRIDAY MONDAY AND TUESDAY for EASTER.**  
 Have a great long weekend and we will see you on Wednesday.