



Kererū Syndicate Newsletter



REDWOOD
SCHOOL

Term One 2019 - Friday 8th February



Learning this Term:

Inquiry:

Kia Kaha - weeks 1-3

Through Kia Kaha students develop strategies for respectful relationships and how to recognise and deal with bullying.

Journeys - weeks 3-10

An Arts & Social Sciences focus.

Te reo Maori: Pepeha and Greetings, Ko Au - Identity

Physical Education:

Co-operative Games, Striking with an implement

BYOC

In Year 5 and 6, students have the option to bring a Chromebook to school daily. Teachers incorporate the use of ICT into their daily programmes and across the different curriculum areas. It is used as a tool for learning. Students' Chromebooks are required to come to school fully charged and must be taken home each day. If you require further information about BYOC, please head to redwood.school.nz and click on the 'BYOC' tab.

Welcome to Term 1 2019

Happy New Year and welcome back to Redwood School. We hope you all enjoyed your summer break. Welcome to all our new families and students. I'm sure our Kererū students will show you where everything is and make you feel welcome. It looks like the students have had a great first week getting to know not only their teacher and new class members, but a new Principal too. Welcome to Redwood Mr Mills!

We are delighted to welcome Caitlin Roberts back to the Kererū syndicate after her 6 months of travelling around the world. It is also great to have Kim Perkins joining the Kererū team this year.

The Kererū Syndicate has a strong focus on fostering independence and self-management in our students. As seniors at school, we have many opportunities to take on roles of responsibility and leadership. We strive to be role models for the rest of the school and demonstrate our RED values.

The Kererū Team

This year we have 5 composite Year 5 and 6 classes in Kererū.

Rm 16: Caitlin Roberts
Rm 17: Jenny Wright
Rm 18: Donna Glenn (Kererū leader)
Rm 19: Kim Perkins
Rm 20: Mark Kyne

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Learning at Home

We encourage students to read regularly. Parents reading to or with children is a great opportunity to share the love of books. We believe that fostering a love of reading has life long benefits. Our school has an incredible library. Classroom teachers, and Jan our librarian, are available to support students in making good book choices. At home, students are able to use Google Docs for writing and research. For learning in mathematics we have compiled a list of possible websites that you may wish to check out for use at home to supplement maths learning - you can find this list on our school website in the resources tab.

NO HAT, NO PLAY

This term students are required to bring and wear a full-brimmed sunhat everyday when outside. If students do not bring a hat they will need to stay in the shade during break times.

Activity Fee

This term the activity fee will pay for Seesaw.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 11th February - School Powhiri
Thursday 14th February - Meet the Teacher Interviews
Friday 15th March - School Disco
Sunday 17th March - Weetbix Tryathlon
Wednesday 19th March - Yr 5&6 Sports Day
Thursday 21st March - Yr 5&6 Sports Day - postponement date
Thursday 18th April - Term 1 ends
Friday 19th April - Good Friday
Monday 29th April - Term 2 begins

Finally

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's academic or social development please make a time to meet with your child's teacher, or alternatively with Donna Glenn - Syndicate Leader, Claire Hughes - Deputy Principal, or Zac Mills - Principal.

Warm regards,

Mark Kyne, Jenny Wright, Caitlin Roberts, Donna Glenn and Kim Perkins