



# Kererū Syndicate



**Dear Parents and Caregivers**

## **Welcome to Term 3 2020**

We hope everyone had a great break and the students are refreshed and ready for an exciting Term ahead. We are looking forward to a full Term of teaching and learning with our Kererū Tamariki. We have planned a range of hands-on and engaging learning opportunities for the students that we know they will enjoy exploring.

## **Learning Conferences**

It was great to catch up with so many of you at the Learning Conferences held at the end of Term 2. If you were unable to attend or continue to have questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher to organise a time to talk.

## **InSTEAD**

You will have heard terms such as 'Topic' or 'Inquiry' from your children in the past. From now on, you'll hear the term 'InSTEAD'. InSTEAD is Redwood's acronym for STEM/ STEAM learning. It stands for Investigation, Science, Technology, Environmental, Arts and Design. InSTEAD focuses on hands-on, project-based learning where students follow a learning process to achieve whatever the learning challenge may be. Important parts of this process include creating criteria, making plans, learning new knowledge, skills and concepts, problem solving, following the Design Process and reflection.

Each term or so, there will be a new InSTEAD focus for Kererū. This Term, our InSTEAD Learning Challenge is, **How can we bring a story to life using digital technology?** By the end of this InSTEAD the students will have created a Stop Motion Animation with the purpose of entertaining their audience. Please watch this space!

## **Investigations**

Every Monday morning, Redwood School will begin the day with Investigation. Investigation is about authentic, hands-on learning. The aim of this time is to promote curiosity, creativity and problem-solving while interacting with an engaging variety of materials and resources. During this time, students will focus on developing and reflecting on our RED Values.

## **Zones of Regulations**

Last Term, students were introduced to The Zones of Regulation. This is a conceptual framework used to teach self-regulation. Its aim is to help students to recognise and communicate their feelings in a safe, non-judgmental way. It teaches the children that it is normal to experience a range of emotions and that at different times they might be in a certain coloured zone. By being able to identify these emotions and know what zone they are in, they can use strategies to help them get back into the Green Zone.

### **The Different Zones**

The **Orange Zone** is when you might be experiencing anger, rage or terror. You are feeling out of control.

The **Yellow Zone** is when you have heightened emotions and may be feeling frustrated, excited or silliness.

The **Green Zone** is a state of calmness and a good place for learning.

The **Blue Zone** is when you might be feeling down, you might be sad, sick or tired.



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## Learning Programmes this Term

Curriculum Area	Theme
InSTEAD	Stop Motion Animation
Literacy	To Narrate - Creating our own Narrative Books
Numeracy	Proportions & Ratios, Algebra, Measurement
Te Reo Māori	Matariki & Te Marae
PE Health/Hauora	Gymnastics/Circuits, Athletics Mental Health - Zones of Regulation
The Arts	Design/Graphic Processes- Video, Computer Generated Art

## Dates for your Diary

Friday 24th July	Matariki House Event - 11:00am
Thursday 30th July	Tawa Intermediate Open Evening
Friday 31st July	Tawa Zone Cross Country (Postponement dates Monday 1st August, Friday 5th August)
Tuesday 4th August	Tawa Intermediate Opening Morning
Friday 7th August	Teacher Only Day - School Closed to Students
Mon - Fri 10-16th August	Maths Week
Friday 14th August	Tawa Intermediate Enrolments for 2021 Close
Tuesday 18th August	Interzone Cross Country
Mon - Fri 14-18th September	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori Week
Monday 21st September	Redwood School Athletics (Postponement date Wednesday 23rd Sept)
Mon - Fri 21-25 September	Library events to celebrate stories including whānau invitation to view Student's Narrative Writing (Date TBC)
Tuesday 22nd September	Kererū Cinema in Hall - Show Animations - 9:30-12:00 (TBC)

## 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 or Zac Mills - Principal.

## Warm regards,

Jenny Wright, Donna Glenn, Mark Kyne, Caitlin Roberts and Jim McGurk