



# Kiwi Syndicate Newsletter



REDWOOD  
SCHOOL

Term One 2019



**The Kiwi Team** - Charlotte Smith, Ginny Gordon, Nicola Wilkinson, Michelle Morpeth, Vanessa Serci and Nancy Manu (photographer - Rebecca Milne R3)

## Welcome

The year has started well and we are now full swing into the term. Here is some information you may find interesting or useful.

## Staffing

This year we have only one major change with Hannah Smith leaving us to gain experience with teaching older children and Ginny Gordon replacing her at Year Two to experience what it is like to teach our little cherubs.

### The Teachers in the Kiwi Team

Room 7 - Vanessa Serci - Y1  
Room 6 - Nancy Manu - Y1  
Room 5 - Nicola Wilkinson - Y1  
Room 3 - Michelle Morpeth - Y1/Y2  
Room 2 - Ginny Gordon - Y2  
Room 1 - Charlotte Smith - Y2

We have the learning support of Deb Williams and Damian Trewern who will aid our classroom programmes. We also have Heather Pettigrew and Kim Hearps who are assigned to the care of specific children.

We are a friendly and approachable team. Should you have any concerns or questions about your child academically or socially please talk with the classroom teacher first. If you still have concerns see Michelle Morpeth the team leader and then Cherie Arlidge as the Junior School Deputy Principal.

## Learning Through Play

We continue to run our Learning through Play programme as we find it

very successful in building children's key competencies as well as supporting and enhancing a variety of learning areas. LTP occurs during the first session of the day Monday - Thursday and is focussed around several learning intentions which are displayed in the classroom. Each day there is a photographer, reporter and focus children. The photographer takes photos of the learning and the reporter will interview classmates to illustrate particular learning intentions. Focus children have a chance to articulate to the class before and after play how their investigations enhance their learning and it is a time for the teacher to assess their learning in depth. Regular programmes of reading, writing and maths occur during the remainder of the day. Further information on LTP can be found on our school website.

## Resources

As you can imagine LTP requires many resources. We would appreciate anything you could give us during the year. We are always looking for various art materials, **wood offcuts, old appliances to take apart**, and anything that might be interesting to investigate or enhance our role play areas. We would love to have a parent who is willing to liaise with Wellington Beds in Tawa Junction to collect offcuts of wood for us. Please let the class teacher know if you can assist.

Warm regards Michelle Morpeth, Vanessa Serci, Ginny Gordon, Charlotte Smith, Cherie Arlidge, Nancy Manu and Nicola Wilkinson

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## Learning Focus

The school has a focus this term on 'Journeys' and we will be forming much of our LtP sessions and other learning around this theme, including embarking on the Kia Kaha unit around developing strategies for respectful relationships. Teachers will integrate Te Reo Maori learning on Ko au (I, me, myself) as we share our personal stories with each other.

## Sun Hats

Sun hats must be worn this term. Redwood School has a policy of **NO HAT, NO PLAY**. School sun hats need to be brimmed hats that shade the face and neck.

## Change of Clothes

Please make sure your child has a named change of clothes in their bag 'just in case'. The school does not have a supply of spare clothing, children who are soiled will be sent home.

## Toys

Please ensure your child does not bring toys to school unless for a specific purpose such as sharing 'news' with the class, in which case they are to be kept in their bag or given to the class teacher for safe-keeping. Outdoor sports equipment however is acceptable to bring, but please make sure it is named.

## Homework

It is expected that you will read with and to your child daily. Books that come home have usually been read in class, your input at home plays a huge role in your child's reading success. You can expect books Monday through Thursday, and a poem home on Friday. Books stay in the book bag for a week in order for them to be revisited. In addition to reading you may get word rings or spelling rockets to work on together. We encourage you to utilise Reading Eggs at home. You will find links to good maths websites on our school website.

## Dates for Your Diary

Monday 11th February - Powhiri welcoming new staff  
Thursday 11th February - Lantern Making  
Thursday 14th February - Meet the Teacher Interviews  
Tuesday 5th March - Year 1 & 2 Sports Day at St Francis Xavier School (pp 7th March)  
Friday 12th April - End of Term