



# NEWSLETTER

## Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

Roll: 353 | Term 1 | Week 2

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### Kiwi Syndicate

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Morpeth - Y1/2 - Room 3 (Syndicate Leader)

### Pūkeko Syndicate

Belinda Evans - Y3 - Room 11

Emma Ashington - Y3 - Room 12

Grace O'Rourke - Y3 - Room 13

Rachel Gargan - Y4 - Room 14  
(Syndicate Leader)

Kim Perkins - Y4 - Room 15

### Kererū Syndicate

Caitlin Roberts - Y5/6 - Room 16  
(Syndicate Leader)

Michelle Kealey - Y5/6 - Room 17

Carmel Wilson - Y4/5 - Room 18

Donna Glenn - Y5/6 - Room 19

Mark Kyne - Y5/6 - Room 20

Emma O'Leary - SENCO

Claire Hughes - Deputy Principal

### Principal's Post

#### Tēnā tatou katoa e te whānau

Welcome back to 2022! I hope you all managed to have a good Summer break with opportunities to connect with friends and whānau.

It has certainly been a strange start to the year. Thank you for your compliance with the new protocols we have in place at the Covid-19 Protection Framework RED settings. It has been very positive to see all our whānau wearing masks as they come onto site, and using the Covid-19 tracer app QR code. I'd also like to thank you for the obvious way you have prepared your children for coming back to school in these unusual times. They are very settled, and adapting to our new rules and organisation well.

Please do let us know if you suspect you may have been a close contact with a Covid-19 case. With cases in the Wellington region it is only a matter of time before Tawa is effected. The MOE have good procedures in place should we get a case, and the school's leadership team and BOT have been working on a Business Continuation Plan to ensure we can continue to cater to our learners' needs.

Sadly, our Year 5 and 6 whānau will have heard that we have had to postpone our camp. The complexities of managing camp under the Red Protocols, at a time forecasted to have a surge in Covid-19 cases, convinced our Year 5 and 6 team and BOT that we should look to delay this experience for our students. We were very pleased to secure another time later in the year which should, fingers crossed, be easier to manage. Unfortunately, this will be a theme for this term, with many of the usual sporting, cultural and Kāhui Ako events unable to go ahead. We're already looking forward to Term 2 where we hope things can get a bit more back to normal.

## Dates for your diary

Friday 25th March - Staff Only Day  
Thursday 14th April - Term 1 ends  
Friday 15th April - Good Friday

## School Bank Account

For all online payments our school Internet banking details are:  
ASB bank 12-3140-0316668-01  
Please include your child's name, their room number and what the payment is for.

## PFG

The Redwood PFG are a group of volunteers who co-ordinate and support our fundraising efforts. If you are interested in joining the team please contact Charlotte France:

[pfg@redwood.school.nz](mailto:pfg@redwood.school.nz)

## Compliments & Complaints

If at anytime you have a compliment or a concern please do contact your child's teacher. Please appreciate that during the school day they are busy teaching and may not be able to respond to an email.

The Syndicate Leader, Deputy Principal or myself are always available if the concern cannot be resolved or if the compliment needs to be shared.

I'm pleased to announce that the building work in both the admin area and Rooms 2 and 3 is complete, and both classes and Christine have settled in to their new work spaces. Unfortunately, there were delays in the delivery of the new furniture for our new classes, but we hope to have that very soon. We hope that Rooms 2 and 3 will be a template for the renovation of Rooms 4 - 6, but in the current climate this may take a couple of years to achieve! With regard to our weather tightness work, this week we have had visits from people tendering for the Solution Design work, which means that the process is, finally, underway!

Last week we had two very positive staff only days. Day One focussed on Assessment for Learning with a particular focus on Mathematics. This is the beginning of a two year project to help us improve the way we teach, assess and develop purposeful learning, especially in mathematics. Day Two was centred around Te Tiriti o Waitangi and what it means to be a bicultural school. This work is being undertaken by all the schools in the Tawa Kāhui Ako. The two days were thought provoking and challenging, but were a great springboard for the year. I look forward to sharing more as we develop these two work streams throughout the year.

Finally, you may have noticed a new format for our newsletter. We are trying to make the construction of the newsletter a more collaborative effort, and easier to access on a mobile device. With the blog format you can also sign up to an RSS feed, which will notify you when there are updates. You'll also notice that the blog format has an attached audio file, where you can listen to our newsletter - apologies for the British accent! If you have any feedback around this new format, please let me know.

Ka Kite!

**Zac Mills - Tumuaki / Principal**  
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## Welcome to Redwood School

Romeo Allen, Millie Allison, Bailey Anderson, Sienna Atkinson, Zoe Binns, Nathan Bowes, Teju Cheerla, Rowan Cornelius, Otto Cowley, Jack Deneys, Lucy Garner, Meredyth Howells, Wilson Joseph, Thea Larsen, Shiloh Mulu, Ashlee Salvador, Frida Shaw, Francois Swanepoel, Hope Tumaai-Singh, Freddie Vincent-Wilton, Zoe Walters Salas Giorgio, Marcus Wong, Kyle Zheng, and Mahika Chandola.

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## Board Shorts

### Messages from our Board of Trustees

- The BOT hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year, and a relaxing Summer break. Welcome to 2022!
- Over the Summer we had the Admin block and Rooms 18 - 20 painted on the outside. We really like the new colour scheme, which we will continue with on the other blocks over the next couple of years.
- The BOT have been working on our Business Continuation Plan identifying the ways we can continue to operate and provide learning for students if, and when, Covid-19 is present in our school community
- The BOT have been reviewing MOE suggested changes to the Tawa region's school enrolment zones, including Redwood's
- The BOT have been developing this year's Annual Plan in line with our Strategic Plan

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## PFG News

### Messages from our Parent Fundraising Group

- We are always looking for new members of the PFG. If you are interested in supporting the school's fundraising efforts, please contact the PFG Chair: Charlotte France at [pfg@redwood.school.nz](mailto:pfg@redwood.school.nz)
- We are currently reviewing what fundraisers can go ahead at the current Red settings
- The next PFG meeting is on Thursday 17th February at 7:00pm in the school's staff room. Anyone is welcome to attend to see what we have planned for the year, and to see how they can help

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## Beginning of year reminders

- If you have changed any contact details over the holidays i.e. addresses, email, cellphone numbers etc. - please let us know so we can update our records
- Don't forget to change your child's class in the LunchOnline portal
- Please remember that during Term 1 all students need a sun hat to play outside