



NEWSLETTER

Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

Roll: 358 | Term 1 | Week 4

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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

What a difference a week makes! Last Friday I shared with you all our protocols and systems for Phase 2 of New Zealand's Covid-19 response. As of today we are now at Phase 3 of New Zealand's Covid-19 response! The change in phases is significant for schools as the definition of what constitutes a Close Contact changes significantly. At Phase 3 only Household Members of a positive case are considered to be Close Contacts. That means that students in a class with a positive case are not identified as Close Contacts.

We fully appreciate that this change may be worrying for you around the transmission of Covid-19 in classes. We continue to use our separate play areas and separate break times, as well as a focus on washing hands and sanitising, as ways to minimise the spread of Covid-19. At the Red settings we continue to require our Year 4 - 6 students to wear masks in class. Most of the students in Year 4 - 6 are doing really well with the imposition of wearing masks; however, it is challenging for some of them to be wearing them accurately at all times. We will be encouraging the importance of accurate mask wearing at school, and would love your support at home. Making sure your child knows how to wear their mask properly is a big help. **There is no mandate at Red for Year 1 - 3 students to be wearing masks.** However, the changes at Phase 3 around Close Contacts may make you think about different ways to protect your child's health. Your Year 1 - 3 child is most welcome to wear a mask in class if you feel they will be comfortable wearing it, can manage it responsibly and wear it correctly.

For information on what Phase 3 looks like at our kura, based on current guidance, please go to the following link:

<http://www.redwood.school.nz/covid-19-response.html>

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

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.

A huge thank you to all of you who purchased your child's stationary from Tawa Books and Post. They were extremely appreciative of the support from the Redwood community, and as a result of your custom the school received a \$450 credit from Tawa Books and Post for the library to use on books and other resources. Our first purchase has been to buy some New Zealand /Aotearoa maps for all the classes.



These maps will be a great resource to support our school's current learning focus around the concept of Turangawaewae. This focus is about supporting our students to understand 'the place where they stand' including their kura, whānau and own whakapapa, as well as the local area's history, geography, flora and fauna.

One of the many challenges of the Red Settings is the inability for syndicates and the school to meet together in assemblies or hui. To try to navigate this we have put together a short 'virtual' video assembly, which you can view on our newsletter blog feed or at the following link:

<https://youtu.be/auY2B1dcOaw>

In the virtual assembly you will see a couple of displays that reference our Zones of Regulation. You should also have received a fridge magnet with these on. This is a tool we have been using to

support children in understanding their emotions, recognising emotions in others and having a toolkit to help them be in the optimal zone for learning (**Green Zone**). We have found this is a great way to support our learners with emotional regulation.

Ka Kite!

Zac Mills - Tumuaki / Principal
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The ZONES of Regulation®

BLUE ZONE	GREEN ZONE	YELLOW ZONE	ORANGE ZONE
Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Feeling Ok Focussed Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly / Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	Mad / Angry Terrified Yelling / Hitting Elated Out of Control

Welcome to Redwood School

Maheera Aadil, Thomas Basher, Hrishaan Chaubey, Harper Farnell, Isla Robinson

Board Shorts

Messages from our Board of Trustees

- The Redwood School Board of Trustees have held their first meeting of the year.
- We're excited to see the room 2 and 3 renovations complete with the new furniture having arrived in this week.
- Plans are also underway for addressing weather tightness issues in some of our classrooms.
- We reviewed the achievement data for 2021 and discussed the impact of Covid interruptions
- The BoT has approved the budget for this year
- We have been working across the Tawa School network to discuss zoning.
- Board Elections are coming up in September this year.

Have you thought about becoming a trustee?

During my time on the board I've been involved in the governance of the school through helping set the strategic priorities, appraising the principal, staff well-being initiatives, school zoning, ensuring finances and property are well managed and reviewing student achievement data. This is all working towards all of our students at Redwood achieving their educational potential - no small task!

Jessica McMillan - School Trustee

If you would like more information on becoming a trustee or would like to attend one of our meetings please contact Clint Schoultz, BOT Chair - bot@redwood.school.nz

PFG News

Messages from our Parent Fundraising Group

In Term One our fundraisers will be:

- Sausage Sizzle - 24th March
- Hot Cross bun sales (for delivery just prior to Easter)
- Easter Raffle