



**REDWOOD**  
SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

**Rākau Pai, Hua Pai**

Roll: 410 | Term 4 | Week 10

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## Kiwi Syndicate

Nic Wilkinson - Y1 - Room 5  
Nancy Manu - Y1 - Room 6  
Vanessa Serci - Y1 - Room 7  
Cassie Stewart - NE/Y1 - Room 4  
Michelle Kealey - NE - Room 10

Tania Bailey -Y2 - Room 1  
Nic Webb - Y2 - Room 2  
**Michelle Morpeth - Y1 & 2 -  
Room 3 (Syndicate Leader)**

## Pūkeko Syndicate

Belinda Evans - Y4 - Room 11  
Carmel Wilson - Y3/4 - Room 12  
Emma Ashington - Y3 - Room 13  
**Rachel Gargan - Y3 - Room 14  
(Syndicate Leader)**  
Kim Perkins - Y4 - R15

## Kererū Syndicate

Caitlin Roberts - Y5/6 - Room 16  
Jenny Wright - Y5/6 - Room 17  
**Donna Glenn - Y5/6 - Room 18  
(Syndicate Leader)**  
Jim McGurk - Y5/6 - Room 19  
Mark Kyne - Y5/6 - Room 20

## Principal's Post

Tēnā tatou katoa e te whānau

Today is the last day of what has been an extremely unusual year. As we reflected at the Year 6 Leavers' Supper on Monday, events such as this year's camp seem so long ago it hardly seems like it was this year. I think it is testament to the resilience of our whole school community that we have managed to continue to function really effectively for the whole year. Thank you for all your support of Redwood School in 2020.

Reading all the students' reports was a great reminder of what we try to do at Redwood School: engage and empower lifelong learners. It was inspiring to read about the progress students had made, not only academically, but socially, emotionally and in their personal confidence too. Learning is far more than just reading and writing.

By now you will have received an email informing you of your child's class for 2021. These class lists are extremely complex in their composition and are the result of many hours of thinking, negotiation and discussion. Many things can affect a class's dynamic: the number of students, balance of genders, age differences, learning needs, additional staff working with students. As well as this, teachers also try to think about individual students' needs in relation to next year's teacher, as well as friendships. Sometimes what are great social friendships are not always useful learning friendships. As a parent myself, I



## Dates for your diary

Wednesday 3rd February - 1st Day of Term 1

## 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 & Concerns

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.

understand the concerns that can arise from new class placements, but invariably I have found these concerns are diminished by the opportunities to widen friendship groups and meet new and different people.

Yesterday we held our first Redwood Park Picnic Day. Traditionally this has been held at Willowbank Park, but this year the location was changed. For once the weather was kind to us on picnic day! I'd like to thank Mark Kyne for his organisation of the event, and to Harcourts for sponsoring the inflatable and bouncy castles. All the children I spoke to afterwards declared it "one of the best days ever!"



Today we farewell a few of our staff. Cherie Arlidge, as you know, is retiring. Donna Glenn will be going on maternity leave, and we wish her well for her next adventure. Tania Bailey is off to Adventure School for 2021 - good luck Tania. Heather Pettigrew, one of our TAs is training to be a teacher next year. We wish Heather all the best for this. I'd also like to thank Georgia Robertson for all her hard work this year.

Meri Kirihimete me te Hape Nū la.

Ka kite

Zac Mills - Tumuaki / Principal  
[zacmills@redwood.school.nz](mailto:zacmills@redwood.school.nz)



## PFG Update

A massive thank you to everyone who has helped out with the PFG this year. Over the course of the year we raised:

\$8213.36, with our Calendar fundraiser figure still to come in.

Thank you so much.

As a school we have used this fundraising to purchase new iPads and iPods, ably used in Kererū's animation InSTEAD project, as well as some new Chromebook.

We have also put the money towards new Lego in all our middle and senior classes.

## Kapa Haka support

Thank you to all whānau who came to support our Kapa Haka rōpū at our whānau performance and the Tawa Cultural Festival. We were blown away by the numbers that attended and the support we received.

The Kapa Haka groups (Junior and Senior) now total 145, having grown significantly over the last couple of years. This is in no small part down to Vanessa Serci, who has championed Kapa Haka at Redwood School over the last few years.

I'd like to thank Vanessa, as well as Te Rehia and Liz, our tutors, for all their hard work this year.

## Welcome to Redwood School

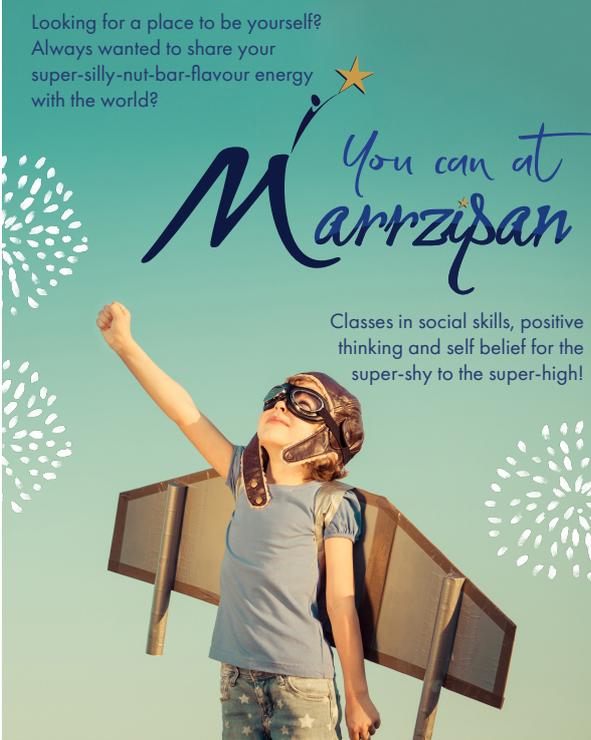
Henley Cains



## Community Notices and Advertising

From time to time we are asked to add notices in our school newsletter. It is our practice to ask those making money from these adverts to pay a donation (ie if you are selling something or running a business). If the notice is for a community event then we may do this for free, if there is space available.

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with the world?



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9 Classes including two showcases per term.  
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### Tawa Squash Junior Club Night - Friday evenings

5:00pm – 7:00pm with qualified coach,  
usually \$5 for non club members, first  
week free

5:00pm – 5:30pm Small Nix 5-8 year  
olds (always free)

Kids - learn to play the healthiest sport  
in the world

- Kitchen open – hot chips, toasted  
sammies, American Hot Dogs
- Refreshments available for kids and  
parents all at great prices
- All gear provided – just need non  
marking shoes

Tawa Squash, 67 Main Road, Tawa  
(next to St Francis Xavier School),  
[www.tawasquash.co.nz](http://www.tawasquash.co.nz) . 04 2328200

## Christmas Funday

**Monday 21 December 2020**

**For Primary School Children**

*Christmas Crafts, lego, games, dvd  
and stories*

**Time:** 10a.m. – 2.00p.m.

**Cost:** \$15

**Where:** Tawa Anglican Church (St Christopher's)

*Booking is essential as numbers are limited*



Contact [Hayley.Balmer@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Hayley.Balmer@xtra.co.nz) - 027-232 9433

**NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH  
WELLINGTON**

cordially invites you to attend our

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday from 9:15am to 10:15 am

at

Redwood School Hall



Calling all children from 3 to 12 years  
to join us in learning God's Word,  
singing and other activities.

It's free for anyone – just show up or  
call us if you'd like more information.

God bless you!

Contact Phone:(04) 232 3453



Our holiday programmes give children opportunities to do the things they love in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are trained in delivering fun activities, first aid and behaviour management. Book online today to make Kelly Club your home away from home these holidays.

**Who can attend:** Children aged 5-13 yrs

**What do you need to bring:** Shoes and appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food.

**Food:** Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Lunch will be from approximately 12.30pm to 1.00pm each day.

**Programme activities:** Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice depending on weather conditions and programme numbers.

**Payment details:** Pay before the holiday programme begins to secure your child's place. You will receive an invoice once you have completed your booking. All payment details will be included on the invoice.

**Work and Income OSCAR Subsidy:** Some parents and caregivers may be eligible for a WINZ subsidy to help cover the cost of our programme. For more information visit [www.workandincome.govt.nz](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz).

**Please note:** Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child and their property. However, organisers at Kelly Club accept no liability for any injury sustained by your child or any loss or damage to their property while at the programme. If your child is collected late after the conclusion of the programme you will be charged \$15 per 15 minutes or part thereof.

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# SUMMER 2020/21 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

REDWOOD SCHOOL

	Mon 14 December	Tues 15 December	Wed 16 December	Thurs 17 December	Fri 18 December
<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b> NO PROGRAMME TODAY School Day.	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b> NO PROGRAMME TODAY School Day.	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b> HALF DAY PROGRAMME School Day - Half Day If you need care for this event please book for this event online.	<b>WHEELS DAYS</b> Bring along your bike, trike, scooter, or skateboard and join us for a day of wheely good fun! Race your friends and navigate our wheels course. Don't forget, no helmet, no ride!	<b>MAKEOVER VS MUDDY</b> Sit back, relax, and pamper yourself with hair, make-up, and nails or get down and dirty with our tough mudder obstacle course and mud-painting. The choice is all yours!
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>SPRING DAY</b> You'd better have a spring in your step because today we're exploring all things that bounce! Learn some slinky tricks, chow down on some scrumptious spring rolls, and show us how high you can jump!	<b>SURF CLUB TRAINING</b> Have you ever wanted to be a life guard? Learn what it takes and practice your skills with sprints, tube rescue, and relays. Don't forget to swim between the flags!	<b>WEIRD AND WONDERFUL</b> Did you know that sloths grow mould on their bodies or that platypuses lay eggs? Today we're exploring all things weird and wonderful in the world around us.	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY!</b> Join the party to celebrate Christmas! There'll be festive games, crafts, and treats galore so come along with plenty of Christmas cheer!	<b>NO PROGRAMME TODAY</b> We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas!

**FULL WEEK:** \$230 **FULL DAY:** \$50 **SCHOOL DAY:** \$38 **HALF DAY:** \$28 **TRIP DAY:** Extra \$15 **SPECIAL EVENT:** Extra \$8  
 Mon-Fri, 7am-6pm 7am-6pm 9am-3pm 7am-12pm or 1pm-6pm



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