



**REDWOOD**  
SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

**Rākau Pai, Hua Pai**

Roll: 378 | Term 2 | Week 7

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## Kiwi Syndicate

Nic Wilkinson - Y1 - Room 5  
Nancy Manu - Y1 - Room 6  
Vanessa Serci - Y1 - Room 7  
Emma Ashington - NE - Room 4  
Natalie Kirby - Y2 - Room 1  
Ginny Gordon - Y2 - Room 2  
**Michelle Morpeth - Y2 - Room 3**  
(Syndicate Leader)

## Pūkeko Syndicate

Belinda Evans - Y4 - Room 11  
Carmel Wilson - Y3 - Room 12  
Hannah Smith - Y3 - Room 13  
**Rachel Gargan - Y3/4 - Room 14**  
(Syndicate Leader)  
Nicola Webb - Y4 - R15

## Kererū Syndicate

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

## Principal's Post

Tenā koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whānau

The Government recently published its 'Wellbeing Budget'. Part of this announcement was the unveiling of its policy around school donations, which had been referenced pre-election. This announcement saw the opportunity for Decile 1-7 schools to scrap their activity donations and voluntary donations for a \$150 per student payment.

Whilst I applaud the government for their commitment to providing 'free' education for the students of New Zealand I was disappointed that not all schools were able to apply for this. There is an assumption that families going to decile 8-10 schools can (and should) continue to part fund their children's education. Under the current decile funding system, decile 1-7 schools already get up to \$800 per student more than a school such as ours, yet our costs for many things are the same. For instance, over the last year bus hire costs have increased significantly. This has impacted on the cost of school trips, sports events, and regular events such as swimming.

Our activity donation is spent on activities and resources that enrich our curriculum for every child in our school. The Government proposes that this \$150 will cover all school costs e.g. trips, shows, swimming, camps etc. Given that our school camp approximately costs \$280 per student, the suggested figure of \$150 barely covers half that amount. Schools, such as ours, which receive the lowest amount of funding through the decile system, and incur a loss on activity donations, swimming costs and camp fees, will be forced to stop doing these important enriching activities. We are therefore stuck with the



## Dates for your diary

Monday 17th June - BOT meeting  
7:30pm

Tuesday 18th June - Interzone Cross  
Country (ppt. Thursday 20th June)

Friday 21st June - Whole School  
Assembly

Friday 28th June - Mid Year Summary  
Reports come home

Tuesday 2nd July - Regional Cross  
Country

Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th June -  
Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday 5th July - Term 2 ends

## 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:

[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  
Principals or myself are always  
available if the concern cannot be  
resolved or if the compliment  
needs to be shared.

unenviable choice of operating within our means and ceasing these activities, or passing the costs onto our community. I have made a submission to the Government detailing my thoughts on this proposal. With regards to donations I would like to say thank you to all of you who do support our school by paying the activity donation and voluntary donation. Your support is very much appreciated.

On Tuesday I had the pleasure of being part of the tangata whenua at our school pōwhiri. Having been a guest at the one in Term 1, it was wonderful to be a part of Redwood School welcoming our new ākonga, whānau, and kaiako. A special mention to Kingsley for his whaikōrero, Jessica, Rose, Lexi and Te Amorangi for their karanga, and Sion and Jack for leading the Haka Pōwhiri. It is amazing to see these young leaders fulfil these important roles. Talking to families after the pōwhiri reiterated what a lovely way it is to welcome new people into the Redwood community.

Another new addition to our Redwood Community is Miss Cassie Stewart, who will be replacing Hannah Smith in Room 13. Cassie has recently moved up to Wellington from Christchurch, and impressed the interview panel with her enthusiasm and focus on building positive relationships with students and their families. We look forward to Cassie joining the Pūkeko team.

In week 4 I sent home a link to a 3 question survey as an initial start to our Curriculum Community Consultation. A big thank you to all of you who have responded so far. We have some really good information and some thought provoking comments. I will be closing the survey off next week so that I can start to collate the information supplied. To complete the survey please follow the link below:

[Curriculum Community Consultation form](#)

From my viewpoint in my office I get to see the comings and goings in the carpark after 9:00 and and 3:15. Lately, I have been concerned by the speed of some the cars coming up the driveway. We do often have children still making their way to and from school, and there have been a couple of near misses. Please take care when coming onto the school grounds in your vehicle.

Zac Mills - Tumuaiki / Principal  
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## PFG News

\* Family Pie Fundraiser closes this Friday - 6 amazing flavours / family size / \$10 each. Order here <https://forms.gle/sjc6j6sm3vMKvScaZ>

\* We need boxes/bags for the delivery of the Pie's - please help us collect.

\* 20 Jun @ 7pm PFG Meeting at the school office

\* Pak n Save Porirua's receipt collection ends this term - collection points in each classroom until the end of the term.

## From the Board of Trustees

The following people were elected as Redwood School's Board of Trustees:

Tamzin Linnell  
Jessica McMillan  
Sarah Rees  
Bridget Roper  
Anna Scott

A big thank you to our returning officer, Bernadine Woodgate, for all her work with the Board of Trustees elections.

## Welcome to Redwood School

Ellie Wallace  
Shyam Newton-Nair  
Sienna Cameron  
Caitlin McLaren  
Hudson Rawlings



## 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



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**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

**BOOK ONLINE NOW AT**  
[www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz)

## Harcourts

A big thank you to Harcourts Tawa for their donation of \$500 to our school.

Harcourts Tawa will donate this amount when selling a house, and when the school is a nominated recipient.

### 2019 Tawa Stakeholders Resilience Meeting

Guest Speaker: **Hon Kris Faafoi**

Date: **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Time: **7pm for 90 minutes**

Venue: **Tawa Community Centre**

Hear Kris speak as well as updates from local organisations such as WCC, Wellington Water and WREMO.

### Tawa Recreation Centre July Holiday Programmes are open now

Looking for things to do over the school holidays? School holidays are just around the corner and spaces fill up quickly. **Book now** Call us 232 2260 or email [tawa.rec@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:tawa.rec@wcc.govt.nz) for more information. Or go to <https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/stuff-for-kids/school-holidays>