



REDWOOD
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

Roll: 392 | Term 3 | Week 4

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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

Tenā koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whānau

Once again we await the Government's decision on whether to raise the COVID-19 levels and send us into a Level 3 lockdown. Should this eventuate we have a lot of learnings from how things went last time, and your feedback on the Distance Learning experience will inform our approach if we need to set this up again. The potential escalation of COVID-19 has definitely made both staff and students uncertain and anxious. Looking after everyone's mental and physical wellbeing is definitely a priority at this time.

Over the past few weeks I have been working with all our Year 4 - 6 students conducting the Wellbeing@school survey. This annual survey gives us insight into how students feel about school. The information this survey gives us provides data that can shape our school to make it more effective. Some of the initiatives that were sparked by last year's data is our introduction of The Zones of Regulation and the setting up of the Student Council. The data is always fascinating and informative, and I look forward to analysing this in the coming weeks.

I have loved seeing our students racing around in their new hoodies and sunhats. Whilst not a uniform, it certainly does create a sense of pride and belonging with the Red R very prominent. We appreciate that there have been some



Dates for your diary

Inter School Cross Country -
Tuesday 18th August (ppt. Thursday
20th August)

Whole School Assembly - Friday
4th September

Te Wiki o te Rep Māori - begins
Monday 14th September

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 & 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.

issues with delays and sizes, so thank you for your
cooperation and patience as we deal with these issues. I'd
like to thank Carmel, Bernie and Isabel for all their work in
co-ordinating these and dealing with queries.

The Red R was particularly prominent at the Tawa Zone
cross country race two weeks ago. Held up at Granada
North, the races were extremely competitive and it was
awesome to see how students giving the challenging
course such a good go. Particularly impressive was the
Year 5 girls race, where Redwood brought home the first
five places. Thank you to Jim McGurk for co-ordinating the
team on the day.

Thank you for your support last Friday with our Teacher
Only Day. We have made quite significant changes to the
way we assess writing, which we believe will be much
more beneficial for teachers and students in supporting
progress in writing. Having the day to work on this new
assessment was extremely beneficial.



Last Wednesday we 'officially'
opened our new sandpit. We
have dedicated the new sandpit
to Levi Kohiti, who sadly lost his
battle with leukaemia last year.
Levi had spent many a lunchtime
in the sandpit during his time at
Redwood School, and we are
sure he would have loved the
much bigger and deeper
sandpit to play in. It was lovely
to have Katie and Rhys, Levi's
mum and brother, and last
year's Room 15 students to
celebrate the opening. We hope

that the Redwood students enjoy playing and investigating
in this sandpit for many years to come.

Ka kite

Zac Mills - Tumuaki / Principal
zacmills@redwood.school.nz



Board Shorts

- We heard an update on progress with school property planning
- We discussed the possible future of school zoning in the Tawa area
- Zac updated the Board on the implementation of the new Teacher Aide Pay Equity Settlement
- We ratified the term dates for 2021
 - Term 1: Wednesday 3 February - Friday 16 April (includes observed Waitangi Day, Good Friday and Easter Monday/Tuesday) TO Day Thursday 1 April
 - Term 2: Monday 3 May - Friday 9 July (includes Queen's Birthday) TO Day Friday 4 June
 - Term 3: Monday 26 July - Friday 1 October (100 half-days)
 - Term 4: Monday 18 October - Wednesday 15 December (84 half-days including Labour Day) TO Day Friday 22 October
- We reviewed and discussed key school policies according to schedule
- The Board was updated on the mid-year review process and discussed how the impacts of COVID-19 may affect delivery against the annual plan

Welcome to Redwood School

Ciaran Dewar
Zoey Paraha
Fynn Wichman



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



Subway is available for lunch orders on Tuesdays commencing 28th July 2020.

To place an order please bring your money to the office and complete a Subway order envelope before 9.00am on Tuesdays. Change for orders will be given by Subway when the lunch is returned. Alternately you can make an online payment to Tawa Subs Limited 02-1269-0012199-000 quoting our school name and your child's surname in the reference fields. Please ensure the online payment is made prior to 9.00am.

Looking for a place to be yourself?
Always wanted to share your
super-silly-nut-bar-flavour energy
with the world?



**You can at
Marrzipan**

Classes in social skills, positive
thinking and self belief for the
super-shy to the super-high!

Spaces Available for Marrzipan Drama at Redwood
School running **Friday Mornings** in **Term 3!**

Marrzipan Drama have gained a huge reputation in
New Zealand for the development of shy children,
especially those with anxiety, autism and selective
mutism. Saying that, this is a class for the super crazy
and dramatic types too, as we focus on positive
leadership and social skills. Our classes focus on inner
and outer self-confidence, and are super fun and
exciting for children. Parents are kept up to date with
weekly emails about what's been covered in class and
why, as well as what you can work on at home. We
have two awesome showcases at the end of every
term too, so you can see your child's development first
hand as they perform in one of our termly
productions.

Our class this term is 8-8.50am on Fridays. Spaces are
limited, so please get in touch to secure your child a
space. Register your interest by contacting Molly on
molly@marrzipandrama.co.nz or 022 436 5608! See
you there!"

SIGN UP FOR A TRIAL CLASS TODAY
www.marrzipandrama.co.nz

9 Classes including two showcases per term.
Maximum 10 students per 45 minute class.

WONDERPLAY DRAMA CLASSES



FIRST CLASS FREE TO TRY CHURTON PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

TUESDAYS: 8-12 YEAR OLDS 3.45-4.45PM
WELLINGTON YOUNG ACTORS (12-18 YEAR OLDS) 4.45-6.15PM
SATURDAYS: 5-8 YEAR OLDS 10-11AM

\$120-\$145 PER TERM SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILBLE



For more information contact Debs
debs@wonderplay.co.nz 021-172-2836
www.wonderplay.co.nz

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 . 04 2328200

BIG AIR

GYMSPORTS & CHEERLEADING

BIG AIR CHEER

NEW ZEALAND

**HOLIDAY PROGRAM FREE RUNNING
CHEERLEADING TRAMPOLINE
TUMBLING GYMNASTICS**

Bigair's recreational cheerleading programme focuses on developing the fundamentals and basic skills of cheerleading including; tumbling, jumping, stunting, dance, coordination, balance, flexibility, strength, teamwork, and confidence! We have classes to suit children aged 5 - 10 years.

10 Surrey Street, Tawa
14 Landfill Road, Owhiro Bay

www.bigairgym.co.nz



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

Volunteer for the Heart Foundation at the Gazley Volkswagen Wellington Marathon 2020

The Heart Foundation is the official charity partner for the Wellington Marathon again for 2020. As part of this partnership we provide volunteers to work at the event, to raise money for the Heart Foundation Wellington Branch. We would love to have you join our volunteer team for this event. For 2020 we have the following opportunities:

Saturday 29 August: Race Registration, Gazley Volkswagen, Kent Terrace, Wellington

We will be registering all runners ahead of race day and handing out numbers. This role requires a high level of concentration and accuracy!

Full Day: 8.30am – 6.00pm includes lunch provided

Half Day: 8.30am – 1.30pm

Half Day: 1.00pm – 6.00pm

Sunday 30 August: Event Day, Sky Stadium

Jobs are a mixture of working in the recovery area (handing out drinks/fruit etc after the finish line, general support etc) and bag check area

Shift 1: 6.00am – 12.00pm

Shift 2: 7.00am – 1.00pm

Shift 3: 9.00am – 3.00pm

For more information and to sign up go to: <https://www.heartfoundation.org.nz/get-involved/fundraising/wellington-marathon>