



NEWSLETTER

Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

Roll: 355 | Term 4 | Week 2

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Nic Webb - Y2 - Room 2

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(Syndicate Leader)

Pūkeko Syndicate

Karen Dessoulavy / Jenny Massey - Y3 -
Room 12

Grace O'Rourke - Y3 - Room 13

Rachel Gargan - Y4 - Room 14
(Syndicate Leader)

Kim Perkins - Y4 - Room 15

Carmel Wilson - Y4 - Room 18

Kererū Syndicate

Donna Glenn - Y5/6 - Room 16

Zac Mills - Y5/6 - Room 17

Anna Truesdale - Y5/6 - Room 19
(Syndicate Leader)

Mark Kyne - Y5/6 - Room 20

Emma Ashington - SENCO

Rachel Gargan - Deputy Principal

Principal's Post

Tēnā tatou katoa e te whānau

Welcome back to Term 4!

Isn't it nice to see some fine weather at last? Hopefully it will continue over the long weekend and for the remainder of the term. Everyone is a lot happier when the sun is shining and the students can get outside to play. This week we have had some new additions to the field, which will certainly be very popular over the remainder of the term and for years to come. Our new football goals have been purchased using money raised from the PFG Mid-Winter Quiz and from a very generous donation from Perano Plumbing & Gas.



A huge thanks to our PFG for co-ordinating this project and erecting the goals this week.

Swimming has kicked Term 4 off with a bang, and students are enjoying their sessions at the Tawa School Pool and Tawa Pool. Thank you to everyone who has supported our aquatics programme with a donation, and especially to those of you who have paid for another child's lessons too. Your donation is essential for us to be able to provide these lessons and experiences for our students.

Dates for your diary

Monday 23rd October - Labour Day
(school closed)
Tuesday 24th October - Tawa Zone
Athletics
Friday 3rd November - Year 5/6
Mountains to Sea classroom & pool
session
Thursday 9th November - Rōpū Whānau
Hui 5:30pm
Monday 13th November - Staff Only Day
Wednesday 15th November - Yr6 TIS
SPEC Visit

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.

One of the reasons Term 4 is such a busy one is that we are working hard to ensure this year finishes smoothly, whilst also planning and organising for next year. This year it will be more challenging than usual with both myself and Rachel in class. At the moment, we are currently in the middle of our recruitment process for staff for next year. Fortunately, we have been pleasantly surprised by the number and quality of the applications we have received. We hope to have all our teachers for 2024 secured in the next couple of weeks. At this time we will be able to share the structure and picture of the school with you.

One thing that is a bit difficult to plan for is what a change in government means for education, and how that change might impact on what we do here at Redwood. Whatever your political affiliation, there is always a degree of anxiety about change. One thing we have been exploring this year at Redwood is The Science of Learning and what research tells us about the way the brain learns. Whatever recommendations come from the new government we will connect back to this pedagogy, whilst also putting them through the filter of our WHERO guiding principles.

Our Guiding Principles

Our guiding principles lead us in making decisions for our ākonga, our kaiako, for our kura, and for our curriculum. They are our fundamental beliefs about what is important in our school. Embedded within these principles are the principles and values of the New Zealand Curriculum.

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WHĀNAUNGATANGA	HIRANGA	E NGĀ REO	RANGAHAU	ORANGA
RELATIONSHIPS	EXCELLENCE	ALL VOICES	INVESTIGATION	WELLBEING
We build strong relationships with our learners and whānau, and wider community. By knowing our learners we can build on their strengths and interests. By knowing our whānau we can work in partnership to improve learner outcomes.	We have High Expectations for all our learners and staff. This includes behaviour as well as learning outcomes. There is a focus on continual improvement, learning and growth. Excellence is therefore not just an outcome, but an attitude to be better than you were the day before.	We believe that our whole school community has a voice worth listening to: ākonga, staff and whānau. We celebrate the diversity within our school and ensure we are inclusive. Student, staff and whānau voice is critical to decision-making at our school.	Investigation is vital for what we do. Fostering learners' ability to investigate their world and building their capacity to do so is central to our curriculum. For staff, we encourage them to investigate their learners' capabilities and own practice in order to grow as professionals.	Wellbeing is central to our curriculum. We consider the impact on wellbeing of learners and staff, and the environment when making decisions about what and how we teach and assess. We strive for equity and inclusivity. We actively teach restorative practice and emotional regulation.

Ka Kite!

Zac Mills - Tumuaiki / Principal

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Welcome to Redwood School

Roshelie Nanayakkara
Beauden Rademaker
Archie O'Rourke
Rohan Rodgers Patel

Board Shorts

Messages from our Board of Trustees

A big thank you to everyone who has participated in our Strategic Planning Consultation Survey. The survey is open until the middle of next week and we would love to have your thoughts as we start our Strategic Planning design.

The link can be found here: [Redwood Strategic Consultation](#)

PFG News

Messages from our Parent Fundraising Group

A big thank you to Perano Plumbing & Gas for the donation towards our new football goals.

The school production video has been edited and can now be purchased!
Please see the attached google form for full details.

<https://forms.gle/5MWMY2KzDGms3DAA7>

Any questions please feel free to email rachelgargan@redwood.school.nz

Coming up this term we have:

- Calendar Art Sales
- 'Summer Holiday' School Disco - Friday 1 December. Tickets are \$8 (including a drink and chips). Sausage sizzle and baked good available prior.

If you're interested in getting involved or finding out more, please do email Charlotte France at pfg@redwood.school.nz

Community Notices

KELLY SPORTS IS BACK FOR TERM 4 – SPRINT INTO SPORTS!!

Thursday's 3.05pm – 4.05pm, starts Thursday 19 October 2023 for 8 weeks. The Kelly Sports sessions are a great way to improve your child's motor skills and coordination within a FUN environment. We aim to develop and enhance balls skills, catching, kicking and throwing, while improving strength, flexibility, hand/eye coordination and spatial awareness.

In Term 4 we will be focusing on the following sports:
T-Ball, Athletics, Cricket and Football!

We teach new skills and improve ability by using games, drills and exercises. It's a great way to try new sports, improve skills and maintain fitness – all while having FUN!

To Enrol go to www.kellysports.co.nz and in the school box put "Redwood"



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