



NEWSLETTER

Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

Roll: 367 | Term 3 | Week 1

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Kiwi Syndicate

Korrie Hodes - NE - Room 4

Nic Wilkinson - Y1 - Room 5

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Nic Webb - Y2 - Room 2

Michelle Morpeth - Y1/2 - Room 3
(Syndicate Leader)

Pūkeko Syndicate

Belinda Evans - Y3 - Room 11

Emma Ashington / Metua Parr - 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 Ashington - SENCO

Claire Hughes - Deputy Principal

Principal's Post

Tēnā tatou katoa e te whānau

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had the opportunity to have some family time over the school break. Staff are excited to be back and have some great learning and events planned for the term.

Thank you for the very settled way your students have returned to school, especially those in Year 4 - 6 that are (once again) getting used to learning with masks on. We hope that this is only a short term measure to stem the tide of Covid cases, as well as other seasonal sickness. We have currently had 172 students across our school community who have had Covid, with some now onto their second infection. We really appreciate your support with mask wearing.

This term will be a busy one across all facets of our school. One event I am particularly interested in is our upcoming Board of Trustees elections. The BOT are a pivotal group within our school helping to shape our strategic direction, as well as having a responsibility for employment, property, finance, and ultimately, student learning and achievement. If this is something that you would like to know more about or feel that you can contribute to I would like to invite you to a Meet the BOT evening next Tuesday (2nd August) at 6pm being held in the school staffroom. This is an opportunity to meet our current BOT, hear about what the BOT do, and ask questions about what the role of being a school trustee entails.

RSVP to me at zacmills@redwood.school.nz if you intend to come. We look forward to seeing you there.

Dates for your diary

Term 3 begins - Monday 25th July
Meet the BOT evening - Tuesday 2nd August
PFG Quiz - Saturday 13th August
Tawa Zone Swimming - Wednesday 17th August

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.

Another event that is always a highlight is our upcoming school camp for Year 5 & 6 students. We had to reschedule camp from its original date in Term 1 due to the Covid-19 Red settings. We are hopefully that no further restrictions are put in place prior to Week 9 of the term. A big thank you to the parents who have volunteered to come along to support the students and teachers. We will be hosting a Camp Information evening for those parents attending camp on Wednesday 7 September at 5:30pm.

Another important date in our calendar is our Out of Zone Ballot. The next ballot is on Friday 21st October. This means that any Out of Zone applications need to be sent to the office by 9am on Thursday 20th October. Our ballot is a really important way of helping us manage our roll. Currently our roll is 367 students. This is lower than usual for this time of year and reflects a growing trend across Tawa of falling rolls for the Tawa Primary Schools. Our roll size determines many things including the amount of teachers we are funded to employ and our overall operating grant from the Ministry of Education. The implications of a falling roll are that we have to reduce the number of teachers we can employ and have less money overall to spend on resources. This can impact on a variety of things such as class sizes, the employment of teacher aides and equipment in classrooms.

One way of accruing some additional funding for resources is through the application of pub charity grants. Our grant guru for a number of years has been Olivia Wilkinson, who has perfected the art of applying for charity grants. Over my time, and prior to that, Olivia has been able to secure a great deal of funding for resources such as new Kapa Haka uniforms, sports uniforms, Sphero robots and our high jump crash pads. I'd like to thank Olivia for all her hard work over the years in doing this. Sadly, Olivia's long association with Redwood will be coming to an end this year as her youngest child, Stevie, will be moving on to Intermediate. Olivia would love to pass on her wealth of knowledge to someone else in the school community so that we can continue to make use of the charity grants. She promises me that the time commitment works out at about 3 hours per month. If you are interested in finding out more about this role, please get in touch with me using the email below.

Ka Kite!

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



Welcome to Redwood School

Korrie Hodes - Room 4

Metua Parr - Room 12 teacher

Sandra Anderson - Teacher Aide

Gabriel Sadie, Nathan Sadie, Charlie Perano, Kaarush Nair, Navya Mehta, Spencer Rule, Thea Price, Theo Tristam

Board Shorts

Messages from our Board of Trustees

Recently our focus has been on:

- Upcoming BOT elections (September)
- Employing staff
- Covid-19 protocols
- Financial implications of covering sick teachers

PFG News

Messages from our Parent Fundraising Group

The PFG are once again selling a huge range of Family Meat and Dessert Pies - They are baked for us by Centa Bakery in lower hutt and were offering the opportunity to buy them at a great price and have them delivered to the school.

Please help us fundraise for our school by selling to your friends, families and colleagues

<https://forms.gle/1bafeptMhZJC8jM89>

"Night in the Tropics" Quiz Night

Redwood School PFG is holding our Quiz Night on Saturday, 13 August 2022 in the Redwood School Hall.

Don't miss out! Get a group of 8-10 of your friends/family together for a fantastic night out.



Tickets are \$20 per person.



Community Advertising

Seeking new volunteers for Tawa Brownies!

We are seeking new leaders to join the team at Tawa Brownies and support 20 girls aged 7 - 9 years. Are you keen to volunteer? Could you help us find someone who might be interested?

Being a leader with Guiding is a rewarding way to give back to the local community. You'll see the girls learn new skills and develop their confidence by doing a variety of challenging activities that you plan and lead. You'll have access to free leadership training, including a first aid certificate. And you'll become part of an organisation filled with inspiring leaders.

We are hopeful that we can find a new volunteer with availability to lead Tawa Brownies with the current schedule, on a Thursday from 3.45pm - 5.15pm. Ideally we'll get a new person (or two!) in Term Three, so that they can learn alongside our current leaders. But, if you or someone you know is keen to volunteer but unavailable at that time, please still get in touch.

Go to <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/volunteers/> to find out more, or contact Katrina at ggnz.rangituhi@gmail.com



OPEN EVENING

Thursday 4 August 2022
6.00pm – 8.00pm
Presentations at 6.00pm and 6.45pm

OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 9 August 2022
9.00am – 10.20am

All Welcome

Limited places available for
out of zone Year 7 in 2023

Enrolments close 19 August 2022

Prospectuses available at the school office

Telephone 04 232 5201 www.tawaint.school.nz