



NEWSLETTER

Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

Roll: 356 | Term 4 | Week 5

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(Syndicate Leader)

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Principal's Post

Tēnā tatou katoa e te whānau

We have reached the middle of the term and the countdown towards the end of the year is beginning. Now that Halloween is over I have heard the student conversations about Christmas start in earnest. For staff, we enter a very busy period of writing reports and finalising class lists for the following year, whilst ensuring that students continue to learn and have some fun too. In the office we are also finalising our staffing for 2024 and I hope to be able to share our 2024 school structure with you shortly.

There have been some awesome things happening around the school with swimming, baking, scientific investigation and many other things providing our students with stimulating learning experiences. At break times the football goals continue to be a hit and our sandpit is being thoroughly enjoyed now that the sand is a bit drier! Our Year 6s are now beginning to think seriously about next year and there were many questions raised during our Year 6 transition afternoon, as well as ideas for next year from our Year 5 leadership afternoon. The Year 6s are looking forward to their SPEC visit at Tawa Intermediate next week. This visit often alleviates some fears and concerns, as well as raising some questions for those students making the move next year. Over the coming weeks our Year 5 Road Patrollers will be joining our Year 6s as they transition into the role. Having received their training from the police, the students are anxious to be able to give it a go - this year with the added challenge of our road diversion too!

Dates for your diary

Monday 13th November - MOE Staff
Only Day
Wednesday 15th November - Year 6 TIS
SPEC visit
Tuesday 21st November - Interzone
Athletics
Friday 24th November - Mountains to
Sea snorkel trip
Tuesday 28th November - BOT Meeting
Thursday 30th November - Ki o rahi
festival
Friday 1st December - Tawa Cultural
Festival
Friday 1st December - PFG Disco

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.

A big thank you to everyone who completed our Strategic Planning survey. Your feedback and ideas have give the BoT and the leadership team plenty to consider for our next Strategic Plan. It was pleasing to see that many of your suggestions align with ideas . We have also been consulting with our students through a survey and our annual Wellbeing survey. Also, our Year 5s gave us some great information at their leadership day earlier this week, discussing what they would Start, Stop and Stay at Redwood School if they were in charge.

Some clear themes emerged from all of this consultation:

- **Mental Health** (what is it, how do we look after ourselves, mindfulness, importance of exercise/less screen time - tips for parents on how to support this)
- **Social/Life skills** (things that happen in day-to-day life, how to be a good/kind/empathetic person, resilience, confidence, dealing with emotions, having responsibilities and leadership - tips for parents on how to support this)
- **Home learning** (students practising key learning knowledge and skills at home)
- **More Information on student progress and teaching programmes** (reporting and conferencing)
- **Core Curriculum Knowledge** (Math/English/Science - for the appropriate age level)
- **Interactive Learning** (linking learning to the community, making teaching relevant/topical / Hands-on learning e.g. Investigation, InSTEAD, STEM)

As a BoT and leadership team we will be synthesising this information to construct our Strategic and Annual Plans, setting the direction for the school for the next couple of years, and we look forward to sharing this with you before the end of the year.

A friendly reminder that Monday is an MOE prescribed Staff Only day. As a result, school will be closed for students.

Ka Kite!

Zac Mills - Tumuaki / Principal

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Welcome to Redwood School

Maeve Boccock

Board Shorts

Messages from our Board of Trustees

A big thank you to everyone who has participated in our Strategic Planning Consultation Survey.

Community Notices



PFG News

Messages from our Parent Fundraising Group

Production Video

Thank you for your support. Sales have now finished and you should have received a link will to download your video. Let us know if you have not received your link.

Calendar Art

Orders are currently open and close Friday 10 November.

To purchase follow the simple steps below. These are fantastic Christmas presents for family members or a nice keepsake to collect each year.

1. Go to <http://www.kidsartworks.com/>
2. Use the Entrance Code: KZ2020
3. Enter your child's room & name when prompted
4. Select your art and purchase online

Cookie Time Christmas Cookies

The Festive Fundraiser is back for 2023 with amazing Christmas Cookies flavours! The last day for orders will be the 16th November.

2L buckets will be \$20 each and the 1L Gluten Free \$18. Purchase today via google link <https://forms.gle/povWFM8eBj9WBvTR9>

School Disco

We are excited to be hosting a "Summer Holiday's" school disco in the school hall on Friday 1 December so make sure you put it in your diary now!

Tickets are \$8.00 and on sale now <https://forms.gle/Cgg6XEGm4sPDAzqT8>

There will be face painting set up in the hall, and some fun items the kids can purchase for a gold coin donation.

We'll be running a sausage sizzle and have some delicious baked goods available to purchase for \$2.00 from 5.30pm. Cash Sales Only.

To run this event we need you!

We are looking for volunteers to help with the disco. If you can help with the sausage sizzle, assist with supervision in the hall, or could help out with providing some home baked goodies for the food stall please let us know when booking your ticket via our google form.

Thanks for your support! If you have any questions, please contact us via email at pfg@redwood.school.nz