



NEWSLETTER

Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

Roll: 374 | Term 3 | Week 8

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Kiwi Syndicate

Korrie Hodes - NE - Room 4

Nic Wilkinson - Y1 - Room 5

Nancy Manu - Y1 - Room 6

Vanessa Serci - Y1 - Room 7

Cassie Stewart - Y2 - Room 1

Nic Webb - Y2 - Room 2

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

Pūkeko Syndicate

Karen Dessoulavy - 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

There are two weeks left of Term 3 and it seems like it has been a very long term. Wet weather and seasonal illnesses have added to the feeling that this term has been a bit of a slog, building on what has been a very challenging year. Therefore, the announcement on Monday about Covid restrictions being lifted was a very welcome distraction. It has been a real pleasure to actually be able to see people's happy smiling faces after what feels like months of them being hidden by masks. You cannot underestimate the impact that these have had on the social dynamics within a class. Our students have been amazing at coping with this, and there are still a few choosing to wear them for their own health. It has also been nice to connect with our parent community kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face) without the barrier of masks. We are certainly glad to not have to wear them on camp next week!

The beginning of the week also saw the announcement that on Monday 26th September the country will be having a public holiday to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth 2. Please note that neither school or Kelly Club is open on that day. Whatever your personal opinion of the monarchy is and whether we should have had a public holiday, there is no doubt that her reign has been quite remarkable, and has been witness to phenomenal change across the world and within society.

Dates for your diary

Term 3 Week 9 - Kererū Camp
 Tuesday 20th September - Kererū leave for camp
 Tuesday 27th September - Titahi Bay Sports Exchange
 Tuesday 27th September - Kiwi Athletics Day
 Wednesday 28th September - Year 3 - 6 Athletics
 Friday 30th September - Term 3 ends
 Monday 17th October - Term 4 begins

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.

At the inaugural Board of Trustees meeting of the new BOT on Tuesday we set our term dates for 2023. We have tried to align, where possible, our dates with Tawa Intermediate for families who have students in both settings. We start back a little earlier than in previous years.

Term 1

Tuesday 31st January - Thursday 6th April (94 half days)

Term 2

Monday 24th April - Friday 30th June (94 half days) (TO Day Friday June 2)

Term 3

Monday 17th July - Friday 22nd September (100 half days)

Term 4

Monday 9th October - Friday 15th December (98 half days)

As usual, we will have fridge magnets to send out with these dates and the public holidays that fall during term time on them, at the end of Term 4.

Today, we farewelled Donna Glenn as she begins her maternity leave. We wish Donna well and look forward to meeting the new addition to her family when the time is right. Donna will be returning to Redwood in 2023. In the meantime Donna's position will be covered by Anna Truesdale. Anna will be joining the team in Term 4 and has already spent some time in Room 19 meeting the students. Good luck Donna.

Fingers crossed that the weather is kind to us campers next week. The long range forecast looks a bit wet and cold, but hopefully that will change. I will definitely still be packing a thermal and my rain jacket!

Ka Kite!

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



Welcome to Redwood School

Amira Paraha
Harry Newton

Board Shorts



Messages from our Board of Trustees

At the most recent BOT we:

- welcomed our new BOT members
- re-elected Clint Schoultz as BOT Chair
- allocated new committee roles
- discussed the many changes happening in education at the moment
- discussed the possibility and merits of moving to Cohort Entry in 2023
- discussed the challenges of finding relievers and staff in the current climate

PFG News

Messages from our Parent Fundraising Group

The PFG are working hard to plan some great events for Term 4. These will include our usual calendar art sales and end of year sausage sizzle. Thanks to Andy Milne for donating a replacement barbecue .

Community Advertising

Racketlon Holiday Programme

Once again Tawa Tennis, Tawa Squash and Wellington North Badminton are running the Racketlon holiday programme these school holidays.

Players rotate around each sport spending 1.5 hours at each club. Qualified coaches will take each session.

Please note holiday programme is for age 6 years and older.

Wednesday 5, Thursday 6, Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 October 2022, 9am - 3pm

Cost per day: \$50 a day or \$160 for all 4 days.

Registrations: <https://bit.ly/3xwpFH9>

For more information contact Babette at babette@wnba.org.nz

Champions Holiday Programme

For Primary School aged children

Come join us for a fast paced week of crazy songs and dances, stories, games and crafts.

Dates: 3 - 7 October
Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm

Cost: \$9 per day or \$35 for the week

Venue: St Christopher's Anglican Church, Tawa
Queries: 027 3975877

Booking: tac.org.nz

Pre-registration is essential

TAWA ANGLICANS

HOLIDAY WRITING WORKSHOP

Learn the **secrets** of writing
great stories
from an
award-winning
author

- 3 day writing camp for ages 9-14
- 1 day workshop for ages 7-10

Meet your presenter:

Maria Gill
The award-winning author of over 60 books including Anzac Heroes and New Zealand Disasters

"I loved meeting other young authors and learning awesome techniques that will help my writing."
Gabriella (14)

"It made writing easier for me and explained aspects of stories I didn't really understand."
Anna (12)

Andy Griffiths says...
"I wish this camp had been around when I was a young writer!"

Where: **Scots College**
1 Monorgan Road, Strathmore Park, Wellington
When: **11 Oct to 13 Oct 2022**

Register now at:
WriteLikeanAuthor.com

HOLIDAY Art WORKSHOP

Learn to **draw** like a
professional artist
with a
professional artist

- 3 day art camp for ages 9-14
- 1 day workshop for ages 7-10

Meet your artist:

Fifi Colston
Award-winning author/illustrator of books such as Wearable Wonders and Tarty and the Soldier

You'll learn...

- How to draw a cool character
- Different media and techniques
- How to create storyboards
- How to create a multi layered artwork
- But most of all, you'll have heaps of fun!

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