

NEWSLETTER

Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

Roll: 375 | Term 3 | Week 10

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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

Anna Truesdale - 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

We have finally reached the end of Term 3! Now that daylight saving has ended and Spring is sprung we hope to see a big improvement in the weather and our ability to get outside for playtimes and sports events, and are looking forward to Term 4 after the two week break.

The past couple of weeks have been busy for our students. Kererū Syndicate went on their rescheduled camp to El Rancho. After rearranging due to Covid restrictions in Term 1, the Year 5 and 6 team spent 4 days at the Waikanae based camp. The forecast for the week was pretty dreadful with rain scheduled every day from Tuesday to Friday. Somehow, despite some miserable weather in Wellington, we manage to escape with only an hour of light drizzle on the Wednesday, which didn't affect any of our activities. This year there were some new camp activities on offer, with archery, soft shot and horse riding all being favourites. Accompanying the students were a fantastic group of parents, who ably supported the Kererū teachers to ensure camp was enjoyed by everyone. A massive thanks to those parents who came away on camp. I think they were pleasantly surprised by how much fun (and sleep) they had! I'd like to also acknowledge our teaching staff who went away who did an amazing job of organising camp prior to us arriving and whilst we were there. Thanks Mark Kyne, Carmel Wilson, and Michelle Kealey. A very special mention also to Caitlin Roberts who was organising her first camp in her Syndicate Leader role. Lastly, a big shout out to our Redwood Year 5s and 6s who were amazing whilst we were away.

Dates for your diary

Friday 30th September - Term 3 ends
 Monday 17th October - Term 4 begins
 Wednesday 19th October - Swimming begins
 Monday 24th October - Labour Day
 Thursday 27th October - Titahi Bay Sports Exchange

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.

Last week, our Pūkeko team had their Kiwiana Day celebration. This was a culmination of a lot of their work this term, looking at defining icons of New Zealand. This focus has connected with their other learning around Turangawaewae (the place where I stand) building on work early in the year about Tawa and its natural geography. The students have really enjoyed this learning and the many opportunities to try some iconic Kiwi kai such as hokey pokey, chocolate fish and Rēwena bread.

If you've been able to pop your head inside a Kererū classroom recently you will have seen a hive of construction as students have been making their Mars colonies, as part of their InSTEAD project. Hands-on learning is something we're really keen on at Redwood, and some of the Mars landscapes and colonies based on them look truly amazing.

On Tuesday, this week, our Kiwi Syndicate had their Athletics Day, which was very successful. A big thank you to the Kiwi team, particularly Nicola Wilkinson, for organising this.

On Wednesday of this week we had our Year 3 - 6 athletics day. Despite some cool and slightly breezy conditions, the day ran very smoothly with some great participation by our students. Some of the students will go on to participate in the Tawa Zone Athletics later in Term 4. A big thanks to Grace O'Rourke for organising the day.

In Term 4 we have our swimming and aquatic safety programme happening at both Tawa School Pool and Tawa Pool. Year 1-3 students will be receiving instruction from the EasySwim teachers at Tawa School Pool, whilst Year 4- 6 students will be taught by the instructors at the council pool. You should have received a notice yesterday asking for a donation towards the costs for this extra tuition. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a great couple of weeks.

Ka Kite!

Zac Mills - Tumuaki / Principal
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Welcome to Redwood School

Rosie Hudson

Board Shorts

Messages from our Board of Trustees

We have been discussing:

- move to Equity Index funding
- staffing and operational funding for 2023
- Year 5 & 6 camp - what a fantastic experience for our students. Big thanks to the Kererū team
- reliever shortages. A massive thanks to Claire Hughes for the way she has managed our relievers this year
- attendance and lateness issues

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 .

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**Tawa Recreation Centre
Holiday Programme**

October 2022

**Te Hōtaka Hararei Reo Rua o Tawa Recreation Centre
October 2022**

MONDAY 3 OCTOBER	TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER	THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER	FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER
Whakapapa (Genealogy) Day Learn your pepeha and how to introduce yourself within the Māori world by locating yourself according to important landmarks and your whakapapa (genealogy) in the afternoon we'll finish off the day with fun games and activities for all to enjoy.	Tākaro (Sports) Day Bring along your running shoes because you are in for an action-packed day. We will try to squeeze as much Takaro here! as we can into the whole day, using mostly traditional Māori games such as Ki-o-rahi, Ti-taru and more!	Trip Day - Kōkōu (Swim) Don't forget your logs as we head out for a wet and adventurous day. To start things off we will be off to Grassless Reserve to play games at the park. We'll then head to Te Rauaparaka Arena for a refreshing kōkōu (swim).	Tai Whakaari (Performing Arts) Today is the day to sing your hearts out, dance your feet off and stand proud as we learn to perform traditional Māori waiata (songs) and haka (dance). We'll then perform what we have learnt at the end of the day for your whānau.	Inflatables & Wheels Day Love scooters, rollerblades, roller skates, or skateboards? Come join us for a fun day of rolling around! In the afternoon we will bring out the inflatables for a classic day at Neimville, jam packed full of fun. Don't forget your helmet and safety gear!
MONDAY 10 OCTOBER	TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER	THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER	FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER
Iwi (Tribe) Games Day Split into five teams of tribes (we) and compete against each other in a range of different co-op games. In the afternoon we play a mixed Taupouli - Dodgeball! See which iwi comes out on top.	Halloween Day Come along to our spookiest day at Tawa Rec - Halloween! Dress up in your most hair-raising costume and take part in challenges that certainly aren't for the faint of heart. There will be prizes for the best (and scariest!) dressed, as well as all the classic Halloween activities. Do you dare to take part?	Trip Day - Kōkōu (Swim) Grab your logs and join us for another action-packed day as we kick off by playing four corner sports and capture the flag. We'll then head off to Te Rauaparaka Arena for a refreshing afternoon kōkōu (swim).	Kapa Haka (Māori Cultural Day) Have you wanted to learn kapa haka? Well, that can happen today! Come over to Tawa Rec as we learn traditional Māori waiata (songs) and haka (dance). We'll mix things up and add some fun games in between.	Māori Arts and Inflatables Day In honour of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, we're celebrating Māori art! Listen to waiata while you make your very own Poi. The celebrations continue as we bring out our inflatables to finish off the school holidays in style!

Type	Time	Cost per day
On-site day	8:30am - 3:30pm	\$35
Trip days	8:30am - 3:30pm	\$45
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