



NEWSLETTER

Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

Roll: 335 | Term 3 | Week 10

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Kiwi Syndicate

Vanessa Serci - Reception - Room 7

Fiona Boag - New Entrants - Room 6

Nic Wilkinson - Y1 - Room 5

Amy Tinker - Y1 - Room 4

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

Cassie George - Y2/3 - Room 2

Danielle Smith - Y2/3 - Room 1

Diane Young - Y2/3 - Room 9

Melanie Goonan - Y2/3 - Room 10

Kererū Syndicate

Caitlin Arlidge (Syndicate Leader) -
Y5/6 - Room 14

Hazel Handley - Y5/6 - Room 15

Erin Baker - Y5/6 - Room 16

Anna Truesdale - Y5/6 - Room 17

Marlene Schweizer - Y4 - Room 18

Kelsey Moore - Y4/5 - Room 19

Matoia Record - Y4 - Room 20

Anna Young - Junior Literacy Support

Nic Webb - Science Release Teacher

Carmel Wilson - SENCo

Mark Kyne - Release Teacher

Jo Montague - Release Teacher

Rachel Gargan - Deputy Principal

Principal's Post

Tēnā tatou katoa e te whānau

In true Redwood style we have finished the term with a bang! This last week has been extraordinarily busy, with some amazing events and activities for our tamariki. In the past two weeks alone we have:

- celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Te wiki o te reo Māori with events throughout the week, culminating in our Waiata Wero today
- been visited by Harold the Giraffe and the Life Education team, delivering health and wellbeing lessons to all classes
- enjoyed a fantastic day of friendly sporting rivalry with our Titahi Bay Sports Exchange
- held our annual Wellington free ambulance Onesie Day, raising over \$800
- held our Year 4-6 athletics day, with some amazing athletics performances propelling some students to the Tawa Zone
- hosted our open afternoon, starting with our amazing Kapa Haka performance groups

After all of this activity, I think everyone deserves a well-earned break! One person who is definitely deserving of a holiday is Anna Truesdale, who organised and coordinated our athletics day, T-Bay sports exchange and Te wiki o te reo Māori activities. Ka mau te wehi, Anna!

Even though its the holidays, there will still be some things happening at school. On Monday the demolition work on the old playground will begin. This is the start of our playground rejuvenation, and by the end of the holidays, the site should be prepared, ready for the new playground to be installed over the first week of Term 4. A big thank you to Marc Lock on the Redwood School Board of Trustees for his help in getting us to this stage.

Marc is one of three existing Board of Trustee members re-elected in the recent Triennial School Trustees election, along with Alecia Salvador and Kirsty Wallace. We have three new trustees joining the board: Holly Rademaker and Rebecca Blank are our two new parent representatives, whilst Christine McMeekin joins the team as a staff rep. Both Bernie and myself remain on the board in our current roles. A big thank you to everyone who put themselves forward for a role on the board. The first new board meeting is in Week 2 of Term 4, and I know I'm looking forward to working with the new team.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 6 October** -
 First day of Term 4
Friday 10 October -
 Interzone Swimming
Tuesday 14 October -
 BoT Meeting
Wednesday 15 October -
 New Entrant / Year 6 Leavers' photos
Thursday 16 October -
 Whānau Hui
Friday 18 October -
 Reunification Drill
Tuesday 21 October -
 Tawa Zone Athletics
Wednesday 22 October -
 Kererū Swimming begins
Thursday 23 October -
 Potential Strike Day
Friday 24 October -
 Staff Only Day
Monday 27 October -
 Labour Day

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 Anna Gandy:

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 first challenges the board will have to navigate is the potential for industrial strike action closing the school. NZEI members have voted to reject collective agreement offers from the MoE and have voted to strike as their next course of action. The proposed strike day is Thursday 23rd October (Thursday of Week 3). This day clashes with the postponement date of the Tawa Zone athletics, but if this day is required, we will ensure that students are still able to go, supported by a non-union staff member. It is also the day before our Curriculum Staff Only Day, which is attached to the long Labour Weekend, so there may be a 5 day break for students. This is far from ideal, and we'll wait and see what else may come to fruition at the negotiating table before then before we make a decision, whilst ensuring we give you good notice to arrange an alternative plan.

The next decision for the board to make will be our review of Cohort Entry for 5 year olds. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback. There was a good range of perspectives and feedback for us to consider. We will share our decision as soon as we can, once we have reviewed all the feedback.

Term 4 is always a particularly busy one, as we continue teaching and learning in this year, but start planning for next year. There are lots of decisions to make, particularly around how we structure our school and class compositions, and then we move into organising class lists for 2026. We are also aware that whānau start to get anxious about what school may look like for their child next year. Whilst we don't take teacher requests, if you do have any insights or thoughts with information that will make your child's year next year really successful, please email me on zacmills@redwood.school.nz

There are also some key dates during Term 4 that it would be good to mark on your calendars now:

- Monday 6 October - First day of Term 4
- Friday 17 October - Reunification Drill
- Thursday 23 October - Potential Strike Day
- Friday 24 October - Staff Only Day (School Closed)
- Monday 27 October - Labour Day
- Friday 28 November - Tawa Kapa Haka Festival
- Friday 5 December - PFG Disco
- Friday 12 December - End of Year Fun Day
- Friday 12 December - End of Year Reports go live on HERO
- Tuesday 16 December - Year 6 Leavers' Supper
- Wednesday 17 December - 2026 Classes go live on HERO
- Thursday 18 December - Last day of the school year

Have a fantastic couple of weeks and we will see you all on Monday 6 October for the start of Term 4!

Ka Kite!

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



Board Shorts

Messages from our Board of Trustees

Congratulations to our new school trustees:

- Marc Lock
- Holly Rademaker
- Rebecca Blank.
- Alecia Salvador
- Kirsty Wallace
- Christine McMeekin

Community News



KELLY CLUB SEPT/OCT 2025 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME REDWOOD SCHOOL (TAWA) OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE

BOOTCAMP MADNESS Join us for fun obstacle courses, test your strength and fuel up with energising treats!	SUPER SQUAD What super hero will you be? Choose your favourite and come along in costume. Lots of water fun to be had! We'll see which super hero is an epic game of hero ball!	ICE SKATING Join us for an awesome night day to Daytime Ice Skating. Please remember a big drink, thick tights, shoes and a hat. \$20 extra for the day.	ARTY PARTY Get your creative and have fun making a meal join us for a day of games, art and crafts to see how many ways to use paint & paper.	OUT OF THIS WORLD Come aboard the Kelly Club spaceship as we shoot off into the galaxy. Let's see what we can find in outer space.
GREEN THUMB Get ready to grow some fun bring your green thumbs and bring anything about our gardens. We will plant seeds, look at the sun and treat with a magical garden tea party!	DRAGONS AND UNICORNS Step into a magical world and let your fantasy as you play the mighty dragon, or perhaps you'll fly through the clouds with the unicorn. We decide today!	WELLINGTON ZOO Join us for an awesome trip day to Wellington Zoo to see some amazing animals. Please remember a big drink, thick tights, shoes and \$20 extra for the day.	SPIN OUT What spins and twirls? Wheels of colour. Bring your fabric, scissors, and skittles for a wheele fun day. No Helmet, No Ride.	MYSTERIOUS MONSTERS There's no need to be afraid of the monsters at Kelly Club school! They may be mysterious but they are fun and friendly.

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 Further information: www.kellyclub.co.nz/?p=info



Does your child like to sing, dance, act and perform?

Would you like your child to build more confidence and make more friends?

Performing arts classes led by a London West End performer!

After school and weekend classes in Aotea, Johnsonville, Karori, Newtown, Lower Hutt, and Upper Hutt!

Two-week trials available.

For more information, please visit www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz

PFG News

Messages from our Parent Fundraising Group

Rotis - Delivery is scheduled for the first week of Term 4 (exact date TBC).

Disco - The school disco will be held on Friday, 5th December. Details are still being finalised, but tickets are available to purchase now via this link: <https://forms.gle/eih56hrmsYRYWmAX6>

Kids' Artwork Sales (KAW) - The artwork sales will open in the first week of Term 4 and run for two weeks. You'll be able to purchase your child's artwork through our online portal. Each student (who was at school during the art sessions) has created a unique piece that can be transformed into calendars, cards, diaries, mouse mats, and sketch pads. These make wonderful keepsakes and thoughtful Christmas gifts for family and friends. You will receive a handout like the one on the right on the 13th October.



Oscar's own picture made into unique products for Christmas!

We are fundraising for Redwood School (Tawa)

Order Online By: 11:59pm Thursday, 30th October

This is your child's picture

Products available using this picture:

- Calendars \$14.00
- Cards \$15.00
- Diaries \$18.00
- Mouse Mats \$15.00
- Sketch Pads \$16.00

Treasured keepsakes
Perfect Christmas presents for friends and family