



# NEWSLETTER

## Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

Roll: 354 | Term 4 | Week 9

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### Kiwi Syndicate

Nic Wilkinson - Y1 - Room 1

Melanie Goonan - Y1 - Room 6

Vanessa Serci - Y1 - Room 7

Karen Dessoulavy - NE - Room 8

Kelsey Moore - Y2 - Room 2

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

### Pūkeko Syndicate

Diane Young - Y3 - Room 12

Amy Tinker - Y3 - Room 13

Cassie George - Y3 - Room 18

Anna Truesdale - Y4 - Room 19  
(Syndicate Leader)

Grace O'Rourke - Y4 - Room 20

### Kererū Syndicate

Caitlin Arlidge (Syndicate Leader)/

Emma Ashington - Y5/6 - Room 14

Carmel Wilson - Y5/6 - Room 15

Donna Glenn - Y5/6 - Room 16

Mark Kyne - Y5/6 - Room 17

Nic Webb - Science Release Teacher

Rachel Gargan - Deputy Principal /  
SENCo

## Principal's Post

### Tēnā tatou katoa e te whānau

This is our final newsletter of the year. As I reflect on the year, it's definitely been a year of change and disruption. Listening to our wonderful Year 6 Leavers speak on Wednesday night at their Leavers' Supper, it was with sadness as I listened to them speak about the impacts Covid-19 had on their primary school years. Whilst building work is definitely not on that scale, it has undoubtedly loomed large in everyone's day to day lives, with classes having to move, resources distributed to every available space, and areas of the school cordoned off. I have been very impressed with everyone's flexibility and ability to just get on with things. Ka rawe Redwood! It was heartening to hear at my most recent meeting with the Ministry and contractors that the work is likely to be completed slightly ahead of schedule and before Term 1 begins. Let's all hope for fine weather over the holiday break! Please be aware that our contractors will be on site for the entirety of the Summer holidays, so if you are using the school grounds please be mindful of traffic coming onto the top block.

Over the past couple of weeks, Redwood has been filled with the Christmas spirit. A huge thank you for all your generous donations for our Shoebox Christmas. We were able to fill 53 shoeboxes and deliver them to Holy Family School in Porirua. Holy Family has 187 students and they aim to send a box home with each child to put under their tree for Christmas morning. Having not been able to do this for all their students last year, your very generous support has made this likely for 2024. Massive thanks to our amazing wrapping elf, Shatha Atkinson.



## Dates for your diary

Friday 13th December - End of Year Reports go live on HERO  
Monday 16th December - Class placements available on HERO / 2025 Class visits for students

**Tuesday 17th December - Final assembly 12:00**  
**School finishes at 12:30**

**Term 1 2025 begins on Monday 3rd February**

## 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](mailto:pfg@redwood.school.nz)

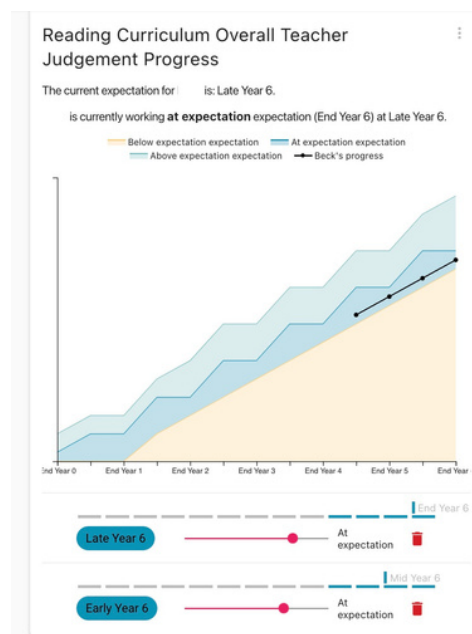
## Compliments & Complaints

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.

On the page below, we have an updated class structure for 2025. There have been a couple of room changes since it was shared last week. However, all the teachers are remaining at their class levels. Students will be visiting their 2025 classes on Monday afternoon. We will also make your child's 2025 class available to see via HERO on Monday. This year we have decided to separate reports going home and class lists being announced, as we really want your child's report, progress and achievement to be celebrated without the distraction of next year's class.

Reports will be going live via HERO today after 3:00. These reports consist of four different elements: a written curriculum comment, a written general comment, graphical representation of where your child's attainment in Reading, Writing and Mathematics sits against year level expectations, and a RED Values assessment with identified goals. These can be found under the 2024 Report tab on the left of the app, or via the Learner Profile.



The example on the left shows an one of our graphs. It shows the progress your child has been making over time, as well as their attainment levels for 2024 at Mid Year and End of Year. These curriculum levels are based on current curriculum expectations. From 2025 we will be using the new English and Mathematics curriculums and, as a consequence, things may change next year. An Overall Teacher Judgement is based on a number of factors. These

are: day to day work in class, in-class assessments, standardised assessments. For a child to be At Expectation they need to be consistently doing the majority of things at the expected level. Because these levels are broad, students can have made significant progress but not 'jump' up a level. This is where the written comment is important, showcasing the progress they have made and their next steps. We hope you enjoy celebrating your child's achievements with them later today.

Ka Kite!

**Zac Mills - Tumuaki / Principal**

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<b>Kiwi Syndicate - Years 1 to 3</b>		
<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Year Level</b>
Danielle Smith	1	Year 2 / 3
Cassie George	2	Year 2 / 3
Michelle Morpeth	3	Year 2 / 3
Amy Tinker	4	Year 1
Nicola Wilkinson	5	Year 1
Vanessa Serci	7	Reception
Diane Young	9	Year 2 / 3
Melanie Goonan	10	Year 2 / 3
<b>Kererū Syndicate - Years 4 to 6</b>		
Caitlin Arlidge	14	Year 5 / 6
Hazel Handley	15	Year 5 / 6
Erin Baker	16	Year 5 / 6
Anna Truesdale	17	Year 5 / 6
Marlene Schweizer	18	Year 4
Kelsey Moore	19	Year 4 / 5
Grace O'Rourke	20	Year 4

# Board Shorts

## Messages from our Board of Trustees

We held our final meeting of the year on Tuesday 10th December. At this meeting we:

- reviewed the year
- discussed the annual plan for 2025
- discussed ways for our BoT to connect with whānau in 2025
- confirmed BoT Meeting dates for 2025. The first meeting is Tuesday 11th February.

## Meri Kirihimete from the Redwood Board of Trustees

## PFG News

### Messages from our Parent Fundraising Group

Thank you for all your support in 2024. Our wine sales fundraiser generated over \$1700 for the school. Thank you! We have raised a significant amount of money to put towards our playground renovation.

We look forward to your support in 2025 as we continue to help provide amazing resources for our school.

## Community Notices



**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](http://www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz)

**Meri Kirihimete** from everyone here at Redwood School. Have a fantastic Summer break and we will see you back here on Monday 3rd February 2025



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## DECEMBER 2024 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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	<b>WEEK 1</b> Mon 16 December <b>SCHOOL DAY</b> SCHOOL DAY	Tues 17 December <b>SCHOOL DAY</b> HALF DAY School finishes at 12:30pm today! We have a half day event available if you require childcare. Head to <a href="http://www.kellyclub.co.nz">www.kellyclub.co.nz</a> to book in or scan the QR code below.	Wed 18 December <b>KIWI CAMPING GAMES</b> Nothing beats classic Kiwi camping fun! Join us for everything that will fill your tummies and sun you ragged.	Thurs 19 December <b>MYTHS AND LEGENDS</b> Enter a mythical world and learn what legends are made of. Uncover fantastical stories from all over the world.	Fri 20 December <b>CHRISTMAS PARTY</b> Join the party to celebrate Christmas! There'll be festive games, crafts, and treats galore so come along with plenty of Christmas cheer!
	<b>WEEK 2</b> Mon 23 December <b>PROGRAMME NOT ON TODAY</b> 2 more sleeps 'til Christmas.	Tues 24 December <b>PROGRAMME NOT ON TODAY</b> 1 more sleep.	Wed 25 December <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> CHRISTMAS DAY Merry Christmas from Kelly Club!	Thurs 26 December <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> BOXING DAY Boxing Day!	Fri 27 December <b>PROGRAMME NOT ON TODAY</b> Join us in January for some more epic fun and games! Head to your local venue page and sign up to our January event. See you there!

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	<b>WEEK 1</b> Mon 6 January <b>WE ARE BACK!</b> Join us as we celebrate being back together with new friends, new experiences, and endless smiles!	Tues 7 January <b>H2OO</b> Get ready to make a splash on the water! Light and enjoy all sorts of other wet and wild fun! Keep cool with water relays, water challenges and more!	Wed 8 January <b>PAINTING FUN</b> Join us for an awesome day as we create our own piece of art, while sipping on a smoothie. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat. \$20 extra for the day.	Thurs 9 January <b>KIDS VS STAFF</b> This is your chance to turn the tables and show the staff who really is the boss! Compete against the Kelly Club staff to prove that kids rule!	Fri 10 January <b>FARMYARD FRIENDS</b> Immerse yourself in a delightful day filled with the warmth of the countryside and the joy of adorable farmyard animals.
	<b>WEEK 2</b> Mon 13 January <b>THE HUMAN BODY</b> Bodies can do some incredible things! Test your body's limits to see what you are capable of!	Tues 14 January <b>WHEELS DAY</b> Bring along your bike, trike, scooter, or skateboard and join us for a fun and exciting event that celebrates anything and everything with wheels. Don't forget, no helmets, no ride!	Wed 15 January <b>FREYBERG BEACH</b> Join us for an awesome trip day to Freyberg beach. Please remember a big lunch, bags, drink bottle, shoes and a hat. \$20 extra for the day.	Thurs 16 January <b>ISLAND BEACH BASH</b> Swing by Kelly Club for a splashing good time at the Beach Bash! We'll have endless fun under the sun as the kids create unforgettable memories.	Fri 17 January <b>DR. CARTOON</b> Determination, kindness & creativity. This is what it takes to be a doctor of cartoons. How do you feel about your eggs and how being green? Join us as we try this treat.

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	<b>WEEK 3</b> Mon 20 January <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> PUBLIC HOLIDAY Wellington Anniversary!	Tues 21 January <b>SLIMETASTIC</b> Let's have a slimastic time making all kinds of slime! Experiment with bubble slime, make some edible slime, and play some silly slime games.	Wed 22 January <b>AWESOME BOUNCE</b> Join us for an awesome trip day to Awesome Bounce in Porirua. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat. \$20 extra for the day.	Thurs 23 January <b>KELLY CLUB CARNIVAL</b> You're invited to one of the biggest parties in the world! Are you excited? Come on let's go to Brazil and experience the KC festival of Carnival.	Fri 24 January <b>USA DAY</b> Today we try on the American dream! Did someone say baseball or bobby cheeks, or DIY cheerleader pom poms? Let's do it!
	<b>WEEK 4</b> Mon 27 January <b>INTREPID EXPLORER</b> Fearless, adventurous, courageous! These are the words that can inspire you today. We will explore many terrains and see what we find.	Tues 28 January <b>SUN &amp; FUN</b> Calling all the kids who love sun & fun! We are going to combine water and bottles to make the greatest water bottle of all time.	Wed 29 January <b>PUKEHUIA PARK</b> Bring your wheels and join us for an awesome trip day to Pukehuria Park. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat. \$20 extra for the day.	Thurs 30 January <b>RED &amp; GREEN BROS.</b> Let's jump into our cardboard cars and go on a wild drive. I wonder where the bros will take us today!	Fri 31 January <b>BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY</b> We'll be sending the school holidays off in style with games, face painting, and big goodbye waves to the new friends made.

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