



NEWSLETTER

Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

Roll: 386 | Term 4 | Week 6

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Kiwi Syndicate

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Nic Wilkinson - Y1 - Room 5

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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

The countdown is on to the end of the year, with 3 weeks left until school closes for the summer. It has been great to see the students making the most of the fine weather enjoying PE activities, Ki o rahi lessons and, for Kererū syndicate, the Pedal Ready cycling programme. This is the first time Redwood has participated in this programme with all our Year 5 and 6 students participating in the school-based Level 1 course. Next year our Year 6s who are confident on their bikes will be able to participate in Level 2, which involves riding on the road. This is an awesome programme to be involved with, especially with an increasing focus on sustainable transport and the increase of e-bikes as a viable transport option. It was also amazing to see those students who initially struggled to ride a bike become confident with riding around the school courts. Hopefully some summer practise will really cement those skills.

Teachers are coming to the end of their report writing and now the proofreading and checking process begins. This is always a highlight of the year for me as, despite the amount of reading, I get to hear about the fabulous progress our 380+ students have made this year. It is also interesting to look at the attendance percentage in line with the progress students have made. There is a definite correlation between those students whose attendance falls well below the Ministry's benchmark of 90% attendance and their academic progress, compared to those who attend school regularly. Attendance at school matters!

Dates for your diary

Term 4 Weeks 1 - 8 swimming
 Tuesday 29th November - Interzone
 Athletics
 Wednesday 30th November - Road
 Patroller Reward day
 Thursday 1st December 4pm - 6pm -
 Ki o Rahi Festival
 Friday 2nd December - Tawa
 Cultural Festival
 Tuesday 6th December - BOT
 Meeting
 Friday 9th December - Kapa Haka
 Whānau Performance
 Friday 16th December - Term 4 ends

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.

Next week our library closes for stocktaking. Now is a great time to have a look for any 'lost' library books that may have snuck down the sides of beds, been lost at the bottom of bags, or maybe added to your own library shelves. This will greatly help Jan as she tries to track down all the books that have been issued this year. Next week a form will be coming home asking if you would like your child to participate in our annual Summer Reading programme. This is a great way to continue to foster the love of reading over the Summer break, especially if your child does not naturally gravitate to a book.

Next week the dental bus will be leaving our school for this year. It has been really interesting talking to dental team about the state of our young people's teeth, and they have expressed some surprise about the number of cavities and general poor health of our students' teeth, with some students needing quite major dental surgery requiring hospital visits. It's a great reminder for our students that they should be cleaning their teeth at least twice a day, and that our very youngest students may need adult support to do this properly.

Today you will have received an email regarding the ongoing issues we are experiencing with discourteous parking upsetting our neighbours. In recent weeks this situation has escalated significantly and I am genuinely concerned that the safety of our community may be at risk. We are working with our neighbours, the police and parking services to try to mitigate the issues, however, you can assist us by ensuring that there is no parking across our neighbours' driveways at drop off and pick up times. Thank you for your support.

Ka Kite!

Zac Mills - Tumuaki / Principal
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Welcome to Redwood School

Eleanor Newall
Austin Crouch
Andrew Dautfest

Board Shorts

Messages from our Board of Trustees

We have been discussing:

- Annual planning
- Parking concerns
- Budget concerns for 2023

PFG News

Messages from our Parent Fundraising Group

Thank you for your support of our student discos and our calendar art fundraiser. We hope the children had a great time at the disco, despite the very wet and humid weather. We certainly did.

A big thank you to New World Tawa for their support of our disco and Andenix Music for the DJing.

Community Advertising



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**Followed by Tawa Rotary
Christmas party in the Plaza!**

