



# NEWSLETTER

## Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

Roll: 387 | Term 4 | Week 8

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### Kiwi Syndicate

Adriana Maroc - NE - Room 9

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

This will be the last full newsletter for the year, with just a quick round up and farewell being shared next week. It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the year, and yet Term 1 seems like a lifetime ago. Back then the school was very different with the 3 syndicates having separate break times, no parents on site and no visitors or trips. Whilst Covid has ebbed and flowed throughout the year, the school landscape is now quite different to how it was in Term 1. Whilst we are starting to notice some increases in student Covid numbers again, it is not stopping our students from getting involved in the usual end of year opportunities.

Last week, we had a large contingent of our Year 5 and 6 students attend the Ki O Rahi Festival at Tawa College. This Kāhui Ako organised event is a great opportunity for the Tawa Primary Schools to connect with some friendly competition. It was a beautiful evening, and the students displayed great sporting prowess and fair play too. The next day, many of these students returned to Tawa College as part of our senior Kapa Haka Rōpū at the Tawa Cultural Festival. They performed really well, as did all the schools. You can watch that performance [here](#). It was lovely to see so many ex-Redwood students being part of both Tawa Intermediate's and Tawa College's groups too.

I'm looking forward to tonight's Kapa Haka whānau evening where our rōpū get to perform for their families. See you there!

## Dates for your diary

Friday 9th December - Kapa Haka  
Whānau Performance  
Wednesday 14th December -  
Reports go home  
Wednesday 14th December - Year 6  
Leavers' Supper  
Thursday 15th December - New class  
visits  
Friday 16th December - Term 4 ends  
at 12:30

## 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:

pfgr@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.

Also happening last week was our Road Patroller celebration day. These students have had a challenging year with plenty of issues with parking making their job more challenging. They enjoyed a day out at the pool and minigolf to acknowledge their service to the school.

We love to celebrate the achievement of our students, and many of you will have seen our [Facebook post](#) about Ellie's and Zac's achievement at the Round Taupo bike race. Also, last week we had many successes at the Inter School Athletics competition with Elsie Sroufe and Harry France going onto the Regional Competition. Both Elsie and Harry did really well, with Harry taking a first place for Year 4 quito. Ka mau te wehi, Harry!

Next week, on Wednesday 14th December, your child will come home with their End of Year report. This will be accompanied by a letter explaining how students have been assessed against Curriculum Levels. There will also be a slip informing you of your child's class for 2023, and our 2023 Magnet. Sadly, these magnets were ordered prior to the Ministry of Education allocating two extra Staff Only Days to support the introduction of the Refreshed Curriculum. An additional Staff Only Day will be on the first day of Term 2, the 24th April, immediately prior to ANZAC Day on the 25th. Term 2 for students therefore starts on Wednesday 26th April. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this. On Thursday 15th December students will have an opportunity to visit their new classroom and meet their new teacher. At this time students will be given an envelope containing a letter from their new teacher, a class list and a stationery list.

On Wednesday next week we will have our Year 6 Leavers' Supper. We're all looking forward to this event to celebrate our Year 6 leavers.

Ka Kite!

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



## Welcome to Redwood School

Caroline Banala  
Clara-Rey Wells

## Board Shorts

### Messages from our Board of Trustees

At our last meeting we discussed:

- Annual Planning for 2023
- Draft 2023 Budget
- Ongoing liaising with the MOE around our Zone
- Ongoing liaising with the MOE around our Weathertightness Remediation work
- Potential traffic management issues for 2023 due to roadworks on the main road

## PFG News

### Messages from our Parent Fundraising Group

The PFG would like to send a massive thanks to all the people who have helped out with the PFG this year. We have a small team, who put a lot of effort in to organising the events that have contributed to our grand fundraising total of \$13,535.56.

Also, a big thank you to all the parents who have supported PFG events this year. It is hugely appreciated.

We have a few of our PFG who will be leaving the school in 2023. If you're interested in getting involved or finding out more please do email Charlotte France at [pfg@redwood.school.nz](mailto:pfg@redwood.school.nz)

## School Organisation for 2023

Principal - Zac Mills

Deputy Principal - Claire Hughes

SENCo - Emma Ashington

### Kiwi Syndicate

Room 1 - Year 2 - Cassie Stewart

Room 2 - Year 2 - Nic Webb

Room 3 - Year 1 & 2 - Michelle Morpeth (Syndicate Leader)

Room 5 - Year 1 - Nicola Wilkinson

Room 6 - Year 1 - Nancy Manu

Room 7 - Year 1 - Vanessa Serci

### Pūkeko Syndicate

Room 12 - Year 3 - Karen Dessoulavy

Room 13 - Year 3 - Grace O'Rourke

Room 14 - Year 3 & 4 - Rachel Gargan (Syndicate Leader)

Room 15 - Year 4 - Kim Perkins

Room 18 - Year 4 - Carmel Wilson

### Kererū Syndicate

Room 16 - Year 5 & 6 - Caitlin Arlidge (Syndicate Leader)

Room 17 - Year 5 & 6 - Michelle Kealey

Room 19 - Year 5 & 6 - Anna Truesdale

Room 20 - Year 5 & 6 - Mark Kyne