



# NEWSLETTER

## Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

Roll: 329 | Term 1 | Week 3

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### Kiwi Syndicate

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 / Jenny Massey - Y3 -  
Room 12

Grace O'Rourke - Y3 - Room 13

Rachel Gargan - Y4 - Room 14  
(Syndicate Leader)

Kim Perkins - Y4 - Room 15

Carmel Wilson - Y4 - Room 18

### Kererū Syndicate

Caitlin Roberts - Y5/6 - Room 16  
(Syndicate Leader)

Michelle Kealey - Y5/6 - Room 17

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

Welcome to our first newsletter for the year. Formal newsletters will happen every three weeks. We will endeavour to use the Community Feed in HERO and our Facebook page for more regular posts and communication.

Thank you for your attendance at our Meet the Teacher evening yesterday. We hope you found the information useful, and were also able to spend a bit of time in your child's classroom connecting with their teacher. You can find the syndicate presentations at the following link: <http://www.redwood.school.nz/news>

Many apologies for the some of the technical issues in sending out whole school communications. This has come about through trying to do bulk emails, in replacement of using eTap, our previous SMS. We hope you have all now had the opportunity to connect with HERO, and have downloaded the app to your smartphone or tablet. If you still do need to connect, please go to the following link to find out how to do that: [Connect with HERO](#) This will be our main communication method, and as the year progresses we will be turning on more functions such as the sharing of class learning posts, individual learning posts, student goals and student reports. We're excited about the potential of the app, and look forward to you joining us as we grow in our use of it. Please do reach out if you are having any issues or problems with accessing HERO, it may be that the email address attached to your child is incorrect or out of date.

## Dates for your diary

Monday 20th February - 6:30pm - PFG Meeting  
Tuesday 21st February - 6:00pm - BOT Meeting  
Tuesday 21st February - Year 3/4 Rippa Rugby  
Wednesday 22nd February - Year 5/6 Rippa Rugby  
Friday 24th February - Whole School Assembly  
Friday 24th February - Mountains To Sea Beach 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 Charlotte France:

[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.

The beginning of the year can be a daunting one for students (teachers and parents too!) Generally we have had a very settled start and our students are settling in to new class routines and systems. In some classes students have been doing some initial testing so that teachers have a good handle on their level of learning and what students' next steps should be. There is a lovely feeling across the school.

We are also getting into the swing of general school life, with our first pōwhiri taking place today to welcome new ākonga and whānau to school. Our new Kapa Haka rangatahi rangatira did an awesome job leading karanga, haka and whaikorero, and it was lovely to welcome new and not so new families to the Redwood whānau.

Next week we will be selecting our new House Captains for 2023, and these will be announced at our first whole school assembly on Friday. Also, next week we will be sending home our Movin' March passports. This annual event for the month of March aims to promote walking, biking and scooting to school. We hope everyone can get involved and there will be a series of free giveaways during the month with cloth bags, pencils, bookmarks and key rings all available. We also have our first sporting events next week with Year 3 - 6 students attending Rippa Rugby tournaments.

It has been so nice to have been able to have parents and whānau on site over the last couple of weeks. The comparison with last year is stark. Please do feel free to come and visit classes at the end of the day when picking up your child. I'm sure they already have some amazing artwork, writing or maths that they would love to show you. We'd like you to remember that it is not just your child's school, but your's too, and now that you can, feel free to pop in and visit us!

Ka Kite!

**Zac Mills - Tumuaki / Principal**  
[zacmills@redwood.school.nz](mailto:zacmills@redwood.school.nz)



## Welcome to Redwood School

Tanusha Bhatt  
Max de Smit  
Briar Drake  
Otto Dunn  
Colton Henderson  
Hunter Hendricks  
Hadwin (Levi) Hutchison

Tohu Kingi  
Ziggy Liddell  
Flynn Morgan  
Charlie Morgan  
Ridhaan Suraj  
Skylar Yip  
Gregory Barnes

## Board Shorts



### Messages from our Board of Trustees

Welcome to Redwood School for 2023. The BOT are looking forward to an exciting year, with lots planned in both the areas of curriculum development and property work.

Our next meeting is on: Tuesday 21st February

## PFG News

### Messages from our Parent Fundraising Group

Our first PFG meeting for the year is on Monday 20th February at 6:30pm in the school staffroom. All our welcome to attend.

We have a few of our PFG who will be leaving the school at the end of 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

Reading Recovery - Anna Young

### 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 Serici

### Pūkeko Syndicate

Room 12 - Year 3 - Karen Dessoulavy / Jenny Massey (Fridays)

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

## Community Notices

### Tawa Brownies & Guides -- Places Available for Term One!

Tawa Brownies meet Thursday 3.45pm - 5.15pm. Brownies is about learning, developing self-confidence, making new friends and, of course, having lots of fun outside school! Our programme for girls aged 7 - 9 ½ years includes outdoor adventures, conservation activities, cooking, crafts, games and community action projects – all challenging the girls to achieve and grow.

Tawa Guides meet Thursday 5.30pm - 7pm. Guides take part in community projects, outdoor adventures, cultural awareness activities, and camping. Girls who are 9 to 12 ½ years old develop leadership skills at Guides as they become more independent in making decisions. Activities are more demanding and the girls take the lead in defining their own programme.

Fees at all levels are \$90 per term. To arrange a free visit contact Katrina at [ggnz.rangituhi@gmail.com](mailto:ggnz.rangituhi@gmail.com) or enquire via the Girl Guiding NZ website.



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[www.parenthelp.org.nz/counselling](http://www.parenthelp.org.nz/counselling)



NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH  
WELLINGTON  
cordially invites you to attend our

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Every Sunday from 9:15am to 10:15 am  
at  
Redwood School Hall



Calling all children from 3 to 12 years  
to join us in learning God's Word,  
singing and other activities.  
It's free for anyone - just show up or  
call us if you'd like more information.  
God bless you!

Contact Phone: (04) 232 3453

### Coat Hangers and Suit Carriers Wanted Please

We have some awesome new Kapa Haka uniforms that would love some protection! if you have any spare coat hangers or suit carriers, please drop them off at the school office.

**Thank you!**



Registrations open now for Tawa Junior Football Club  
<https://www.tawafotball.org.nz/register>  
Registrations close March 5<sup>th</sup>. Season commences April 29<sup>th</sup>