



NEWSLETTER

Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

Roll: 354 | Term 1 | Week 0

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Kiwi Syndicate

Vanessa Serci - Reception - Room 7

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

Grace O'Rourke - Y4 - Room 20

Anna Young - Junior Literacy Support

Donna Glenn - Senior 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

Welcome back to Redwood School for 2025! We are all looking forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd February for our first day of the new school year.

Over the last few days we have had Staff Only Days focused on First Aid, Autism Informed Practice, and the new English and Maths Curriculums. These have been great professional learning and also an opportunity for staff to connect in their new teams.

A few reminders prior to the start of the year:

- Term 1 is a 'No Hat, No Play' term. This should be a wide brimmed or bucket-style hat and ideally not a cap.
- Each year we generate an enormous amount of Lost Property. Naming or labelling clothes, hats and lunchboxes are a great way to ensure belongings are returned to their owners.
- Please bring stationery on Day 1 of the term. Chromebooks **do not** need to be brought in for at least the first week. Year 4 - 6 teachers will let your class know when it is appropriate to bring in a device, if you would like to do so. Their CyberSafety Agreement **must** be signed and sent back prior to this.
- Students are not permitted to use or access a mobile phone or use a smartwatch with text/call capability during school hours. Any phone brought to school is the responsibility of your child and needs to be secured in their bag throughout the school day. The school is not responsible for any loss or damage caused to personal digital devices. If you need to contact your child urgently during the day, please call the school office. Staff do not always check emails during the day so this is not a good way to get information to your child.
- The school day starts at 9:00. Classes open at 8:30 and we encourage students to arrive between these two times so they can connect with their classmates and organise their belongings.
- The school day finishes at 3:00 and students will not be dismissed before then. You are most welcome to wait outside the class. If there are specific end of day arrangements, please ensure your child knows what they are e.g. Kelly Club, specific meeting point, going home with someone etc.
- Please do not bring dogs onto the school grounds, past the gates. A number of students are scared and also have allergies. The car park, however, is fine.

Dates for your diary

Monday 3rd February - Term 1 begins
 Tuesday 11th February - BoT Meeting
 Friday 14th February - Mihi Whakatau
 Thursday 20th February - Meet the Teams evening 6:00 - 7:00
 Tuesday 25th February - Year 3 & 4 Rippa Rugby
 Thursday 27th February - Year 5 & 6 Rippa Rugby
 Tuesday 25th March - BoT Meeting

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.

We have almost finished our building work, and it should be fully complete within the next couple of weeks. There will still be a little bit of work to be finished off around Room 8, but this should not impact Rooms 7 or 9. At some point the deck outside Rooms 9 and 10 will be fully rebuilt. We will let those classes know when this is happening. Please reach out if you have any concerns. Hopefully, our next building projects involve some internal modernisation of the hall and some new playgrounds. Watch this space!

Over the next couple of weeks we will have some formal opportunities to come into school and meet your child's teachers. Our Meet the Team evening in Week 3 is a great opportunity to hear about the way your child's syndicate works and some expectations for the year. There will also be a chance to visit your child's class and meet their teacher. We have an open door policy and encourage you to visit your child's class when you get the chance. Teachers have a regular meeting on a Monday and Wednesday afternoons, so this is not the best time if you would like the opportunity to catch up with them. If you want to have a longer more in-depth conversation it is best to book in a time. All staff emails are on our website.

At Redwood School we use HERO as our main platform for communicating with whānau. We have taken your feedback from the end of last year on board and reviewed some of the systems in using HERO to, hopefully, make your HERO experience easier to find information. From the beginning of this year there will be a new page attached to your child's profile, entitled either Kiwi or Kererū Syndicate News and Celebrations. In this space you will find your child's class communications and class celebrations of learning. We have separated these posts from the Community Feed, which will be where you find information such as the school newsletter, whole school events, and information that spans more than one class. So, in summary, the spaces within HERO to find information are:

Community Feed - whole school information (newsletter), upcoming events, PFG events, across school notices e.g. Kapa Haka, Sports Teams
Syndicate News and Celebrations - class information, class learning posts

Learner Profile - teacher reporting on individual learning progress

Tōku Ara Āko - individual learning and reflection space for students in Years 4-6

At our Meet the Teams evening, there will be a station in the Staffroom for anyone needing support with using HERO, finding requisite information, utilising notifications etc.

We hope you have a great last weekend before school starts on Monday. We look forward to seeing you then!

Ka Kite!

Zac Mills - Tumuaki / Principal

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Kiwi Syndicate - Years 1 to 3		
Teacher	Room	Year Level
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
Kererū Syndicate - Years 4 to 6		
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