



NEWSLETTER

Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

Roll: 335 | Term 1 | Week 7

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Kiwi Syndicate

Nic Wilkinson - Y1 - Room 5

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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 / 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

Wow! What a couple of weeks it has been. Firstly, our thoughts go out to those areas affected by the Cyclone Gabrielle. For those of us enjoying a settled start to the school year, we can only imagine the impact yet another disrupted start is having on schools and kura in those regions. It has been great to see the thought-provoking discussions happening in many classes about how students in those areas might be feeling, and last week's bake sale was a lovely response co-ordinated by some of our Kererū students to support them. The students raised \$780 and are looking for the best way to support students at affected schools.

Yesterday's teacher's strike was a challenging one for those of us in the profession, especially in the middle of a campaign to raise attendance and engagement in schools. The decision to strike is one that was not made lightly. Thank you for supporting us. The key issues at the heart of the industrial action are more than just teachers' and principals' pay. There are fundamental inequities of funding within the system that need to be addressed, particularly with regard to the support of students with additional learning, social, emotional and behavioural needs. These are issues that have been raised during negotiations of the last three collective agreements, but coming out of Covid the needs of our learners have grown so significantly that we cannot compromise any longer. I sincerely hope that this message does not get lost amongst the calls for better pay and conditions, and that the Ministry looks beyond calls for better pay.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 23rd March - Rōpū Whānau
 Tuesday 4th April - School Cross County
 (postponement Wednesday 5th April)
 Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th April -
 Parent / Teacher Conferences
 Thursday 6th April - Last Day of Term 1
 Monday 24th April - MOE Staff Only Day
 Tuesday 25th April - ANZAC Day
 Wednesday 26th April - Term 2 begins

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.

We have had a good start to Movin' March and our newly appointed House Captains have been enjoying stamping students' passports at the school gate. Don't forget that if you walk, scoot or bike to AND FROM school then ask your House Captain for two stamps. This is a great way to quickly fill up your passport. Our new road patrollers have been enjoying the slightly quieter roads as they settle into this responsibility. At the recent road patrol refresher, conducted by the police, they were all complimented on how well their skills were progressing.

Thank you for the prompt payments of our school donation this year. This donation really does help the school balance the books enabling us to keep class sizes relatively small and providing teacher aide support to some of our students with additional learning needs, as well as providing some other resources for students to use. Your donation, alongside the fundraising work our wonderful PFG do, really does support us to support our learners.

You will have all seen our notice celebrating Claire Hughes' success at becoming Hampton Hill School's new Principal. Claire has made a significant contribution to our school over her time here and we will be sad to see her go, but wish her well in her next adventure. Sadly, another teacher leaving us is Michelle Kealey. Michelle has worked with us for the last 3 years, initially as a New Entrant teacher before joining the Kererū team. Michelle has made the decision to return home to Ireland and is keen to get back there before the end of the school year when jobs are advertised. Michelle's final day will be in the second week of Term 2. We are currently advertising her position and will be interviewing soon.

Tonight is our school disco, with a St. Patrick's theme. I hope to see many of you there decked out in green!

Ka Kite!

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



Welcome to Redwood School

Maya Young
Thao Pham
Quynh Nguyen
Lily Seay
Genevieve Weight
Tobi Larsen

Board Shorts

Messages from our Board of Trustees

At our most recent Board of Trustees meeting we:

- reappointed Clint Schoultz as our Presiding Member / BOT Chair
- approved our Strategic and Annual plan for the year
- approved the school's budget for the year
- approved the Analysis of Variance for 2022
- discussed plans for our MOE-mandated Staff Only Day on Monday 24th April

The Strategic and Annual Plans, as well as the Analysis of Variance, can be found on our website under Strategic Plan.

PFG News

Messages from our Parent Fundraising Group

We had a great first meeting. It was awesome to see a couple of new volunteers at the meeting. We have a good range of events planned throughout the year.

If you're interested in getting involved or finding out more please do email Charlotte France at pfg@redwood.school.nz

Community Notices

Kelly Sports is back with the April Holiday Programme! It's another action-packed programme at Porirua's best sports based Holiday Programme!

Come and join the Kelly Sports coaches for the best in sports fun. We have some exciting days planned including:

Target Day, The Incredible Race Day, Ball Blast Day, Oodles of Noodles Day, Giant Day, Kelly Sports the Best of the Best Day plus trips to: Avalon Park, The Police Museum & Mini Golf and lots more.. This sports based holiday Programme will give your children the opportunity to try different sports, learn new skills, build their self-confidence, and most importantly have a huge amount of FUN. Your child can expect high energy, all-inclusive games and activities to keep them entertained and engaged for however long they are staying!

KELLY SPORTS IS BACK FOR TERM 2 - ACTIVE AUTUMN SPORTS!!

The Kelly Sports sessions are a great way to improve your child's motor skills and coordination within a FUN environment. We aim to develop and enhance balls skills, catching, kicking, and throwing all while having a great time!

In Term 2 we will be focusing on the following sports: Basketball, Netball, Football and Rippa Rugby. Classes start in week 2 of term 2 for 8 weeks, Thursday's 3.05pm-4.05pm.



AFFORDABLE COUNSELLING IS AVAILABLE no long waitlists self-referral online for children and parents all ages and stages

WE HELP WITH:

- rude behaviour
- pushing boundaries
- technology and device use
- sexual behaviour
- separation
- blended families
- parenting alone
- anxiety and depression
- sibling rivalry
- bullying
- tantrums
- self-harming
- refusing to go to school ... and much more.

request your counselling session now at:
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!