



NEWSLETTER

Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

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Michelle Morpeth - Y1/2 - Room 3
(Syndicate Leader)

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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

The end of the term has come around quickly, but it's evident by some of the tired faces in classrooms that a rest is due!

Last week, I was fortunate to be part of the organising committee of the Wellington Regional Primary Principals Association (WRPPA) conference. We had some very inspirational speakers present, and whilst the official theme of the conference was 'Telling Our Story', their presentations had four core elements that really resonated with me, making me reflect on our learners here at Redwood School. These elements were: being prepared to be out of your comfort zone, resilience when things don't work out how you expect, focusing on the positive and the importance of hard work. These are things as a staff we have discussed as being vitally important for students to be successful at school, and are things that we have noticed over the last three years are becoming more challenging for students. The old adage that "you get out what you put in" is really true. Our challenge is for us to develop those mindsets with our learners.

Some of these attributes were clearly on display in yesterday's cross country. Whilst for some students this is a real highlight of the year and a chance to show off their running prowess, for others it is something to endure rather than enjoy. What I loved about yesterday's event was the sense of satisfaction all our runners had when they crossed the finish line. It is that sense of satisfaction I want for all our learners in all their endeavours at Redwood School.

Dates for your diary

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
Term 2 Week 2 - School Photo Week
Term 2 Week 3 - Primary Science Week
Tuesday 9th May - Tawa Zone Cross
Country (ppt. Thursday 11th May)

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.

Continuing with those themes from the conference, they are very much part of Claire Hughes' DNA, and will need to be shown in abundance as she steps into her new role as Principal of Hampton Hill School. We are very proud of her as she takes on the challenging, but rewarding role of being a principal. We are sure she will do well and I look forward to continuing to catch up with her at Tawa Principals' meetings over the course of the year. Our search for a new Deputy Principal is underway, and is already attracting a lot of interest, which is a testimony to the good reputation Redwood has in the Wellington educational community. We are hoping to confirm an appointment early in Term 2. We will farewell Claire tomorrow, and wish her well in her new role.

The staff and students in areas impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle have certainly had to show bucketloads of resilience and hard work over the last few weeks. It was great to see a reply from Twyford School, after our Kererū students raised money to support their recovery. You can read their letter of thanks [here](#).

Hopefully, you have been able to celebrate your child's hard work over the course of this term at our Parent / Teacher Conferences this week. Teachers have certainly enjoyed connecting with you about their students.

Finally, have a very enjoyable Easter weekend, and school holidays. A friendly reminder that school starts back on Wednesday 26th May, due to the MOE enforced Staff Only Day on Monday 24th April and ANZAC Day on Tuesday 25th April. I hope you all get an opportunity to relax and connect with whānau over this time.

Ka Kite!

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



Welcome to Redwood School

Jaime Hutchinson
Amika Naran

Board Shorts

Messages from our Board of Trustees

At our most recent Board of Trustees meeting we:

- discussed upcoming staffing appointments
- discussed the proposed diversion down Redwood Avenue due to water main work on Main Road
- discussed student and staff wellbeing concerns, and the lack of learning support available to our most complex learners
- discussed the wide-ranging role of a principal

PFG News

Messages from our Parent Fundraising Group

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the disco a huge success. The amount raised was \$1280.

Also thank you to everyone who bought hot cross buns and raffle tickets. Through our hot cross bun sales we raised \$650

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

Community Notices



- LEGO® Based Therapy - A Social Skills Programme.
- Uses children/young people's interest in Lego® play to support their communication & social skills.
- Improves social interactions and social experiences.
- Develops skills to improve and maintain friendships.
- Group LEGO® Based Therapy.
- Facilitated by a Play Therapist.
- Sessions for children between the ages of 5-16 years.

Limited Spaces available - Register now
 Sessions begin from 4pm - 5pm Wednesday 26th April 2023
 Tawa Community Centre, 5 Cambridge Street, Tawa.

Contact Poornima Ranchhod at Play Sense
 0278163233, poornima@playsense.co.nz or visit www.playsense.co.nz



Animals and aliens
 wet-felted picture workshop

Design, pat, roll and squish! Discover the magic of wet-felting and turn soft, fluffy wool into a felted wool picture. All materials supplied, just add imagination!

For children 5 -12 years old. \$18 per child.

Collective Community Hub, Johnsonville
 Thursday 13 April | 10:30am-12pm

Linden Community Centre
 Monday 17 April | 1:30-3pm

Island Bay Community Centre
 Thursday 20 April | 1:30-3pm

Spaces are limited. For more information and to book, please contact Jann on jann.freitas@jinglebugs.co.nz

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FUN Sticks

FUN Sticks is an 8-week hockey programme designed for children aged 5-6 years (school Years 1 & 2)
 2023 FUN Sticks will focus on individuals' movement and motor skill development, helping build a young person's physical literacy and preparing them for sport. Hockey skills will be taught through fun, games-based activities.

Where:

FUN Sticks is run at the following locations across Wellington,
 National Hockey Stadium (NHS), Wellington = 10:00 am – 11:00 am – Saturday starting 6th May
 Hutt (Fraser Park) - 10:00 am – 11:00 am Saturday starting 6th May
 Porirua (Elsdon Park) – 3:45pm – 4:45 pm – Tuesday 9th May
 Kelburn (Kelburn Normal School) – 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm – Tuesday 9th

The cost for the 8-week programme is \$50.
 Register using the following link for the Player registration system PlayHQ
<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/5a8236>

Please contact Regan Fricker, Development Officer (Umpires) regan@wellingtonhockey.org.nz if you have any questions.

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