



NEWSLETTER

Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

Roll: 359 | Term 1 | Week 6

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Kiwi Syndicate

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

Pūkeko Syndicate

Belinda Evans - Y3 - Room 11

Emma Ashington - 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

Donna Glenn - Y5/6 - Room 19

Mark Kyne - Y5/6 - Room 20

Emma O'Leary - SENCO

Claire Hughes - Deputy Principal

Principal's Post

Tēnā tatou katoa e te whānau

Wow! Week 6 already, and whilst it seems like it has gone quite quickly, the memories of Summer holidays and Staff Only Days are distant ones. The anticipation and preparation of positive cases within our school community has now become the reality of dealing with them.

We currently sit at 22 cases across our school. Many of the student cases were already in isolation as they were household contacts prior to contracting the virus and we are hopeful that there hasn't been much student to student transmission at school. The protocols we have put in place to separate play areas and play times, as well as separating staff seem to have helped so far.

Although we have only had 20 student cases, this week we have had 25% of our school absent either self-isolating or remaining at home as a cautionary measure. Whilst I totally understand people's anxiety around their children being exposed to Covid, the reality is that it is firmly in our community and well entrenched in New Zealand. Our relatively low case numbers suggest that school is no more dangerous a place to be than visiting the supermarket or attending a football practice. The Ministry of Education's position remains that if your child can come to school, then they should come to school, and this is a position I support. Whilst our Distance Learning grids have some fantastic activities on them, they cannot replace direct daily instruction from a teacher. We look forward to continuing to staying open and providing that direct instruction for the foreseeable future.

If you and your child are isolating at home, access to our Distance Learning grids can be found at:

<http://www.redwood.school.nz/learning-from-home.html>

Dates for your diary

Friday 25th March - Staff Only Day
 Thursday 14th April - Term 1 ends
 Friday 15th April - Good Friday

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:

pfgeredwood.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.

Despite the disruption, there are some things that we are trying to continue with as normal. One of these is the appointing of our House Captains. As usual this was a very complex task with an excellent field of applicants, each presenting their case for being selected as a House Captain with great aplomb. The 2022 House Captains will be:

Wiffen

Lexi Havenith
 Sophia Donald

Batten

Ruby Robinson
 Seth Godage

Grace

Varun Karthick Agathamudi
 Cooper Merrick

Pickering

Grace Simms
 Vinuja Ariyasinghe

Snell

Cooper France
 Sienna Rudman Wilson

McLaren

Emma Dagger
 Kāia McDermott

We are looking forward to working with these young leaders to help shape the things we do at Redwood School, as well as supporting our Houses when we are allowed to have house events again.

Another annual event has become our participation in Movin' March. It has been great to see all the students walking, scooting and biking to school these past two weeks. Hopefully, they've been remembering to get their passports stamped and have added their name and school before putting them into the box located in our reception. These passports get entered into a prize draw, where there are opportunities to win a variety of prizes, including new bikes and accessories. Our road patrollers love this time of year as the congestion on Redwood Avenue is definitely reduced. Hopefully this can continue over the next couple of weeks, despite the wet weather forecast.

Ka Kite!

Zac Mills - Tumuaki / Principal
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Welcome to Redwood School

Molly Clarke, Albie Trickett

Board Shorts

Messages from our Board of Trustees

- A company has been selected to do the design work for our weather tightness programme
 - We have been working with the MOE looking at potential changes to our enrolment zone
 - We have been looking at some trends in our attendance data, including:
 - the increase in students taking time off for holidays during term time
 - the number of students having appointments on Friday afternoons
 - the increase in students having days off for their birthdays
 - the number of students arriving late to school
 - We have been working with the Ministry of Education to clarify some of the legislation in Section 11 of the Education Act, which states that students should be taken off the school roll if there are 20 consecutive days absence, especially in the light of Covid-19
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The Board of Trustees invites applications from parents who wish to enrol "Out of Zone" students at Redwood School.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on the school website.

- Applications for out of zone places are now being invited for those students who will become eligible for enrolment during the period 9 July 2022 – 16 December 2022. Applications are to be made on the official enrolment form, which is available on the school website or from the office.
- The deadline for receipt of applications for Out of Zone places is 9am 24th March 2022.
- If a ballot for Out of Zone places is required, it will be held on 25th March 2022. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot by email within three school days of the ballot being held.
- If you live in the home zone and have not yet signalled your intention to enrol your child this year please contact the school immediately to assist us to plan appropriately.

Please contact Bernie in the school office, ph 2327704 for details regarding the application process or email office@redwood.school.nz

PFG News

Messages from our Parent Fundraising Group

In Term One our fundraisers will be:

- Sausage Sizzle - 24th March
- Hot Cross bun sales (for delivery just prior to Easter)
- Easter Raffle