



NEWSLETTER

Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

Roll: 342 | Term 2 | Week 2

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Kiwi Syndicate

Nic Wilkinson - Y1 - Room 5

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Cassie Stewart - Y2 - Room 1

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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 back to Term 2. With a short week last week, it has been great to get back into a full week of learning programmes. Over the week we've also had school photos and today we had our termly school pōwhiri to welcome new students, staff and whānau to our school. With Room 4 opening last week it was also a great opportunity to welcome back Korrie Hodes to our Kiwi Syndicate.

The pōwhiri was also a lovely way to farewell Michelle Kealey, who has had her final day at Redwood School today. Michelle has worked at Redwood for the 3 years, starting off as New Entrant teacher and working in Kererū Syndicate for the past two and half years. Michelle is returning to Ireland to be closer to whānau. We wish her well on her return home. Sadly, as yet, we have been unable to find a replacement for Michelle, which goes to show some of the challenges we have in education at the moment. In the interim I will be teaching Room 17, whilst we continue to seek a replacement teacher. Many apologies in advance if I'm a little slower to reply to emails during this time.

Dates for your diary

Term 2 Week 3 - Primary Science Week
Thursday 11th May - Redwood School
Science Night 5pm
Tuesday 9th May - Tawa Zone Cross
Country (ppt. Thursday 11th May)
Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th May -
Takapu Tree Planting trips
Term 2 Week 5 - Book Week

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.

Last week, a small group of staff and students visited Hampton Hill School to take part in their pōwhiri to welcome Claire Hughes as their new principal. It was lovely to see Claire in her new context and to hear about how she has been settling in. Interviews for our own new Deputy Principal will be taking place next week and I hope to be able to share who our new DP is very soon.

I, along with several other local principals and teachers, last night attended the community meeting hosted by National MPs, Nicola Willis and Erica Stanford. It was interesting to hear about National's plans for Education should they be elected at the upcoming election. What was interesting to me is that some of the things they are talking about introducing, are things we have already got in place or are developing here at Redwood: clear learning progressions at each year level, teaching based on the Science of Learning and literacy learning using a structured literacy approach. Whatever your political leanings, I was heartened to hear that we won't have to radically change what we're working on if there is a change of government.

As indicated by some of the days this week, we are firmly into Autumn and with that comes the wet weather. It is really important that students bring a rain jacket or coat to school, and for many a change of clothes in a plastic bag is a good idea. A jacket will be even more necessary when the road diversion along Redwood Avenue starts next month. With limited parks along the street students may have to walk reasonable distances to get to the car.

Ka Kite!

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



Welcome to Redwood School

Jaxton Budgell
Harper Gubb
Jamie Hutchinson
Vanessa Beagle
Jeyshna Boya
Riya Patel

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 and the implications for student safety
- discussed student and staff wellbeing concerns, and the lack of learning support available to our most complex learners
- shortlisted for our Deputy Principal position

PFG News

Messages from our Parent Fundraising Group

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9th May at 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

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

Community Notices

YUMMY STICKER COLLECTION

Collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for your school's share of the \$200,000 free Sport sports gear prize pool. Yummy apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE and participating Four Square stores. The more you collect, the more sports gear you get so get going and start collecting your Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now.

We are recruiting children 2-12 years with eczema for a study of a novel mānuka-oil cream



Study medicine provided free of charge. Reasonable costs will be reimbursed.

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191 Willis Street,
Te Aro, Wellington 6011
04 384 7353

Castle Chemists
139 Riddiford Street,
Newtown, Wellington 6021
04 389 4600



To take part ask a pharmacist in store or email georgina.bird@mrnz.ac.nz



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SAMUEL MARSDEN COLLEGIATE SCHOOL - GIRLS ENTERING YEAR 7 IN 2024

Marsden School warmly invites families of girls entering Year 7 in 2024 to their Open Day on Sunday 7 May, 2-4pm. Please register at marsden.school.nz/register

Marsden offers a range of scholarship opportunities to motivated and talented students – Māori & Pasifika, Academic, Sporting, Performing Arts, and General Excellence. Year 7 scholarship applications for entry in 2024 close on 19 May. For more information and to apply, visit marsden.school.nz/about/scholarships/



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