



NEWSLETTER

Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

Roll: 329 | Term 1 | Week 11

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Rachel Gargan - Deputy Principal

Principal's Post

Tēnā tatou katoa e te whānau

Today is our last day of the term! Wow! How did that happen? It certainly has been a busy and event packed term.

This week we had our School Cross Country. This is always an event that is well attended by whānau and the students really appreciate your support. Despite some students not enjoying the Cross Country experience, it is a great example of how perseverance and resilience can result in a sense of achievement and pride. Well done to all our runners in Years 4-6 who qualified for the Tawa Zone Cross Country in Term 2.

Also this week we held our inaugural Open Afternoon, with students sharing their learning and progress with whānau. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to come into your child's class and see the work they have been doing, and hear about their success and what they have been learning. It was so good to see so many of you attending and spending time in your child's class connecting with their learning. The purpose of this afternoon was for students to share and celebrate their learning with their whānau. We know that this is a really good way to reinforce the importance of the work and effort they do, and is a great way to build Kiritau.

Kiritau is one of our Learning Outcomes.

Kiritau means Self-Esteem, Self-Worth, and Self-Respect.

We want students to be proud of who they are and what they have achieved, as this builds intrinsic motivation towards learning. We plan to do another Open Afternoon in Term 3 so you can see the amazing progress they have made.



Dates for your diary

Friday 12th April - Term 1 Ends
Monday 29th April - Term 2 Begins
Friday 3rd May - Mihi Whakatau
School Photos - Term 2 Week 2
Book Week - Term 2 Week 4

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.

The previous week, on Friday 5th April, we had our first ever Colour Run. The weather was perfect for this event and the whole afternoon had a brilliant community feel to it. A very big thank you to all our parent helpers who helped throw colour, directed students and helped to set up the obstacle course. A huge thank you to our amazing PFG for all their organisation of this event, especially Anna Gandy, our PFG Chair. There was a lot of hard work behind the scenes, but it was definitely worth it with a phenomenal \$21,444.79 being raised to go towards our playground renewal project. This is an amazing start as we look to replace our wooden fort and other parts of our playground.

Thank you for all your support with Movin' March over the last few weeks. It has been awesome to see so many students scooting and riding bikes to school. We hope this can continue into Term 2 and hope that as we move into autumn the weather doesn't impact students' ability to walk or ride to school.

We had hoped that some of our building work would be starting over the forthcoming holidays. Sadly, due to some inertia in the MOE at the moment, these projects have been delayed by about 6-8 weeks. However, we are fortunate that they have not been cancelled altogether. There will be some significant disruptions to everyday school life, with areas of the school out of bounds for short periods of time. I am currently working with the contractors, Peryers Construction, the project managers and MOE to determine a timeline and plan that minimises the disruptions as much as we can. We will communicate this to our community as soon as we know, so that everyone understands what is happening.

We hope that everyone has a good couple of weeks break and a good rest before the beginning of Term 2. Term 2 is often a term where there are seasonal illnesses as we transition into Winter. Whilst there is a national focus on attendance, and we want students to be at school learning and making progress, we also don't want students coming to school if they are sick or unwell. We have noticed a lot of absences as we approach the end of Term 1 for a variety of justified and unjustified reasons, and some students are already well below the 90% that is considered regular attendance. Hopefully the holidays gives everyone a chance for a reset.

Ka Kite!

Zac Mills - Tumuaiki / Principal

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Welcome to Redwood School

Reddington Ramsay

Board Shorts

Messages from our Board of Trustees

Have a great term break.

PFG News

Messages from our Parent Fundraising Group

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the fundraising campaign for the Colour Run. We are amazed by the support the Redwood community has shown us. Organizing this fundraiser was an absolute delight, and seeing the children enjoying the course was fantastic.

The final winners were announced in assembly this morning along with the winning house group!

We extend our thanks to all the volunteers who generously offered their time to set up/pack down the course, marshal the event, and cheer from the sidelines. Your support helped make the Colour Run a memorable experience for everyone involved.

A special thanks goes out to our sponsors: Harcourts Tawa, Connected Accountants, Auto Super Shoppe Tawa, DFR (Deck Fence Retain), Perano Plumbing and Gas, TFS (Tawa Financial Services), New World Tawa, and Hell Pizza Porirua. Your contributions allowed this event to take place, and we are very grateful for your support.

The PFG is pleased to see a lot of interest in our wishlist (which can be found on the PFG Facebook page and the School Website). We're excited to share that Craig from Bespoke Wooden Designs has generously donated his time and materials to help build a new fence across the top block! Additionally, Twiglands will be donating plants to help beautify the front gardens. If you have a green thumb and would like to assist with our planting and weeding bee, please let us know via email.

Looking ahead, we have the following events planned:

- Book Week Fundraiser
- Year Group Tea Towels
- Centa Pies
- Quiz Night (scheduled for August 17th)

Have a great holiday break, and we look forward to seeing you in Term 2.

Community Notices

Mini Marching Movement

LOOKING FOR A NEW SPORT FOR YOUR CHILD?

FREE Give marching a go!!! FREE



Marching Wellington Association is reintroducing marching to communities. We are trialling a give-it-a-go where children can try out marching and learn a routine to perform at the end of the term for family and friends.

Marching is a uniquely kiwi sport that was hugely popular in the 1960s & 1970s. These days it provides people with a form of fitness, fun and making new friends. As marchers progress through the grades, there becomes more opportunities to travel around New Zealand to perform.

When: Term 2

Thursdays 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Location: Newlands/J'ville (TBC)

If your primary school aged child may be interested, please contact Ema on 027 362 5683 or wellington@marching.co.nz for more information

KELLY CLUB
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
 Mon 15 – Fri 26 April

Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including a Kelly Club Rock 'n' Roll day, craft and cooking activities, awesome games & **MUCH MORE!**
Some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones! Go online to check out a full, up-to-date timetable for your school.

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