



NEWSLETTER

Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

Roll: 344 | Term 2 | Week 10

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Kiwi Syndicate

Korrie Hodes - NE/Y1 - Room 4

Nic Wilkinson - Y1 - Room 5

Nancy Manu - Y1 - Room 6

Vanessa Serci - Y1 - Room 7

Cassie Stewart - Y2 - Room 1

Nic Webb - Y2 - Room 2

Michelle Morpeth - Y 1/2 - 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)

Toby Gibb - Y5/6 - Room 17

Anna Truesdale - Y5/6 - Room 19

Mark Kyne - Y5/6 - Room 20

Emma Ashington - SENCO

Rachel Gargan - Deputy Principal

Principal's Post

Tēnā tatou katoa e te whānau

We are at the end of term, and as usual it has been a busy one with events, activities and some learning too!

We have had great success at the Interzone Cross Country with the following children on their way to Regionals in Masterton today:

- Ellie Wallace
- Natalie Fair
- Luca Wichman
- Jessica Houston

We held our inaugural Rōpū Tamariki session in week 8, which enabled our Māori Ākonga to meet, play games and learn te reo. This was quickly followed by our Rōpū Whānau hui. It was great to have some new faces at this event and it was a time to connect and talk about the way ahead for this rōpū. A big thank you to Anna Truesdale for coordinating these events.

Our syndicates have been investigating Redwood Bush (Te Ngahere o Tawa) as part of their InSTEAD projects. Kererū were looking at this through a scientific lens, investigating fungi. Pūkeko were investigating this local resource with an Aotearoa New Zealand Histories focus. It is great to be able to use a local resource to support curriculum learning. A big thanks to all the parents who supported the classes on these trips.

Yesterday, you would have received your child's Mid Year Report. We hope you found it informative.

Dates for your diary

Friday 30 June - Whole School Assembly
/ Last Day of Term 2
Monday 10 July - Redwood diversion
begins
Monday 17 July - Term 3 begins
Thursday 20 July - Swimming Sports
Friday 21 July - Matariki breakfast (7:30)
Term 3 Weeks 2 & 3 - Life Education
here

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.

As we reach the middle of the year, the world of education is in a very strange space. Whilst Primary School teachers have settled their collective agreement, we feel for the secondary school students who have continued to have disruptions to their learning. Primary principals continue to negotiate their Collective Agreement. There continues to no proposed changes to increase support for our most vulnerable learners and some ideas floated by the MoE will actually reduce the amount of support we are able to give learners with additional needs at Redwood School. Our falling roll significantly impacts our funding stream, and as the cost of living crisis continues we have seen a noticeable decrease in the money being generated by our donation. Another challenge for all schools is the ability to staff classrooms. I know of 6 other schools nearby who do not have a full compliment of staff for Term 3. We are also in the same position and as a result I will be teaching Room 17 for the remainder of the year. Sadly, teachers are leaving the profession and the country and not enough teachers are coming into New Zealand. These challenges are definitely impacting the whole of the education sector, and it will be fascinating to hear the discussions about education as the election approaches.

Another upcoming challenge for us here at Redwood is the traffic diversion down Redwood Avenue that begins on Monday 10th July, which is during the school holidays. This diversion will be directing all Northbound traffic away from Main Road and down Redwood Avenue. The BoT have been liaising with Wellington Water, Wellington City Council and the contractors, HEB Construction to ensure that a robust safety plan is in place for the remainder of the year. I have linked the most recent communication from Wellington Water [here](#). We recognise that this will be extremely disruptive for everyone, and will really need a positive community spirit as we negotiate the rest of the year.

Ka Kite!

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



Welcome to Redwood School

Beni Alexander
Hayley Kingsbury

Board Shorts

Messages from our Board of Trustees

As a BoT we have been talking about:

- The lack of applicants for our Room 17 vacancy and challenges around finding relievers
- A valuable meeting was had with the Wellington Water Project Team - including WCC Traffic Management, Wellington Water and the Engineering Firm. Our children's safety is our number one goal. The project and traffic changes start in the 2nd week of the School Holidays. Please be aware of the big impact this will have. More to come...
- Our Attendance rate sits at 92%, well above the National Average. However, we do have some students regularly not attending for unjustified reasons
- Delays to our weather tightness remediation programme
- The Primary Teachers Dispute is settled.
- BOT Members signed a Code of Conduct.
- Upcoming Quiz Night

PFG News

Messages from our Parent Fundraising Group

We raised \$440 from our Book Week Sausage Sizzle - thank you so much for your support

Saturday 12th August is our Annual PFG Quiz Night

Use the form below to book a table

<https://forms.gle/o9xGAPqQbobyDDLm9>

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

Community Notices

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**REDWOOD SCHOOL
QUIZ NIGHT
A JOURNEY THROUGH THE
DECADES**

Do you have what it takes to be the 2023 quiz champions? Grab 8-10 of your friends and join us for our annual Quiz Night in the Redwood School Hall!

SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST

With an experienced quiz master, amazing prizes and a range of raffles on offer it will be a fantastic night.

Tickets are \$20pp.
This is a licensed event (R18) with wine and beer available to purchase on the night. Platters are available to pre-order.

Doors open 6.30pm
Quiz Starts 7.30pm

 

 **TO BOOK FOLLOW THE LINK ON THE REDWOOD SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE AND IN OUR NEWSLETTER** 

Term 2 ends on Friday 30th June

Term 3 begins on Monday 17th July

Community Notices

Tawa Girl Guiding Places Available for Term Three

We have places available for girls to join us at Tawa Brownies and Guides in Term Three! Every term we do heaps of different activities to learn more about the world, help our community, explore the outdoors, and be challenged to try new things.

Brownies (7 & 8 year olds) meet Thursday
3.45pm - 5.15pm;

Contact Lynsey & Kirstie at
browniestawa@gmail.com

Guides (9 - 12 year olds) meet Thursday
5.30pm - 7pm;

Contact Jess at

jessicaslonguiding@gmail.com

All the units meet locally in central Tawa. Fees for all ages are \$90 per term. If you'd like to learn more or arrange a free visit, you can email the unit or enquire via the Girl Guiding NZ website.



Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

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