



NEWSLETTER

Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

Roll: 355 | Term 2 | Week 5

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Kiwi Syndicate

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 - 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)

Jenny Wright - 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

Schools are supposed to be dynamic places, with students experiencing a range of things that inspire, excite and challenge them. One of the most disappointing things about the Covid pandemic has been the restriction of events and experiences that really enrich our school; bringing a sense of community and providing students with opportunities to do something beyond the norm. Therefore, the last couple of weeks and the myriad of events we have had has definitely made Redwood School feel like school should feel like.

In Week 3 we had our Parent / Teacher Conferences, which were our first opportunity to really connect with our parent community. Thank you for attending. I hope you found these meetings insightful and beneficial - I know our teachers did. Also in Week 3 we had our first pōwhiri for a very long time. This was a fantastic opportunity to welcome our students new to Redwood School this year, and also a great opportunity for our new Kapa Haka leaders to step up as kaikaranga, leading the haka pōwhiri or speaking on behalf of tangata whenua or manuhiri. A massive congratulations to these students, and a big thank you to Vanessa Serci for supporting our Kapa Haka group and young leaders and to Nancy Manu for playing guitar.

Last week was also another busy week as we had our annual Book Week. The theme this year was 'There's Treasure In Books', which led to all sorts of piratical-themed activities. The library was looking amazing - a big thank you to Jan Loader, Kim Perkins, Kim Hearps and Debbie Williams for all their effort in decorating the library. We also had visiting author, Eirlys Hunter, present to the syndicates about her work as an author / illustrator. On Wednesday we had Perform Education present their 'Bigger, Better, Brighter!' show. To cap the week off we had our dress up day and book week House event.

Dates for your diary

Staff Only Day - Friday 3rd June
Queen's Birthday (school closed) -
Monday 6th June
Matariki Public Holiday - Friday 24th
June
Term 2 ends - Friday 8th June

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.

It was lovely to see so many people dressed up with pirate costumes and 'bling' everywhere. The House event was our first of the year, and the first time the Houses had got to meet their House Captains. It was a great opportunity to build some tuakana teina relationships, and enter the House spirit - this was certainly in evidence with a very committed 'chant off'. Also on Friday we had our first Whole School Assembly, which was another awesome way for our students and staff to connect.

Last week we also sent 36 students to the Tawa Zone Cross Country event in Granada North. It was a beautiful day for cross country, and the course was in good condition for this time of year. Redwood School did extremely well with 16 of our runners qualifying for the Inter Zone Cross Country taking place on 9th June at McAlister Park in Newtown. Well done to all our runners and a big thanks to Grace O'Rourke and Mark Kyne for supporting the team on the day.

I'd like to say a big thank you to you for supporting us to keep the school healthy. We have really appreciated you keeping your child(ren) home when they have had coughs and colds, it really does help to minimise the spread of germs. Also, we have really appreciate the promptness of collecting unwell students as well. Whilst the 'flu season' has not yet fully hit us, we do expect there to be a number of colds and viruses out there this winter. Covid has certainly made us more aware of our hygiene practices here at school with regular hand washing and sanitising normalised in classrooms.

Today we had a Staff Only Day, tagged onto the Queen's Birthday long weekend. Staff were working with our Maths and Assessment for Learning facilitator as we continue to explore and refine our teaching and assessment practices in Mathematics. The work we have done so far has really helped provide some greater clarity around what needs to be taught in certain areas of Mathematics at the differing levels of the school. We look forward to sharing this with you, when this work is completed.

Have a great long weekend!

Ka Kite!

Zac Mills - Tumuaki / Principal
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Welcome to Redwood School

Xavier Fernadez
Sophie Yannuzzi Lazzaro
Sophie Dewar

Board Shorts

Messages from our Board of Trustees

Our last meeting was held on Monday 23rd May.

We discussed:

- Increasing our ballot numbers for 2023 due to roll decrease
- Funding due to roll decrease
- Teacher's Collective Agreement ending this year and the impacts this may have for schools
- Potential of teacher shortages over the winter, and possibly ongoing with an expected exodus of teachers moving overseas
- Issues of discourteous parking and driving now that the wet weather has returned and there is more parking available in Redwood Park Car Park
- Property projects slowly moving on
- A big thank you to Olivia Wilkinson who has successfully applied for a Charity Grant for new mobile netball posts. Netball is growing at Redwood and it will be great to have multiple teams train on the same day

PFG News

Messages from our Parent Fundraising Group

- A big thank you for your support of our Book Week Sausage Sizzle. This time we included the option of a separately cooked vegetarian sausage, which whilst not widely selected was appreciate by those that did.
- Our next fundraiser this term will be roti sales. These are always popular so keep an eye out for the Google Form link to this fundraiser.
- Yummy Stickers - we are now collecting these to go towards new sports equipment. Look out for the little stickers on fruit and the big stickers on bags of apples.
- **SAVE THE DATE - Saturday August 13 Redwood PFG Quiz**

Community Advertising



A FUN PROGRAMME THAT KIDS LOVE!



Friday 3rd June 2022
TEACHER ONLY DAY PROGRAMME



REDWOOD SCHOOL

We've got an amazing programme planned including baking, crafts, games and more!
 Book online now for our fun-filled one day holiday programme. See you there!

Full Day: \$52 7am-6pm	School Day: \$42 8:30am-3pm	Half Day: \$32 7am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-6pm
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NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH WELLINGTON
 cordially invites you to attend our

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday from 9:15am to 10:15 am
 at
 Redwood School Hall



Calling all children from 3 to 12 years to join us in learning God's Word, singing and other activities.
 It's free for anyone – just show up or call us if you'd like more information.
 God bless you!

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