



# NEWSLETTER

## Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

Roll: 359 | Term 2 | Week 8

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### Kiwi Syndicate

Nic Wilkinson - Y1 - Room 5

Nancy Manu - Y1 - Room 6

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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

Mānawatia a Matariki!

It seems like only a couple of weeks ago we were acknowledging our colonial past with a long weekend to celebrate the Queen's Birthday. Tomorrow we acknowledge the Māori New Year with our first Matariki public holiday. At Redwood we have been celebrating Matariki for a number of years. Last year we had our very popular Matariki breakfast. We had hoped to do this again this year but, sadly, the number of Covid infections in our community made it prudent not to go ahead this year. Instead we met in our House groups to learn waiata, play games, practise our te re Māori and learn about Matariki.

The ideology of planting and new life is a strong theme throughout Matariki celebrations. Today, we have acknowledged this by planting 200 new trees, shrubs and plants around our school grounds. These plants were gifted by the Friends of Tawa Bush, one of the many local organisations involved in KETE (Kids Enhancing Tawa Ecosystems). KETE is a Wellington City Council initiative aiming to encourage and empower young people to connect with their local environment and communities. KETE's big focus this year is getting young people involved in stream restoration and protecting our local awa, primarily by reducing litter and through planting initiatives. It is awesome to be involved in this project and seeing student awareness about these issues grow. A big thank you to Nic Webb for co-ordinating this.



### Dates for your diary

Matariki Public Holiday - Friday 24th June  
 Tuesday 5th July - Swimming Sports (Cannons Creek)  
 Term 2 ends - Friday 8th July  
 Term 3 begins - Monday 25th July

### 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](mailto: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.

Teachers are currently working hard on Mid Year student reports. These are a great opportunity to follow up on the conversations from the beginning of the term, and will give you a clear understanding of how your child is currently tracking in Reading, Writing and Mathematics against our school expectations. These reports will be coming home in the final week of the term.

We are firmly in the grip of Winter and the weather in Wellington has been wet, cold and stormy recently. There are a lot of seasonal illnesses present in our community, as well as a small but steady Covid infection rate. We have now had just over half of our student body who have tested positive for Covid, and all staff bar six very hardy souls have been struck down with it. I'm proud to say that despite this we are one of only a handful of schools in Wellington that have so far not had to resort to classes or syndicates learning from home due to Covid or the other illnesses currently impacting schools in the Wellington region. Whilst I acknowledge that some classes have been disrupted with different relievers and teachers, it has been really pleasing that we have managed to ensure classes have always had a teacher even if their normal teacher has been sick. I'd like to thank Claire Hughes for perseverance and tenacity in securing relievers, often at short notice, despite a current shortage of relievers. It is also a testament to the good reputation of Redwood School and the awesomeness of our staff and students that relievers are always happy to come and relieve here.

Ka mahuta a Matariki i te pae,  
 ka mahuta ō tatou tūmanako ki te tau

When Matariki rises above the horizon,  
 our aspirations rise to the year ahead

Enjoy the long weekend! I hope you and your whānau take the time to relax, reflect and recuperate, and set some goals for year ahead.

Ka Kite!

Zac Mills - Tumuaiki / Principal  
[zacmills@redwood.school.nz](mailto:zacmills@redwood.school.nz)



## Welcome to Redwood School

Tridev Arun Khumar  
Phoebe Godfrey  
Noah Haslett

## Board Shorts

### Messages from our Board of Trustees

Our last meeting was held on Tuesday 21st June.

We discussed:

- Our enrolment scheme and the recent Tawa Network meeting
- Recent pay equity settlements for school administrators and the upcoming NZEI campaign for the teachers' collective agreement
- Frustrations with the current education system, and priorities and timelines imposed by the MOE.
- Upcoming BOT elections (September)

## PFG News

### Messages from our Parent Fundraising Group

#### "Night in the Tropics" Quiz Night

Redwood School PFG is holding our Quiz Night on Saturday, 13 August 2022 in the Redwood School Hall.

Don't miss out! Get a group of 8-10 of your friends/family together for a fantastic night out.

Tickets are \$20 per person.



## Community Advertising

### Seeking new volunteers for Tawa Brownies!

We are seeking new leaders to join the team at Tawa Brownies and support 20 girls aged 7 - 9 years. Are you keen to volunteer? Could you help us find someone who might be interested?

Being a leader with Guiding is a rewarding way to give back to the local community. You'll see the girls learn new skills and develop their confidence by doing a variety of challenging activities that you plan and lead. You'll have access to free leadership training, including a first aid certificate. And you'll become part of an organisation filled with inspiring leaders.

We are hopeful that we can find a new volunteer with availability to lead Tawa Brownies with the current schedule, on a Thursday from 3.45pm - 5.15pm. Ideally we'll get a new person (or two!) in Term Three, so that they can learn alongside our current leaders. But, if you or someone you know is keen to volunteer but unavailable at that time, please still get in touch.

Go to <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/volunteers/> to find out more, or contact Katrina at [ggnz.rangituhi@gmail.com](mailto:ggnz.rangituhi@gmail.com)

Our hugely popular **Kelly Sports Holiday Programme** is back for the July Holidays for children aged 5-13 years.

Come and join the Kelly Sports coaches for the best in sports coaching and competitions, we have created an Action Packed Programme including:

Battle Royal Day, International Sports Day, Rural Games Day, Hockey Day, Commonwealth Games Day

"A Magical Madness day with Zappo the Magician who is coming to Kelly Sports with his brand new Magical Workshop"

plus great trips to: Laserforce, The Lanes (Ten Pin Bowling), and the movie "Lightyear"

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201

**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!

Contact Phone: (04) 232 3453