

NEWSLETTER

Rākau Pai, Hua Pai

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Kiwi Syndicate

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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

Well, we have reached the end of what seems to have been a very long and tricky term. It seems like a long time since we were celebrating the move to orange settings, losing the mask mandate and moving to a more normal school setting. I want to acknowledge your support as we have navigated the term with many disruptions to normal class routines brought on, not only by Covid, but seasonal illness as well. The students have coped admirably with often having relievers in their classes. Despite the disruptions, there has been some fantastic learning happening across the school with projects about space, local ecosystems and poetry engaging our learners. It has also been great to be able to get out and about, whether it be to plant trees, test rivers, run cross country or take part in swimming sports.

As we reach the end of the term we sadly say goodbye to two members of staff. Today is both Jenny Wright's and Emma O'Leary's last day at Redwood School. Jenny, after her return from maternity leave at the beginning of the term, is moving to a part time role at Hampton Hill, allowing her to spend more time with her son, Stanley. Michelle Kealey will be returning to Room 17 for the remainder of the year. Emma O'Leary has secured a specialist position at Newlands College working with their ORS students allowing her the opportunity to continue to develop her skills, knowledge and experience in Special Needs education. We wish both Jenny and Emma well on their new adventures, and I'd like to say a big thank you for their hard work over the years teaching and nurturing the learners at Redwood School. I'd also like to take the opportunity to welcome three new members of staff. Korrie Hodes is joining us as the new teacher of Room 4. Both Sonia Clark and Sandra Anderson have joined us as Teacher Aides. Welcome Korrie, Sonia and Sandra.

Dates for your diary

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

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.

Coming home today is your child's Mid Year Summary Report. This gives you an update on your child's progress against curriculum expectations in Reading, Writing and Maths, and has a General Comment which may discuss their behaviours and attitudes in class, as well as giving more detail about their learning in the key curriculum areas. The report builds on the conversations you had at the beginning of the term at Parent / Teacher Conferences. We hope you enjoy sharing your child's successes with them.

I'm pleased to be able to announce some progress in a variety of property projects, that should mean some actual action in this space before the end of the year. Over the coming holidays there will be some initial work on our Fire Alarm upgrade, which should be completed over the coming months. We are one of three schools getting a full Fire Alarm upgrade funded by the MOE in the Wellington area. We are also due over the coming weeks to have all our heat pumps replaced and upgraded. I will be meeting with the MOE over the holiday break to see the first design plans and proposals for all our weather tightness work, and also have a meeting to discuss the next phase of our A Block classroom renovations. The second half of the year could be a busy one for property at Redwood School!

This week I received notification from Wellington City Council of the public consultation of traffic changes in Oriel Avenue, including broken yellow lines and median crossing barriers. This proposal was initiated by last year's Room 16 students during their InSTEAD project looking at safe travel to school. Many students identified that Oriel Avenue was too wide and dangerous for children to cross safely, inspired by a letter sent by a Year 2 student at the time. Their study was submitted to WCC for consideration. This is a great example of students showing community action, and it would be fantastic if this proposal came to fruition enabling students to be able to walk safely to school. You can submit feedback at the following link: <https://www.letstalk.wellington.govt.nz/traffic-resolutions-august-2022-traffic-and-parking-restrictions>

I hope you have a great holiday break and manage to get a rest and have some family time. We look forward to seeing you on Monday July 25th for the start of Term 3.

Ka Kite!

Zac Mills - Tumuaiki / Principal
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Welcome to Redwood School

Board Shorts

Messages from our Board of Trustees

Currently a focus for the BOT:

- Working with the MOE on a variety of property projects, including our 5YA projects and weather tightness remediation
- Proceeding with our enrolment zone amendment
- Understanding the changes to our funding brought about by the move away from the decile system to the equity index funding model in 2023
- Upcoming BOT elections



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.

<https://forms.gle/TN4yiURxx8UobK8C7>

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

Racketlon Holiday Programme

Once again Tawa Tennis, Tawa Squash and Wellington North Badminton are running the Racketlon holiday programme these school holidays.

Players rotate around each sport spending 1.5 hours at each club. Qualified coaches will take each session.

Please note holiday programme is for age 6 years and older.

Monday 18, Wednesday 20 and Friday 22 July 2022, 9am - 3pm

Cost per day: \$50 a day or \$135 for all 3 days.

Registrations: <https://bit.ly/3HHu2mR>

For more information contact Babette at babette@wnba.org.nz

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 email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201