NEWSLETTER

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Pūkeko Syndicate

Diane Young - Y3 - Room 12
Amy Tinker - Y3 - Room 13
Cassie George - Y3 - Room 18
Anna Truesdale - Y4 - Room 19 (Syndicate Leader)
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Kererū Syndicate

Caitlin Arlidge (Syndicate Leader)/
Emma Ashington - Y5/6 - Room 14
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Donna Glenn - Y5/6 - Room 16
Mark Kyne - Y5/6 - Room 17

Emma Ashington - SENCO

Rachel Gargan - Deputy Principal

Principal's Post

Tēnā tatou katoa e te whānau

We are over halfway through Term 3 and already organising Term 4 and 2025! There are plenty of new documents being fired at us by the Ministry of Education, most recently a new 91 page Maths Curriculum and a 121 page English Curriculum. Having had a good read of both, I'm so proud of the work we have done at Redwood School over the last couple of years that mean we are in a really good place to start using these documents from the beginning of next year.

Our property work is back on track after a few hiccups along the way. We are hoping that Rooms 12 and 13 will be fully remediated by the beginning of Term 4, with the work on the hall being completed not too long after that. The weather tightness team will then turn their attention to the block that runs from Room 10.5 through to Room 8. The work on Rooms 4 and 5 should be restarting next week with the new contractors, Freear Philip, setting up site on Thursday. Asbestos removal work in Rooms 4 and 5 will be happening on Saturday 7th September. **We ask people not to use the school grounds on this day for their own safety - thank you!** We appreciate that having two separate contractors working on our top block at once is far from ideal and we will endeavour to keep disruptions for students, staff and whānau to an absolute minimum. Our fencing work is almost complete. Our boundary fence is virtually finished, with just the replacement fencing and gating at the front of the school to be done. This should happen over the next couple of weeks. We really appreciate your support and patience over the past couple of months as we juggle everything on site. We hope that by the end of the year all our current construction work will be finished.

Dates for your diary

Monday 2nd September - Rescheduled Athletics Day
Friday 6th September - Hui-a-kura
Tuesday 10th September - Bot Meeting
Thursday 12th September - Open Afternoon
Friday 13th September - Wellington free Ambulance Onesie Day
Term 3 Week 9 - Te wiki o te reo Māori

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 be resolved or if the compliment needs to be shared.

As I mentioned at the start of this pānui, we have been sent a lot of communication and documentation from the Ministry over the last few weeks as the Minister starts to enact her plans for education. One area where information has been not forthcoming is the area of learning support for students with additional needs. This is a huge area of concern for schools up and down the motu, and is the reason why many staff attended an evening meeting earlier this week to advocate for greater support in this space. At Redwood School we have 25% of our students that have additional learning needs, of which only 4% receive any additional funding to support those needs. Additionally, currently there is no funding for a SENCo at schools, despite this role being huge. Early indications suggest that any provision for learning support may be viewed through the Equity Index lens. if this does occur, our ability to provide additional support may be further diminished.

Staff wearing purple earlier this week to show support for greater funding for students with additional needs.

Finally, on Thursday we received some sad news that Terence (Terry) Roach QSM had passed away aged 91. Terry was a found parent at the school when it opened in 1966 and saw his two daughters attend the school, as well as four grandchildren as well. terry's association with the school did not end there. He was, for many years, a volunteer Religious Education instructor who worked with classes delivering RE lessons. In most recent times, he was an active member of our grandparent reading group: The Bookworm Club. Each week, Terry would hear Year 5 and 6 students who needed some additional reading mileage. His gentle, caring demeanour made even the most reluctant reader open up, and his diligent record keeping in his notebook meant that he always had notes about each child to follow up on next time they read together. Terry's life will be celebrated at his funeral on Monday.

Ka Kite!

Zac Mills - Tumuaki / Principal

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Welcome to Redwood School

Henry Boniface

Board Shorts

Messages from our Board of Trustees

We're pleased that our building work is back on track.

The school is in a great position to adopt the new Maths and English curriculums.

We have received numerous complaints about discourteous parking, impacting our neighbours. Please make sure you comply with the road code and be respectful of our neighbours' driveways.

PFG News

Messages from our Parent Fundraising Group

Sadly, the Mid Winter Quiz has been postponed until next year.

Raffle tickets are still on sale from the office. Check out the prizes in our admin area.

Community Notices

GUITAR LESSONS

Eileen Brown offers weekly Guitar lessons during school times. If your child is interested in learning starting Term 1 2024, registration is now ongoing. Please contact Eileen on Mob. 027 3396943 or Email: eileenvbrown11@gmail.com . Student should be at least 7 years old to start learning the instrument. ALL STYLES taught including Pop, Rock, Traditional, Classical and Theory. Lessons are fun and enjoyable 😊
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