NEWSLETTER

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Kiwi Syndicate

Nic Wilkinson - Y1 - Room 5
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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

Claire Hughes - Deputy Principal

Principal's Post

Tēnā tatou katoa e te whānau

This week at Redwood School we have been celebrating our love of books, stories and reading with our annual Book Week. The theme this year was "Dreaming with our eyes open" and it has been another fun-filled week. A massive thanks to Jan Loader, Kim Perkins and the rest of the Library team for re-visioning the library environment, and organising so many great events. On Tuesday, our visiting author and illustrator was Paul Beavis, who shared his book Mrs Mo's Monster and taught students how to draw monsters. On Wednesday 'Perform Education' shared their 'Story Quest' show. Thursday featured a Read Aloud teacher swap, and a mystical fortune teller visiting the library. Finally, today we've had dress ups, sausage sizzles, house events and whānau reading. It's wonderful to celebrate our amazing library and the joy of reading like this every year.

This week's events follow hot on the heels of our Science Night, to celebrate Primary Science Week. We hope you all enjoyed the different activities on offer and had a chance to connect with local organisations who work with our school. A massive thanks to Nic Webb who coordinated the evening.

In the last newsletter I talked about the distinct possibility of me having to step into Room 17 as their classroom teacher. Fortunately, for both myself and Room 17, we managed to find Toby Gibb who has taken on the role of Room 17's teacher for the remainder of the term. Sadly, for us, Toby is heading off overseas at the end of the term, but we are enjoying having him here at Redwood whilst he is here.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 31st May - Possible Strike Day
Thursday 1st June - Jumping June fundraiser
Thursday 1st June - Rōpū Tamariki
Friday 2nd June - Staff Only Day
Monday 5th June - King's Birthday
Tuesday 13th June - Interzone Cross Country

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 be resolved or if the compliment needs to be shared.

Elsewhere in the staffing space, the Deputy Principal appointment team are proud to announce the appointment of Rachel Gargan as our new Deputy Principal. We had a very strong field of candidates, but we were all impressed by the passion and commitment Rachel showed about bringing our school vision to life and about where we are heading. Rachel will remain Room 14's classroom teacher and Pūkeko Syndicate Leader for the rest of the year, taking on some of the DP roles and responsibilities with additional release time. A big thank you to Emma Ashington who will be working with Rachel in Room 14, and to Emma, Bernie and Christine who have been covering many of the duties left by Claire in her absence.

Sadly, Covid seems to be making a bit of a resurgence and we have seen cases rise in the last few weeks. A friendly reminder that the isolation period is currently still a week. This places us in a challenging situation when staff get Covid, and sadly the scarce nature of relievers at the moment means that we may have to split classes to cover absences. As indicated by both the difficulties to secure teaching staff and relievers for day to day relieving, the world of education is in a tricky space at the moment. There continues to be a stand off between union members and the Ministry of Education around pay negotiations, and we will find out on Sunday whether a strike on Wednesday 31st May is going to go ahead. Most teachers I know do not want to cause more disruption to student learning and cannot afford to lose a day's pay. However, as more teachers head overseas or just leave the classroom for alternative careers, we have to do something to retain teachers and attract people into the profession. As well as pay, there are some key issues around working conditions that have not been adequately addressed in any of the offers to date. I'm very interested to see what transpires between now and Sunday, and if we are going to be closed on Wednesday, you will be the first to know!

Ka Kite!

Zac Mills - Tumuaki / Principal

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Welcome to Redwood School

Reyansh Pawar
Irizh Flogencio

Board Shorts

Messages from our Board of Trustees

As a BoT we have been talking about:

- Deputy Principal appointments
- Challenges around staffing and finding relievers
- Safety concerns because of the upcoming closure of Main Road and the Redwood traffic diversion due to this
- Delays to our weather tightness remediation programme

PFG News

Messages from our Parent Fundraising Group

A big thank you to all those who helped on our sausage sizzle fundraiser for Book Week

Save the date: Saturday 12th August - Annual PFG Quiz Night

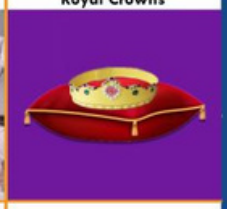
If you're interested in getting involved or finding out more please do email Charlotte France at pfg@redwood.school.nz

Community Notices

KELLY CLUB — THEME: Royal Rampage!

Term 2 Week 7, 5th June 2023

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Redwood

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am		King of the Castles & Structured Free Time	Finger Painting & Structured Free Time	Build a House of Cards & Structured Free Time	Homemade Muffins & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am		Game: Kiwis & Kangaroos	Game: Kids Yoga	Game: Balloon Tag	Game: Limbo
3:00 - 3:10 pm		Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time
3:10 - 3:30 pm		Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Popcorn & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Pasta & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Crumpets & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm		Game: Human Paper, Scissors, Rock	Game: Toilet Tag	Game: Follow the Sergeant	Game: Cat & Mouse Tag
3:45 - 4:30 pm		DISCOVERY A Royal Cannon	SPORT Royal Badminton	COOKING The Queens Scones	CRAFT Royal Crowns 
4:30 - 4:35 pm		Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm		Snack Time Vege Chips	Snack Time Muesli Bars	Snack Time Baking!	Snack Time Vege Sticks
4:50 - 5:15 pm		Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 - 6:00 pm		Game: Dance Comp & Projects	Game: Doggy Doggy & Projects	Game: Flee Chase & Projects	Game: Concentration & Projects

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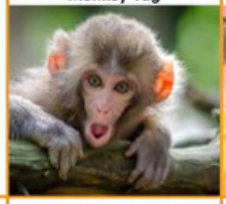
KELLY CLUB — THEME: Going Bananas!

Term 2 Week 6, 29th May 2023

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Redwood

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Banana Limbo & Structured Free Time	Cup Towers & Structured Free Time	Wild Finger Painting & Structured Free Time	Origami & Structured Free Time	
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Simon Says	Game: Noodle Tag	Game: Rob the nest	Game: Staff Choice	
3:00 - 3:10 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Corn Thins & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cheerio Sausages & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Blindfolded Explorers	Game: All on One Side	Game: Midnight	Game: 4 Corner Dodgeball	
3:45 - 4:30 pm	GAME Monkey Tag 	DISCOVERY Fizzing Scented Paints	SPORT Crazy Multi Sport	COOKING Banana Sandwiches	
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Vege Chips	Snack Time Fruit Salad	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Baking!	
4:50 - 5:15 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Game: Bom Bom Bom & Projects	Game: Catch the Dragon Tail & Projects	Game: Caterpillar Race & Projects	Game: Cloud Hopping & Projects	

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YUMMY STICKER COLLECTION

Collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for your school's share of the $200,000 free Sport sports gear prize pool. Yummy apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE and participating Four Square stores. The more you collect, the more sports gear you get so get going and start collecting your Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now.