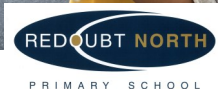




NEWSLETTER



STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



To begin our year, all Redoubt North staff had the opportunity to participate in Professional Development regarding the cultural landscapes that surround our school.

Ngāti Te Ata Waiohū iwi representative, Pāora Puru took us all on a wonderful journey through time. We learnt about the history of our local area, how to take care of Papatūānuku and the beautiful resources around us. Staff then had a hui at the Tōtara catchment of the Puhinui Stream, where all staff were presented with a beautiful Taonga. This connected our staff and united us together as we embark on the new and exciting year ahead. Mrs. Jane Milner, Principal, was also presented with a Pounamu toki from Pāora Puru and the school to say thank you for her leadership, courage, determination, and success for the past 30 years of service at Redoubt North School.

Thank you for sharing the beautiful stories and knowledge with us, Pāora. It was a truly amazing day and one we will not forget.

**19 February
2024**

**Staff
Professional
Development**

**Notices for
start of year**

Welcome

What's On?

**7 March
Parent
Teacher
Interviews**

**Class Photos
19 March**

**Easter
29 March -
2 April**

**Last day of
Term
12 April**

TERM DATES

2024

Term 1

30 January - 12 April

Term 2

29 April - 5 July

Term 3

22 July - 27 September

Term 4

14 October - 13
December

Noticeboard



SCHOOL CURRICULUM

You will be hearing in the media about the new legislation regarding reading, writing and maths being taught one hour each per day. This is not new to our school as we have been operating our literacy and maths programmes like this for a number of years. We would like to reassure you that focused learning in all curriculum areas is important. We aim to integrate these through the literacy and maths programmes but also specific skill teaching. We have an exciting year ahead with many new and different opportunities for student learning.

CELLPHONES - DEVICES IN SCHOOLS

New government legislation is now enforcing no cellphone use in schools. This has been part of Redoubts policies for a number of years, so we do not have to make any changes. We have however reviewed our procedures and they are all still relevant. If a student does need to bring a mobile to school for health and safety reasons, the mobile can be dropped off at the office daily. Please make contact with the school if your child needs to do this. As you are aware we provide all students with the use of an ipad in school so no devices are necessary.

UNIFORMS AND STATIONERY

This year we again provided every student with a free writing book and a pencil so learning could begin on day one of the term. We also kept stationery and uniform costs to a minimum and the lowest of many schools. Thank you to everyone for providing uniform and stationery this year. We realise times are difficult. Please contact the office if you still need to purchase any items.

ATTENDANCE

A huge thank you to Parents/caregivers for getting their children back to school on time and having a focus on learning. Like you, we have high expectations and want your child to achieve to their full potential. Please contact the office/Schoolstream to advise us if your child is sick and will be absent. Students leaving school early must have a valid reason ie; Medical or Dental appointment or special family circumstances and be signed out through the front office with the blue "School Leave Slip". to ensure child safety.

WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the 70 new students and their families who have enrolled at Redoubt North this year. It is a pleasure to welcome you all to the Redoubt whanau!

It is great to see these children settling in to their classes and making many new friends.

We would also like to welcome new Teaching staff this year: Kaelim Donnelly, Head of Sports/PE and Classroom Teachers; Verity Butterfield-West, Alka Govender, Awatea Mackie and Fifita Paea.



SCHOOL CONTACT

If you are at all concerned or would like to catch up with us you are welcome to email or phone the office on

09-2639060,

or office@redoubt.school.nz .

We want to keep our home/school connections working.

Don't forget to sign up for the Schoolstream app - it's a fantastic way to receive information from school in a variety of different languages.

Parent/Teacher Meetings will be held on
Thursday 7 March from 2:30pm to 8:00pm.

SCHOOL WILL CLOSE EARLY AT 2PM.

Please ensure that your child/ren are picked up on time.

The event will take place in the P.A.T. Appointments with your child's teacher can be made online by visiting this website:

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

and entering our school code below:

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Jane Milner, Principal