

6 October 2025

Term Four!



Te Kōhure - Term 4 2025

Dear students and whānau

Welcome to Term 4. We hope you enjoyed the break. Te Kōhure students are to be commended for working hard and maintaining high standards during the previous term. Term 4 is always busy so please stay informed by reading newsletters, emails and app communications. In this circular, we are also seeking parent assistance for our fun day (see below).

Also, at the beginning of term, we will be participating in a comprehensive child protection programme “**Keeping Ourselves Safe**” in which students at all levels learn a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others.

Bishopdale Rotary Speech Competition: Best wishes to Henry, Isabella, Ila, Lily, Maggie and Vivi who will represent our school on 9 October.

Athletics

We ask that students bring a change of clothes for PE training in the leadup to senior athletics day on Thursday 30 October. Years 1- 4 will have their athletics later in the term. If a student cannot participate in training, please let us know via email or a note. Many of our Te Kōhure students will progress through to the North West Zones, which will be held on 10 November.



Field Trip

We are visiting **Taylor's Mistake** on 6 November (TU 1/2) and 7 November (TU 3/4) as part of this term's science unit. We will need parent help for these trips. Further information soon.

Year 7 and 8 Girls' Self-defence

In the past, we have been able to secure funding for Year 8 girls to participate in self-defence lessons at school. Funding for this programme may end this year, so in 2025, we have included Year 7 girls as well. Dates are 28 October and 4 November.



Year 8 Transition Morning

Youth workers from most of the high schools that Russley Year 8s will attend next year will come and work with senior students for a few hours on Friday 21 November to help leavers' transition to high school.



Year 8 Formal

Year 8 end-of-year formal will be held on Wednesday 10 December. This is a wonderful evening and a highlight of the year. In preparation, Te Kōhure will have four formal dance lessons with instructor Vanessa Cole. A letter will follow with more information. The school is subsidising the cost of the dinner and entertainment, reducing the cost per student to \$40. Payment of \$40 must be received in full by Friday 5 December. School bank account details: TE PARITO KŌWHAI RUSSLEY SCHOOL 03-0830-0307669-00.

Team Fun Day: Adrenalin Max

To acknowledge hard work and positive behaviour, we are planning a team outing to Spencer Park on Monday 15 December. Adrenalin Max combines Adrenaline Forest and Learning to Surf. We require many parent-helpers for the surfing activity. Please let phil.innes@russley.school.nz know if you are available. The cost for this day is \$55 per student (the school is subsidising the bus and some event costs). This is an *optional* event, not a curriculum event, therefore payment must be received in full by Friday 5 December. Students who do not pay or choose not to attend will remain at school with their buddy classes.

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Kapa Haka / Technology

Kapa Haka continues its preparation for the Tūhono Festival to be held on 30 November.

Hornby technology continues on Wednesday mornings. There are some whānau who still need to pay their child's technology materials fee, please.

Lunches

Teachers have noticed that some students are not eating lunch. When asked, they say they've already finished what is in their lunchbox. Please check to see if they have enough food - students use a lot of energy each day!

Digital Safety

If parents are not already involved with monitoring their child's use of devices and/or social media, we strongly suggest you do so. You may be surprised at the amount of social media chat within the team! Much of it is very positive and fun, but there can be some instances where things are said that cause issues and stress within friendships and relationships. Please remember that children at this age do not have the same maturity of adults when it comes to making decisions around social media. As parents and caregivers, we have the right and responsibility to be involved in our tamariki's online lives. A provocative question: what are we, as adults, modelling to our children with our use of devices? Are the adults in the house restricting their use of devices as well? Adults are the role models for their children.

Home Learning / Excellence Awards

Many Te Kōhure students have undertaken the optional home learning programme that incorporates an Excellence Award badge. Home learning is designed so that students acknowledge and take ownership of their own learning, and it has been fantastic to see the extra learning some students have completed.

Uniform / Stationery / Drink Bottles / Chewing Gum

Te Kōhure students are role models for the rest of the school in how they wear the Russley uniform, and we expect this to continue. Term 4 is a good time to stock take your child's stationery - pens and pencils etc. Most Year 7 boys broke their rulers in the first term so you may need to ask them about that! Sun hats are **compulsory** this term and we recommend that students wear sunblock. Please ensure your child brings a named drink bottle to school every day. We do not permit chewing gum at school.



Important Dates:

Labour Day (public holiday) – Monday 27 October

Taylor's Mistake Science Trip – 6 and 7 November (parent help required)

Canterbury Show Day (public holiday) – Friday 14 November

Annual prize giving – Friday 12 December 9.15am

Year 8 Formal – Wednesday 10 December 6.30pm

Te Kōhure Fun Day – Monday 15 December (parent help required)

Year 8 Leavers' Assembly – Wednesday 17 December 11.00am

Last day of school – Wednesday 17 December, close at 12.30pm

Don't hesitate to ask if you require further information. You can contact your classroom teacher by phoning the school office or emailing them. We look forward to working with you and your children during this busy term 4.

Yours sincerely

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