

23 July 2025

Week 2 Term 3

Newsletter 10



## Coming Up...

Wed 23 July	Assembly 2.15pm — all welcome
Fri 25 July	Winter sport Years 5-8
Mon 28 July	Board meeting 5.00pm
1–31 August	National Filipino Language Month - Buwan ng Wika
3-9 August	Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Airani - Cook Islands Māori Language Week
Tues 5 Aug	ICAS digital tech exam 0930
Wed 6 Aug	- Yr 7/8 indoor basketball tournament - Assembly 2.15pm
Fri 8 Aug	- ICAS writing exam 0930 - Russley Disco's: 5.30pm and 6.45pm
Sat 9 Aug	Jump Jam (Yrs 3-6) @ Cashmere High
Mon 11 Aug	Yr 5/6 indoor basketball tournament
Tues 12 Aug	ICAS English exam 0930
Fri 5 Sept	Wacky Hair Friday!



## RUSSLEY DISCO

FRI 8  
AUGUST

\$2.50  
entry



JUNIORS 5.30PM — 6.30PM  
SENIORS 6.45PM — 8.00PM

Parents, we need volunteers to supervise, sell snacks and patrol the door. If you can help, please email [secretary@russley.pta.nz](mailto:secretary@russley.pta.nz)

### Get on Board

#### Nominate yourself for the school board

School board triennial elections will be held on 10 September. Eligible parents should receive a nomination form by post or email. Consider nominating yourself for a position as a parent representative. School board members play an important role in shaping the education experience and achievements of students. Information about what's involved in being a member of a board can be viewed here:

[https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/assets/05fbf6dda2/Community-member-guide-to-the-role-of-the-board-of-trustees\\_Sept-2020-v3.pdf](https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/assets/05fbf6dda2/Community-member-guide-to-the-role-of-the-board-of-trustees_Sept-2020-v3.pdf)



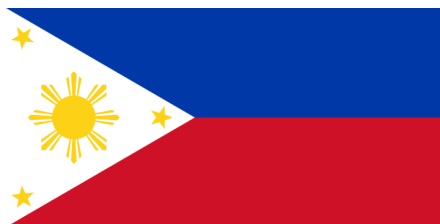
SCHOOL BOARD  
ELECTIONS

## Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa. Nau mai hoki mai ki te kura Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School.

A warm welcome to everyone for a chilly start to Term 3. Mind you, after the past couple of weeks, it's just good to see the sun. We have new entrant 5-year-olds starting school, as well as some 'walk-ins' who have moved into our area. Welcome aboard.

## Filipino Language Month



Not only does it have week, the Philippines has a whole month of language celebration, traditionally held in August. In addition to celebrating the language, it is a time of dancing, cultural activities and food. Best wishes to all our Filipino connected families.

## Rebuild update

Further milestones over the holidays:

- The asphalt underneath the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) was completed and it opened last Monday. The whole school and staff are now able to meet there each morning for whānau time. It actually improves our singing!
- Work on the new playground, located in the north-east corner, is underway.
- The new Block B has had its certificate of public use (CPU) granted and Te Māhuri (Year 5/6) will move in this week.
- We have reverted to a timetable in which all students are at play break and lunchtimes together. This is a significant milestone as we have been on split breaks for some time. It feels like we're back to normal.

## Parking and road behaviour

Last term, a student cyclist had a narrow miss while crossing Bentley St. An incident such as this brings to mind how important it is for drivers to be at their sharpest around school. Students do not need to be dropped directly outside school. They have legs and can walk! There is also a supervised pedestrian crossing, so children have a safe place to cross the road.

I am seeing a concerning increase in driver behaviours that put other drivers and pedestrians at risk.

- U-turns in the middle of a busy Cutts Road. Please use the roundabout or another street to change direction.
- Double parking to drop students off. This stops the flow of traffic and causes other drivers to take risks. Please find a park further down the street and your child can walk.
- Parking on yellow 'no parking' areas. This makes it unsafe for the student road patrollers as they are unable to see past your vehicle.
- Last term, I asked all of us to be mindful of our school's neighbours. Please avoid parking over their driveways, or putting your car in their driveway.

Ngā mihi nui

Greg Lewis  
Tumuaki  
[principal@russley.school.nz](mailto:principal@russley.school.nz)

## Kōwhai Awards

Focus: Auahatanga



### Te Kākano (Years 0-3)

Viraj Madaan, Aayisha Bava, Forest Gillespie, Saanvi Nain, Mahira Adhikari, Finley Yates, Daniel Massyn, Dekota Mark, Jahsiah Williams, Elaina Muir, Noelle Currie, Aryan Vakacharla, Aleksey Ross, Natreace Cosgrove

### Te Māhuri (Years 4-6)

Kaenat Baraki, Levi Rainsford, Libby G., Jack Jurac, Armaan Singh, Izzy Rouse, Linkin Kidd, Carter Aitchison, Connor Roughan, Lucy Pollard, Kylie Grant, Agrima Kankarwal

### Te Kōhure (Years 7-8)

Maxwell Jones Johnston, Victoria Poh, Meera Sharma, Hayato Nagami, Lili Notoa, Kastubh Khadka, Ila Rutherford, Benjamin Hawke

### Te Tohu Kōwhai Winners


Te Kākano — Zeid Mahdi

Te Māhuri — Bhaarati Sharma

Te Kōhure — Lucas Macdonald

## Reports for High School

Secondary schools often request a Year 8 applicant's previous school report. At Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School, we meet this requirement by uploading a year-end post to a student's *Educa portfolio*. For parents to download or print this summary:

- Go to your child's  online profile and click *stories*.
- Scroll to *End of Year Achievement*
- A one-page summary of a student's learning achievement can be downloaded, attached and/or printed.

If further information is required to support your child's high school application, repeat the steps for any of the learning stories on your child's Educa portfolio.



## New Entrants



If you have a child due to start at Russley School next term or next year, please [email the office](#) with child's name, date of birth, and parent contact details so that we can include your little one in our planning, or fill out this [enrolment form](#) and email it to the office with required documentation.



## North West Music Festival

The Russley Choir's performance at the recent NW Music Festival was a triumph. Director Sophie Lennon acknowledged the choir and band members' commitment to months of rehearsals. "To see the kids so excited and proud of themselves was amazing."

A video of the performance is now on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/russleyschoolperformingarts>.

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Thank you to the parents who laundered dozens of Russley choir uniforms after the festival. Your assistance was appreciated.

## Russley Writers

Congratulations to **Medhansh** and to **Theo G** whose poems were e-published on Poetry Box! Poet Paula Green has rewarded these Russley writers with a copy of her poetry book.

You can read their poems at <https://nzpoetrybox.wordpress.com/2025/06/23/poetry-box-june-childrens-rhyme-challenge-some-favourite-poems/>

## Gymnastics

Congratulations to Farron who represented our school at the Canterbury Primary Schools' Gymnastic event last weekend, achieving 1st overall at level 7, year 8 and qualifying for Nationals to be held in Auckland in September.



## Russley Choir



## Basketball



Russley Year 5/6 basketball teams competed in the North West Zones tournament at Bish-  
opdale YMCA at the end of last term. The girls' team was coached by Year 8 students Kai and Amber, and the boys' team was coached by Year 8's Ila and Finn. Both teams made the grand finals in their respective grades, with the girls finishing 2nd overall, and the boys awarded overall champions (back-to-back from 2025!). Both teams showed grit and composure during the tournament, and both have qualified for the Centrals Tournament this term.

## Winter Sport



Senior students began a season of inter-school winter sport last Friday. Each week, 16 Russ-  
ley teams will travel to hockey, football, netball, rugby and table tennis events. Other students remain at school, experiencing dodgeball, AFL, hockey and pickleball. Thanks to parents from our community who are coaching/managing to make this programme possible.



## Year 5-8 Centrals Cross-country



In the final weeks of term 2, we finished our cross country season with North West Zones, Canterbury primary champs, and junior inter-school events. There were a number of standout performances among large and competitive fields. Congratulations to those who qualified, with a special mention to the runners listed here.

NW Zones (Years 5-8), Jelie Park	Central Canterbury (Yrs 5-8), Ngā Puna Wai
Liam Clark 1st, Year 8 boys	Haon Kang 9th, Year 7 boys
Kyoka Sasaki 2nd, Year 7 girls	Liam Clark 18th, Year 8 boys
Ila Rutherford 3rd, Year 8 girls	Bridget Ireland 19th, Year 5 girls
Haon Kang 3rd, Year 7 boys	Interschool (Years 3/4), Avonhead School
Bridget Ireland 4th, Year 5 girls	Basti Clare 1st, Year 3 boys
Maia Sissons 6th, Year 6 girls	Kieran Beckingham 6th, Year 3 boys
Maggie Foley 6th, Year 7 girls	Evie Lord 6th, Year 3 girls
Kordae Robertson 6th, Year 8 boys	Enzo Stack 7th, Year 3 boys
Maxwell Jones Johnston 7th, Year 8 boys	Kiash Bura 10th, Year 3 boys
Karin Matsumoto 8th, Year 7 girls	Evie Robertson 8th, Year 4 girls



## Year 3-4 Interschool Cross-country



Thank you, Tegel Foods, for a generous \$500 donation which Russley School used to purchase new basketballs. Our basketball teams are super grateful. Ngā mihi nui.



## Community Notices



OSCAR & MSD Approved  
WINZ Subsidies

**Busybumbles**  
Before & After School & Holiday Program

**Award Winning**  
Before & After School Care

<https://www.busbumbles.co.nz/Our-Locations/Russley/>

### Karate At Russley

Thursday evenings. Junior and senior sessions. Phone Hayden 021 412212 or email [hayden@takecontrol.co.nz](mailto:hayden@takecontrol.co.nz)

### Taekwondo

Classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 4:30 to 6:00pm. Cost: \$15 per class. St Marks Community Centre, Withells Rd. Ph Tim (022) 393 4328. Email: [toly1217@gmail.com](mailto:toly1217@gmail.com)

### BestStart Riccarton Park

Pop in and see our new early childhood centre at Karamū. Open 7.00am-5.30pm Mon-Fri. If you wish to join our growing village, please email: [riccarton-park@best-start.org](mailto:riccarton-park@best-start.org).

**Singing & Acting Workshops**  
Ages 8+. Want to learn how to sing or act? Keen to improve your confidence? We work with all abilities and personalities. Weekly workshops Thursdays 17 July to 18 September 4pm-5.15pm Acting 5.30pm-6.30pm Singing \$150 per term. Scholarships available. Cracroft Guiding Centre. Register at [forms.gle/yKahkwte4zLif4fx8](https://forms.gle/yKahkwte4zLif4fx8) or email [general@luminairescharitabletrust.org](mailto:general@luminairescharitabletrust.org)

### Women's Escape to Kinloch

A wellbeing-focused weekend designed for women 40+ who are looking to recharge, reconnect, and prioritise themselves — often after years of raising children and managing busy lives. The event will take place from **7-9 November** at a beautiful lakeside location near Queenstown. A beautiful space to rest, reconnect, and feel inspired with gentle movement, creative workshops, nourishing food. Limited spaces. <https://events.humanitix.com/women-s-escape-to-kinloch>.

### Kākanō

A co-designed parenting resource, designed to help whānau support children (aged 4+) with big emotions. Rooted in Te Ao Māori values (tika, pono, aroha), Kākanō takes a strengths-based, whole-whānau approach. We're seeking feedback from parents of kids aged 4+ years on Kākanō's value, and areas for improvement. If you're keen to find out more, please head to <https://forms.gle/aM2cEpk914NsF7hQ9>.



## Russley School Dates 2025

**Term 3, 2025** Mon 14 July to Fri 19 Sept  
**Term 4, 2025** Mon 6 Oct to Wed 17 Dec

**Closed on:**  
**Labour Day** Mon 27 October  
**Cant'y Anniv** Fri 14 November




## Russley School Dates 2026

**Meet-the-teacher** Thurs 29 & Fri 30 January

**Term 1, 2026** Mon 2 Feb to Thurs 2 April  
**Term 2, 2026** Mon 20 April to Fri 3 July  
**Term 3, 2026** Mon 20 July to Fri 25 Sept  
**Term 4, 2026** Mon 12 Oct to Wed 16 Dec

**Closed on:**  
**Waitangi Day** Fri 6 February  
**Good Friday** Fri 3 April  
**Easter** Mon 6, Tue 7 April (hols)  
**ANZAC observed** Mon 27 April  
**King's Birthday** Mon 1 June  
**Matariki** Fri 10 July (in holidays)  
**Labour Day** Mon 26 October  
**Cant'y Anniv** Fri 13 November



**GET YOUR BOOTS ON**

# BURNSIDE RIPP A-HUB

**FOR YEARS 1 & 2**


**BURNSIDE PARK**  
**BLOCK 2: 17TH JULY - 21ST AUGUST EVERY THURSDAY AFTERNOON.**

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

- FUN, NON-CONTACT RIPP A WITH GAMES AND SKILLS
- NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NEEDED
- LEARN NEW SKILLS IN A RELAXED ENVIRONMENT
- MEET AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS

**4:30-5:15 PM**

REGISTER ONLINE VIA QR CODE!



FREE PROGRAMME!

## 2026 Closing dates for enrolment

Full details available on [www.burnside.school.nz](http://www.burnside.school.nz)

**Friday 25 July 2025**  
Years 9-13 Students living in the home-zone

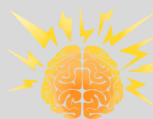
**Friday 25 July 2025**  
Years 9 students living out-of-zone

**Friday 1 August 2025**  
Years 10-13 students living out-of-zone





# Avonhead Community Trust invites you to **QUIZ NIGHT**



**When:** Saturday, 16 Aug 2025

**Where:** 102 Avonhead Road

**Time:** 7:00pm



## Entry fee:

- Gold coin donation to be used for our annual "Buckets of fun".
- Tinned food donation for the Avonhead Food Pantry.

## Quiz Teams:

- Maximum of 6 people per team
- If you don't have a team, you will be included in one.



For info and to reserve a table:

**admin@actrust.org.nz**



**www.actrust.org.nz**



## English Classes

For speakers of other languages to learn basic English and skills for living in Christchurch. Mondays 9:45am to 11:45am. Cost: \$3 per session (includes tea/coffee). Contact St Mark's Church, Withells Rd, 358 5443.

## Girl Guiding New Zealand

**Pippins** (5-7 years) Wednesdays 4.45—5.45pm **Brownies** (7-9½ years) Wednesdays 5.30pm—7pm **Guides** (9-12½ years) Wednesdays 6pm—8.15pm **Rangers** (12½-17 years) Wednesdays 7pm—9pm. St Mark's Community Centre, 150 Withells Rd. For info, phone 366 8409.

[www.girlguidingnz.org.nz](http://www.girlguidingnz.org.nz)

## Avonhead-Russley Scouts

Years 4-8, both boys and girls, Staveley St scout hall, Mondays, 4.30-5.30pm. Ph. Morgan 3434364.

## Hwa Hsin Chinese Class

Lessons to enhance language proficiency through engaging practice.

華興中文班為孩子們提供了繁體中文的學習環境，讓他們感受繁體字的豐富內涵，並透過全方位的聽說讀寫訓練提升他們的華語文能力。

Saturdays 10am-11.30am.

Phone 022 129 5866 or email

[esther@810@hotmail.com](mailto:esther@810@hotmail.com)

## Avonhead Playcentre

Avonhead Playcentre, 166 Waimairi Rd, Ilam. Ph 3587922. Vacancies now! We are open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri from 9am-12pm, and Wed for our Wild Wednesday Explorer sessions 9.30am-1.30pm. First 3 visits are free

## Russley Playcentre

Mon-Thurs 9am-12pm at 8 Apsley Drive. Mixed-age sessions.

Ph 027 880 2796 or email

[russley@playcentre.org.nz](http://russley@playcentre.org.nz)



## Ilam School Turns 75 years old this year!

Celebrations will take place on October 31st and November 1st 2025.

**Registrations are open now.**  
**Visit [www.ilam.school.nz/jubilee75](http://www.ilam.school.nz/jubilee75)**



Please share this event with anyone who is or has been connected to Ilam School. Past and present, all are welcome!