

3 September 2025

Week 8 Term 3

Newsletter 13



Te
Parito
Kōwhai
Russley School



Coming Up...

Wed 3 Sept	Strum Strike Blow @ Wolfbrook 7pm
Fri 5 Sept	Wacky Hair Day gold coin fundraiser
Mon 8 Sept	Teams Kākano & Māhuri daily swimming lessons for next 2 weeks
Tues 9 Sept	UC Kiwi spelling bee 0930
Wed 10 Sept	Board election—voting closes
Thur 11 Sept	Centrals winter sport tournament
Sun 14 Sept	Russley PTA Quiz Night 4.30pm
14-20 Sept	Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
Mon 15 Sept	Board meeting 1700
Tues 16 Sept	Russley Music Night 7.00pm
Fri 19 Sept	Sausage sizzle \$2 Term 3 ends 3pm

Russley Music Night
Tuesday 16 Sept
7.00pm.

- Brass Band
- Rock Band
- Ukulele Orchestra
- Selected soloists.

Performers to be in hall 6.45pm.
Wear school uniform
FREE entry



Wacky Hair Day Friday 5 Sept



When kids with cancer go through treatment, they often need to brave the world with no hair. Now's your chance to show your support!

Child Cancer Foundation is the only charity in Aotearoa New Zealand that offers personalised, one-to-one support to every child with cancer and their family.

Without any government funding, we need your help! This Friday, Russley tamariki are fundraising in a fun way by wearing wacky hairdos at school. Gel it up, slick it back, wear a wig. Wear uniform. Bring a gold coin.

Thanks for your support.
Student Council



Get on board!

Remember to vote in the Board parent election.
Voting closes Wednesday 10 September.



Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa. Nau mai hoki mai ki te kura Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School, and in particular, a special hello 你好 (nǐ hǎo) to Chinese families during New Zealand Chinese Language Week (31 August—6 September).

School opening

On Friday 17 October we will celebrate our official school opening, even though we have been using the buildings for some time. This is a chance for us to be blessed by mana whenua (Ngāi Tūāhuriri), acknowledge the amazing achievements completed over the past 3+ years of construction, and 2 years of planning before that. It is also a chance to thank those who have contributed to our school's healthy financial position which has enabled the creation of our amazing new campus.



Rebuild update

Progress continues on various projects. The new playground in the east corner is coming together. Rooms 7&8 were removed a week or so back, and we can now see directly to the back field for the first time in 20-30 years.



Over the next few weeks, the UC relocatable classrooms will begin a journey to somewhere else, and we will celebrate having more grass on our back field. A few more fences to negotiate for a while yet, but we're good at that!



Board elections

Only a week until voting closes for the Board triennial elections. The last update indicated that only 10% of eligible voters had voted so far. We have wonderful candidates standing for our Board, and they need your support.

Ngā mihi nui

Greg Lewis
Tumuaki
principal@russley.school.nz

Kōwhai Awards

Focus: Auahatanga

Te Kākano (Years 0-3)

Finn Roughan, Milan Kies, Vinny Meek,
Mikael Shoaib, VM, William Huang,
Faith Fuata'i, Zian Weideman, Noel
Taulani, Autumn Wali, Amna Dawood,
Lucas Okada, Isabella Adams, Evie Lord

Te Māhuri (Years 4-6)

Logan Roestorf, Luciano James, Millie
Siversen, George Turnbull, Mila-Rose
Robertson, Anisha Olayiwola, Akira
Sasaki, Tasha Perera, Evie Robertson,
Aoife McDermott, Ava Koster, Alex Lust

Te Kōhure (Years 7-8)

Hapi Whakaruru, Charlie Sparks,
Greta Hollis-Barnard, Sharon Lan,
Antonio Aso, Ammar Shoaib, Liam
Lester, Levi Strickland

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winners

Te Kākano — Benjamin Bellew
Te Māhuri — Tiana Rupene-Lee
Te Kōhure — Didi Obrien

Chch Schools Music Festival

The Russley Choir performs on the evening of Wednesday 5 November. We encourage families to book early. Tickets now available at Ticketmaster:

<https://www.ticketmaster.co.nz/christchurch-schools-music-festival-association-incorporated-tickets/artist/3876709>

Sophie Lennon
Music Director



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Zone Winter Tournament

A successful sports tournament was held last week. Special mention to Russley's Year 7/8 netball, football and hockey teams that qualified for Canterbury champs to be held on 11 September. Thank you to coaches who gave their time, enabling teams to enjoy a great season of winter sport.



Duathlon

A team of 19 Russley athletes raced at Ruapuna on Monday 1 September in the Primary Sport Canterbury annual duathlon.

Lily Stack	Amber Hicks	Victoria Poh
Hunter Kidd	Ila Rutherford	Lucas Braggins
Max Jones Johnston	Brodie Morris	Ned Peters
Ruben Shrestha	Tyson Fisher	Bridget Ireland
Eli Wilkinson	Liam Clark	Jessica Pollard
Kordae Robertson	Daisy Forster	
Haon Kang	Mila Carnie	



Solid performances reported by all members of the team with three athletes finishing in the top twenty - Eli, Ila and Bridget.

Cantamath

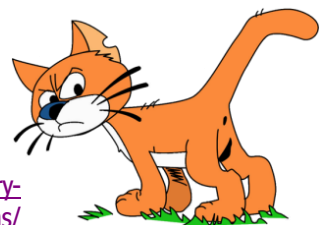


Last week, at Wolfbrook Arena, two Russley mathematics teams competed in the annual Cantamath competition — a kind of maths Olympics requiring players to work together, against the clock, to solve difficult maths challenges. The Year 8 team of Henry, Isabella, Olliver and Toppa scored an impressive 85/100 points. The Year 7 team of Patricia, Sharon, Ayaan and Victoria achieved 70/100.



Feline Poetry

Congratulations to Year 8 students Daisy, Ila, Jharred and Sankalpa whose cat poems were selected by author Paula Green for publication on the Poetry Box website: <https://nzpoetrybox.wordpress.com/2025/08/26/poetry-box-popup-challenge-some-favourite-cat-poems/>



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Our-Locations/Russley/](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

Baseball Open Day

Christchurch Astros Baseball Club invites kids and adults interested in playing baseball this summer to come to an open day at Avonhead Park, 146 Hawthornden Rd on Sunday 14 September, 1100-1300. Bring your friends, your energy, and come see what baseball is about. All gear provided. www.christchurchbaseball.co.nz

Christchurch United Football Holiday Programmes

FUNDamentals (U4-U8): A camp focused on building foundational skills through fun games and activities.
World Cup (U9-U13): A tournament-inspired programme where players develop skills and compete to win the World Cup Trophy. Full day (\$50) or a half day (\$30) with 10% discount for full-week bookings. For information and to register, [visit our website](#) or stop by the office.

FAMILY QUIZ!

\$10 PER ADULT / \$5 PER CHILD

Don't miss our Quiz Night fun at Russley School Hall!

- TEAMS OF 6-8 (MAX 6 ADULTS - TEAMS ARE ENCOURAGED TO INCLUDE BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN)
- MIX OF KID AND ADULT QUESTIONS TO CHALLENGE ALL AGES
- AMAZING PRIZES FEATURING DONATIONS FROM LOCAL COMMUNITY
- SNACKS AND DRINKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE
- FUNDRAISING TO ENHANCE OUR NEW OUTDOOR SPACES

PRIZES • RAFFLES • AUCTION

Sunday, 14 September, 2025 | Starts at 4:30pm

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER A TEAM AND TABLE NOW!

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Art Competition 2025

Friends Forever: China and New Zealand in the Future

THREE GROUPS:

- Years 1 – 4, Years 5 – 8, Years 9 – 10

PRIZES FOR EACH GROUP:

- 1st Prize: one award, \$300
- 2nd Prize: up to two awards, \$200 each
- 3rd Prize: up to three awards, \$100 each
- Highly commended: up to 10 awards

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

- 5.00 pm Friday 17th October, 2025

Artwork to be sent to Harcourts Gold Spitfire Office
Unit 12, 544 Memorial Avenue, Christchurch Airport,
Christchurch 8053

CONTACT: southern@nzcfs.com

For more details,
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group. Club nights are Wednes-
days 5pm -6.45pm at Burnside
High School. Season begins
Wednesday 8 October. Saturday
inter-club competition also availa-
ble with top-quality coaching for
grades 10-14yrs.

Sunday 5 October - have a go
day,
2-4pm at CHAV athletics track at
Burnside High and register after-
wards or on Monday 6 October
5.00-6.30pm at CHAV Clubrooms
at Burnside High (by Greers Rd
tennis courts). For info, contact
Junior Club Captain at [marilyn-
morrison52@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn-morrison52@gmail.com).

Awatea Athletics Club

Welcoming registrations for the
2025-26 summer season. Based at
Te Kahu Park in Wigram and also
training at Ngā Puna Wai Sports
Hub. Our club is proud to be one
of Christchurch's largest and fast-
est-growing athletics clubs, offer-
ing a supportive and fun environ-
ment for tamariki and rangatahi
aged 5+ years, with a focus on
participation, skill development,
and enjoyment.

☐ Season starts Term 4.

☐ Register at

www.awateaathletics.nz

☐ Contact us by email at

info@awateaathletics.nz

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burn_brownies@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:west-
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