

7 February 2024

Week 2 Term 1

Newsletter 1



Te
Parito
Kōwhai
Russley School



Coming Up...

Mon 12 Feb	Te Kākano (Year 1-3) fun day
Tues 13 Feb	PTA 7.30pm
Wed 14 Feb	Te Kōhure (Year 7/8) first session of tech. at HHS
Mon 19 Feb	Te Kōhure (Year 7/8) swimming lessons for next 2 weeks
Tues 20 Feb	Mihi Whakatau welcome ceremony for new families 10.15am
Mon 4 March	- Walk or Wheel to School Week - Term 1B New Entrant intake
Tues 5 March	Swimming sports at Wharenui

TE PARITO KŌWHAI RUSSLEY PTA

whānau

PICNIC

Bring along your whānau and dinner for a relaxed picnic on the back field to mark the start of the year.

23rd Feb
from 5pm



WELCOME BACK

Principal's Message

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

Tēnā koutou katoa. Nau mai hoki mai ki te kura Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School. Welcome to school in 2024. A special welcome to those who are starting at our school for the first time. Thank you to the parents who attended the interviews last week with your child/ren. This is a valuable opportunity to start the school year in the best possible way.

Holidays are a chance for people to refresh and take time to perhaps reconnect with those around us and maybe those who we haven't seen as much. Hopefully, that has happened for you. The end of last year was pretty busy for us as we relocated a number of classrooms and moved properly into our new building. We are still not fully at home yet, but certainly feel almost there.

We welcome three new teachers — Rosie Smith in Room 3 (Year 2/3) with Team Te Kākano, Ashley Nuttall in Te Ura 4 (Year 7/8) with Team Te Kōhure, and Christy Greenall is working part-time in Team Te Kōhure. It's great to have you with us.



Building works

Over the holidays, the old hall and the Room 14-17 classroom block were demolished in preparation for the next classroom block to be built. We have a sealed area outside our newly completed building which will provide some extra space to play.



Planning is underway the second stage works to begin shortly. This will involve building a classroom block with 8 learning spaces.



New government education policy

Since the change in government, some changes to legislation will be coming education's way. The first one is the policy on no cell phones at school. It has become known as the 'away for a day' rule. The legislation says that Boards "must prohibit students from using or accessing mobile phones at all times while attending school". There are a few exceptions including medical and learning purposes.

At Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School, we have been informally running a similar procedure for some time and it has been working well. Phones are brought to school and remain in student's bags (or somewhere else, by discussion with the class teacher). Phones are increasingly a means for communication and assurance between parents and their children, more particularly Year 7 & 8 students.

As a school, we will be required to develop a formal policy on cellphones in school. In the mean time, I would ask that any messages that need to be relayed to students be directed through the office to avoid students needing to access their phones. Likewise, any communications regarding a student's health are also co-ordinated through the office.

Another government priority is student attendance. It has always been a priority for Russley. As we start a fresh school year, please prioritise you child's attendance at school. Particularly, if it has been identified, in the past, as something that could be improved. We certainly don't want sick students at school, but a sniffle is different to a fever.

Getting to school on time is also a part of attendance. Arriving on time allows students to get unpacked, interact with

teachers and friends, then get organised for the day. This sets them up for success. Arriving late means they miss out on all of the above, including any preparation and plans for the day. It means that they don't start their day in the best possible way and are not set up for success.

Students arriving before school

We have modified where students assemble if they arrive at school before belltime.

- If you don't need to have your children at school before 8:30am, then please have them arrive after 8:30 when they can go straight to class.
- If students are at school before 8:30am, they must remain on the new asphalt area outside the new admin building, between the office and the small shed. Students are not permitted to go to the playground or other places around school, even with parents.
- If it is wet, students assemble on the verandah close to the asphalt area, between the library and the hall-end of the new building.
- We appreciate that parents are keen to engage with teachers for the start of the year. Please respect the fact that teachers are preparing for their day and interacting with students they see in the time before school starts. If you would like to discuss something specific, you can email your child's teacher and make a time to meet. We always welcome this.

Ngā mihi



Greg Lewis
Tumuaki | Principal
principal@russley.school.nz

Music Tuition 2024

Music Lessons will start on 12 February. Beforehand, information will be emailed to parents with details of the time, day and room for their child's music lesson.

Flute, violin, trumpet, trombone, guitar and drum lessons will start during Week 3. Piano lessons start Week 4.



Staff	Room
Mr Greg Lewis - Principal	
Mrs Jane Rush - Deputy Principal	
Mrs Fiona De Wit - Assistant Principal	
Te Kōhure	
Miss Michelle Duxfield	TU1
Miss Ashley Nuttall	TU2
Mr Phil Innes (Team Leader)	TU3
Miss Kerry Aitken	TU4
Te Māhuri	
Mrs Vanessa Ireland	5
Miss Maria Thwaites	6
Mr Pete De Wit (Team Leader)	7
Ms Sophie Lennon	8
Ms Rachel Simmonds	10
Ms Tammy Reen	11
Te Kākano	
Mrs Derryn McFetridge	1
Mrs Pene Cooley	2
Miss Rosie Smith	3
Miss Amanda Kennedy	4
Mr Tim Beckingham (Team Leader)	12
Mrs Andrea Robertson	13
Mrs Annette Ward	18
Part-Time Teachers	
Mrs Rochelle Paul	Mrs Kathryn Clare
Mrs Nikki Nicholls	Mrs Christy Greenall
Learning Assistants	
Mrs Vicki Welch	
Mrs Miriam McCreanor	
Mrs Melanie Koster	
Mrs Erin Bond	
Miss Panny Tien (ESOL)	
Mrs Kopurangi Pearman	
Music	Elizabeth Muschamp
Administration Team	
Rae Reese-Jones	Mrs Sarah Wakefield
Caretaker	Mr Bruce Griffiths



AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

Year 1 – Year 6



Russley School



Details

9 February – 15 March (Fridays)

6-week programme – School ground

Wet weather venue available
Years 1-2 – 3:00pm – 4:00pm
Years 3-6 – 3:00pm – 4:15pm

\$30



Information

For more information and registration please go to the link below:

fctwenty11.co.nz/football-in-schools/

Training Format

- Individual Skill Development
- 1 v 1 Challenges
- Fun Small Games



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Every order goes in the draw for a chance to win. Three chances per order. Winners will be drawn on Friday 23 February 2024 and will be notified by phone or email. No correspondence will be entered into.

Visit ezlunch.co.nz to order.

Community Notices

Karate At Russley

5–13 years—Thursdays
5pm - 6pm. Adults' class
Thursdays 6pm—7.30pm.
hayden@takecontrol.co.nz

MASH out of school care

Before and after school
programmes, weekdays
from 7.30am-8.45am, and
3.00pm-6.00pm, plus holi-
day sessions onsite at
Russley. mashkids.co.nz

Delta Gymnastics

Do you want to try rhythmic
gymnastics? Come for a
free trial with Delta Rhyth-
mic Gymnastics. Learn
tricks with hoops, balls,
ribbons and more! To book
your free trial, email
membership@delta.org.nz
or check out Facebook.

Dance Fitness Christchurch

In the Russley School Hall
on **Mondays** 7.00pm. Ph
Gillian 021 821 260.

Russley Playcentre

Join us Mon-Thurs 9am-
12pm at 8 Apsley Drive.
E:russley@playcentre.org.nz

Marrzipan Drama Classes

At Marrzipan, we run self
confidence classes through
drama for small groups of
10-14 for 45 minutes to an
1 hour. If there is enough
interest, I will run an obliga-
tion free trial class, before
paid classes commence.
For info, please call
021 1649 021.

Drama Classes

Is your child dramatic? Do
they love acting out sto-
ries? Canvas Bag Drama
classes combine a struc-
tured fun-filled social envi-
ronment with extensive use
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play to develop self-worth
and the ability to confident-
ly express thoughts and
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www.canvasbag.nz

Anna Lee School of Dance

Dance school offering a
variety of classes and pas-
sionate teachers. Begin-
ners to senior level. Email
office@annaleschoolofdance.co.nz

Avonhead Kindergarten

Why not come for a visit?
Parents with children of any
age are welcome to *stay
and play* – a morning of
fun every Thursday 930-
1100am. You can talk to
our friendly, experienced
teachers about what your
child learns as the children
play, sing, and use their
imagination, make friends,
discover, explore and laugh
together. We currently
have spaces available for
children over 2 years old.
20 hours free, then \$3 per
hour. 49 Staveley St, Ph
021 761 149.

Merlins Netball

Looking for a club that is
passionate about netball and
makes sure that everyone
is included? If you have a
child agreed 9-17 years,
register with us today.
merlinsnetballclub@gmail.com

Ōtautahi Girls' Choir

Are you a girl aged 10-17
years who loves to sing?
Girls' Choir Ōtautahi re-
hearses at the Arts Centre
on Wednesdays 5.30-
7.30pm (term time). Audi-
tions for new members will
take place on Wednesday
14 February 5pm-7.30pm.
To book an audition, or
seek further information,
please email
chchgirlschoir@gmail.com

Avonhead-Russley Scouts

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

Westburn Brownies

For 7-9 year old girls.
Mondays 4.30-6.00pm.
westburn_brownies@hotmail.co.nz

Russley Guides

Welcoming girls aged 9 to
12.5 years to join our unit
which meets Wednesdays
6pm–8pm at St Mark's
Church Hall in Withells Rd.
Come for a visit by register-
ing at [https://
girlguidingnz.org.nz/join-us/](https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/join-us/)

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