

12 February 2025

Week 2 Term 1

Newsletter 1



Coming Up...

Fri 14 Feb	School photo day
Mon 17 Feb	- Te Kākano fun day - Year 7/8 korfbal next 2 weeks - Board meeting 5.00pm
Tues 18 Feb	Mihi Whakatau, hall, 10.15am
Mon 24 Feb	Teacher-only Day CLOSED
Fri 28 Feb	Te Kōhure (Yr 7/8) camp payment due
3-5 March	Te Kōhure Camp TU3 & TU4
5-7 March	Te Kōhure Camp TU1 & TU2
Mon 10 March	- Years 1-4 swimming sports, Whareniui - Term 1b New Entrant intake
Tues 11 March	PTA AGM 7.30pm
Fri 14 March	Years 5-8 swimming sports, Whareniui

School Leaders 2025



Student Council: Toppa, Ben, Amber, Henry, Daisy, Aarav, Leen, Isabella

Te Parito Kōwhai
Russley School

invites new families to a

**Mihi Whakatau
welcome ceremony**

on Tuesday 18 February
at 10.15am in the hall



House Captains
Liam, Lili, Farron, Ila

Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa. Nau mai hoki mai ki te kura Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School. Welcome to our school for 2025. A special welcome to those who are starting at our school for the first time. Thank you to the parents who attended the interviews recently with your child/ren. This is a valuable step towards starting the year in the best possible way.

Building works



Things have been busy at school across the holidays. All the demolition works have been completed. We now have our school entrance on Cutts Rd open and we can once more access school from the front.



The roof is soon to go on the remaining classroom block, and the dig-out and creation of the centre court area is underway. Work continues in the 'welcome area' outside the office and in the future, this will be a great place for parents and visitors to come and sit.



Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School values



Our values tiles are now in their final form. This term we are focusing on **Hauora**. The Hauora tile reads...
"Understanding Hauora helps me to be flexible, resilient, and a valuable contributor. This fosters my growth, personal mana, and self-awareness, inspiring me to strive for my best. Hauora tells me that physical, mental, emotional, and social health are important all together. It teaches me to care for myself, and recognise my needs and emotions."



The image on the Hauora tile represents a whare, or house, where each wall reflects the physical, mental, emotional and social aspect of hauora; all 4 walls are required to hold the whare up. The same applies to our own hauora and how we treat others. Everyone has value and others matter.

Students arriving before school

We have revised the area where students assemble if they arrive before school.

- If you don't have to have your children at school before 8:30am, then please have them arrive *after* 8:30 when they can go straight to class.

- Te Māhuri and Te Kōhure students are to assemble in the small asphalt area between the Hall and the Te Ura block (Year 7-8 classroom block). Students are not permitted to be on the playground before 8:30am.
- Te Kākano students assemble on the new concrete area outside the office. Older siblings accompanying their younger brothers and sisters can also wait in this area too.
- We appreciate that parents are keen to engage with teachers at the start of the year. Please respect that, in the mornings, teachers are preparing for their day and interacting with students before school starts. If parents wish to discuss something specific, please email to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher. Our staff would welcome this.

Ngā mihi

Greg Lewis
Tumuaki



Kōwhai Awards

Focus: Hauora

Te Kākano (Years 0-3)

Tiago Braga Burfield, Lilly Males, Clark Aliwate, Elaina Muir, Christian Taavau, Daniel Al-Safadi, Te Koha Ryan, Autumn Wali, Lawrence Borrowdale, Gaurav Grewal-Chauhan, Ariana Aliwate, Zuhir Al Qattan, Gabriella Carmismith

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winner—Te Kākano
Kieran Beckingham

Te Māhuri (Years 4-6)

Joshua Mears, Ned Peters, Maddison Huang, Baileigh Rose Ramsdale, Archie Li, Harper Turner, Damon Wu, Leo Le, Beauden Whittle, Amaiah Bhangu, Mimi Lan, Samuel Taulani

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winner—Te Māhuri
Samuel Murphy

Te Kōhure (Years 7-8)

Medhansh Kharola, Michael Ghobrial, Parker Cobb, Logan Randall, Jessica Wu, Lars Walsh, Kasra Saberi, Meila Aitchison

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winner—Te Kōhure
Hayden Reed



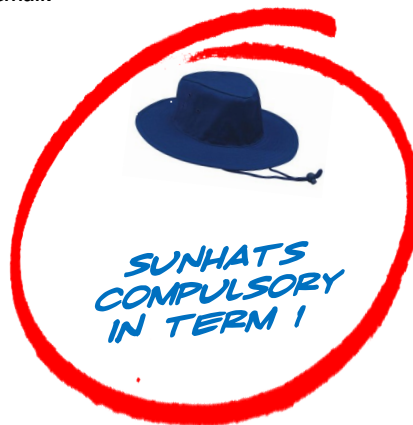
Music Tuition 2025

Music lessons for most of the registered students will start in next week (Week 3 of term 1). The exception is drum lessons which have already started their Monday lessons due to the upcoming Teacher Only Day. Beforehand, information will be emailed to parents with details of the time, day and room of their child's music lesson. Enquiries can be emailed to sophie.lennon@russley.school.nz

School Photos

Photo day is Friday 14 February when individual and class photos will be taken.

Photolife Studios will email parents a unique access code to enable them to view and purchase their child's photos online. Free delivery for orders placed within 3 weeks of the email.



School Parent Portals



Caregivers can now access their child/ren's school information via the *caregiver portal* on the school's student management system, **edge**.

The *caregiver portal* gives parents online access to their child's attendance, school account and, in time, their school achievement data. The portal also enables parents to pay school bills at the click of a button.

To login, you must use the email address that the school holds for you. This is the one you provided with your child's enrolment and is the one that receives newsletters and other email notices from the school.

Option 1

If you already have the SchoolAppsNZ mobile app on your phone, click the *parent portal* button on the opening screen;

Option 2

Enter the website <https://parent.edgelearning.co.nz/> into your browser.



1. Type your details into the email field.
2. Click 'Forgot Password' to receive an email with a 'reset your password' link.
3. Once logged in, click on your child's name to access:
 - Attendance
 - School Payments *Parents can view a balance and a list of items owing, and they can pay online via Ezyppay*
 - Assessment data and student Reports (*available when published by the school*).

Maths and Science Badges

Register by Friday 14 March

Our kura offers students in Years 4-8 optional homework opportunities that can earn them both maths and science badges. Note—if registering more than one child, please complete a separate form for each child.

Maths

The Mathematics Achievement Challenge aims to extend student learning in mathematics. Students working at Curriculum Level 2 (Years 4-5) may register for CRACA-MAC; students working at Curriculum Levels 3 & 4 (Years 6-8) may enter the MAC awards. Students have all year to complete a badge and may complete more than one, if they wish.

Cost per maths badge \$10. Please [click this link](#) to complete a maths registration form.

Science

Year 5-8 students may wish to work towards Science Awards Trust badges.

The Year 5 Explorer Badge and Year 6 Advanced Explorer Badge re earned by completing a range of extension activities. Badges for Years 7 and 8 require students to complete advanced activity sheets, in their own time, from a wide range of topics.

Cost per science badge \$6. Please [click this link](#) to complete a science registration form.

Payment

Make payment of \$10 per maths badge and \$6 per science badge to:

Te Parito Kowhai Russley School
03 0830 0307669 00 (*student name and badges as bank reference*).

Sunhats for sale at the office



RUSSLEY SWIMMING SPORTS

WHARENUI POOL

Monday 10 March

9.30am—11.00am
Years 3 & 4

25m freestyle
Shallow pool events
12m events
25m breaststroke
25m backstroke
House relays

11.10am—12.40pm
Years 1 & 2

12m event
Class carnival events

Friday 14 March

9.30am—12.15pm
Years 5 - 8

50m freestyle
Small pool events
25m freestyle
50m backstroke
25m backstroke
50m breaststroke
25m breaststroke
50m butterfly
House relays



**PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS
ARE WELCOME**

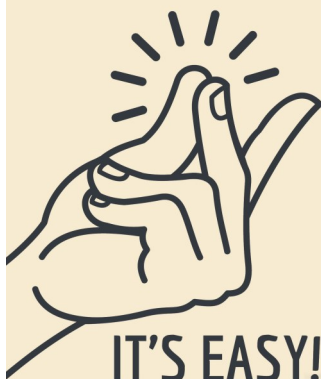


ezLunch

Lunch orders are available every weekday. Place your order at www.mykindo.co.nz before 9.00am and the takeaway will be ready for your child to pick-up from the office at lunchtime. [View Term 1 menu here.](#)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Stay up to date with a snap of your fingers



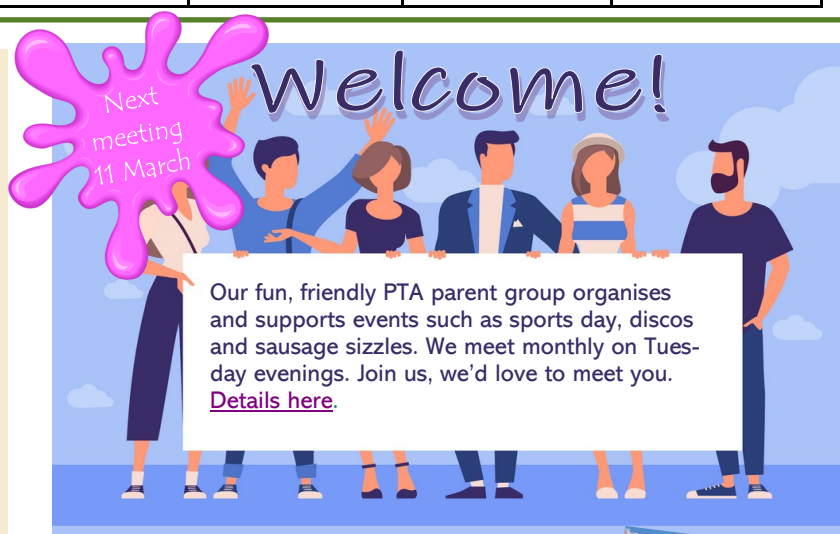
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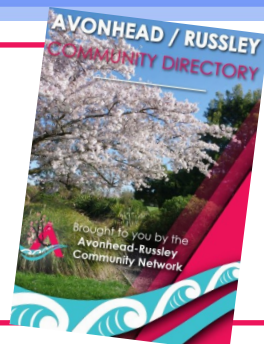
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Avonhead & Russley Community Directory

A group of community organisations have come together to create the first edition of the *Avonhead & Russley Community Directory*. More than 7,000 copies have been delivered to letterboxes however you may prefer the electronic version, click [here](#).





Russley School Dates 2025

Term 1, 2025	Mon 3 Feb to Fri 11 April
Term 2, 2025	Mon 28 April to Fri 27 June
Term 3, 2025	Mon 14 July to Fri 19 Sept
Term 4, 2025	Mon 6 Oct to Mon 15 Dec

Closed on:

Waitangi Day	Thurs 6 February
Teacher-only day	Mon 24 February
Good Friday	Fri 18 April
Easter	21 & 22 April (in holidays)
ANZAC Day	Fri 25 April (in holidays)
King's Birthday	Mon 2 June
Matariki	Fri 20 June
Labour Day	Mon 27 October
Cant'y Anniv	Fri 14 November

Community Notices

Karate At Russley

Thursday evenings. Junior and senior sessions. Phone Hayden 021 412212 or email hayden@takecontrol.co.nz

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: riccartonpark@best-start.org.

Westburn Brownies

For 7-9 year old girls, Mondays (term time) from 4.30-6.00pm at Waimairi Community Centre, 166 Waimairi Rd, Ilam. westburn_brownies@hotmail.co.nz

Taekwondo

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

Avonhead Kindergarten

Preschoolers and parents welcome at FREE stay-and-play mornings, Thurs 9.30-11am. Meet the friendly teachers while children play. 49 Staveley St. Ph 021 761 149.

Avonhead-Russley Scouts

Mondays, 4.30-5.30pm. Ph Morgan 343 4364.

KiwiVolley

KiwiVolley is a modified game for Yr 7-8 children which can be played indoors, on grass or the sand. Canterbury Volleyball runs the programme in Term 1 & 4. It is open to pairs or individuals who will be placed into teams of 4. The programme combines both skill learning and games – perfect for those starting out.

Burnside: Fridays (4 x sessions) *Limited spaces available
Location: Wairarapa Cobham Intermediate School field, Ilam Rd. **Dates:** 14, 21 Feb, 7, 21 March from 4pm to 5:30pm. Check out our website for more information and to register: <https://www.canterburyvolleyball.org/indoor-volleyball-1/kiwivolley-yr-7-8s>

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<https://www.busybumbles.co.nz/>

Crusaders in Clubs at Burnside RFC



When: Monday March 4th, 4.30-5.30pm

Where: Burnside Rugby Club, 342 Avonhead Road

What: Drills and games with some Crusaders players, bouncy castle, sausage sizzle, time for signing at the end.

Register for
the 2025
season while
you're there.

