

21 February 2024

Week 4 Term 1

Newsletter 2



Te Parito Kōwhai  
Russley School



## Coming Up...

Wed 21 Feb	- Jump Start 2.00pm - Assembly 2.15pm—all welcome
Fri 23 Feb	PTA welcome picnic—see below
Mon 26 Feb	Te Kōhure (Yr 7/8) swimming lessons cont. for a 2nd week
Fri 1 March	Sausage Sizzle \$2 each — order at the hall before school, collect at lunchtime
Sun 3 March	Photo orders deadline
Mon 4 March	- Walk or Wheel to School Week - Term 1B New Entrant intake - Room 18 opens
Tues 5 March	Swimming sports at Wharenui
Fri 15 March	NW Zone swimming sports

We congratulate senior students appointed to leadership roles in 2024



### Student Council

Lilly Alisa Crichelle  
Rayyan Isaac Oliver Moaz

### 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. The PTA will also be running a free sausage sizzle (limit 1 pp) with halal and vegetarian sausages available

23rd Feb  
from 5pm

Everyone  
welcome!



### House Captains

Ayla Genesis Nate Isiah

## Principal's Message

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

### Rebuild update

After looking at an empty area for the past month where the old hall and Rooms 14-17 used to be, we believe the Ministry of Education and Hawkins Construction have reached an agreement on their contract. We should see physical work beginning in the coming week or two which is exciting for the next phase of the rebuild. The next phase is extensive, with a new block of 8 teaching spaces, the removal of Rooms 10-13, the old library and ESOL room, the creation of new courts and playing space and finally the complete redesign of the Cutts Rd school entrance. It really will look quite different.

### Term 1 value focus

This term's value focus is hauora. The new tile design represents a whare; a meeting house with four walls. The four walls are required to support the house. Each of these walls represents an aspect of hauora or health. Taha hinengaro represents mental health and emotions, taha wairua represents spiritual



health, taha tinana represents physical health and taha whānau represents family as a key part of everyone's health. All aspects need to be present and balanced for us to maintain overall health and wellness. If one of these is missing or not balanced, our 'house' (us) leans and isn't stable.

### Cellphone policy

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are required to formally adopt a cellphone policy that ensures students' mobile phones are 'away for the day' whilst at school. This is not a big change because that is pretty much what we do now. However, I am seeking feedback on this policy from our school community before finalising it. This is a summary of our current practice:

- Cellphones that are brought to school must remain in students' bags or by agreement with the teacher.
- Phones are not to be accessed during the school day.
- Any breach of this creates a warning, handing in of the phone, and/or follow up with parents.
- We expect all student/parent communications to come through the school office e.g. messages, illness notifications, appointment arrangements.

- The above expectations do not apply to BYO devices, such as Chrome-books, being used for learning purposes.
- The school assumes no responsibility for any loss or damage of any personal device that is brought to school.

If there are other suggestions that you would like considered in the formation of this policy, please email your comments to [feedback@russley.school.nz](mailto:feedback@russley.school.nz) by Wednesday 28 February.

### Staff car park

Now that the MASH out-of-school programme has moved to Room 9, there is a temptation for parents to use the staff car park. From a health and safety position, we cannot have students in the car park at any time. This parking area is for staff traffic only, and staff need to know that no students will be present. Please walk your children into school.

Ngā mihi

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

# Kōwhai Awards

*Hauora — Healthy*

## Te Kōhure (Year 7/8)

Isiah Collins-Polata, Tyson Fisher, Crichelle Perera, Seth Burson, Saakhi Kaur, Lucas Macdonald, Isabella Song, Howard Poh

## Te Māhuri (Years 4-6)

Victor Grant, Ned Peters, Maddie Todd, Amelia Kelly, Josephine Jo, Greta Hollis-Barnard, Tenushki Ranasinghe, Archie Li, Thomas Longson, Javahn Bhangu, Bridget Ireland, Harrison Evans

## Te Kākano (Years 0-3)

Meera Chouhan, Zuhir Al Qattan, Krisha Kankarwal, Mikael Shoaib, Hayoung Kang, Lachlan Hogan, Noelle Currie, Zac Pomeroy, ShriRang Balaji, Samuel Taulani, Lily Quinn, Lucy Pollard, Hailey Brennan, Veera Sandheep

### Te Tohu Kōwhai Winners:

Lilly Lan

Flynn Andrew

Hope Pearman

## Walk or Wheel to School Week

Monday 4 March - Friday 8 March 2024



*It's time to get moving!*

How will you make your journey to school?

Walk? Run? Bike? Scooter? Skate?

Or will it be a hop, a skip and a jump?

Thursday 7 March is decorate-your-wheels day when judges will be handing out prizes!

# SWIMMING SPORTS

## WHARENUI POOL

Tues 5  
March

9.30am—10.45am  
Years 3 and 4

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

10:45am—12.15pm  
Years 1 and 2  
Swim carnival

12.30pm—2.45pm  
Years 5 - 8

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

**PARENTS AND SPECTATORS  
ARE WELCOME**

Sausage Sizzle  
\$2  
Friday 1 March

### School Photos

Parents have been emailed their child's unique access code to enable them to view and purchase their child's class and individual photos online. Free delivery period expires midnight Sunday 3 March.



### Science Awards—register by 1 March

Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School is once again offering students in Years 4-8 an opportunity to earn Science Awards - an optional homework activity designed by the Science Awards Trust.

**Year 4** students complete a series of science activity sheets designed for them to work on by themselves. Progress is monitored in a sticker booklet. Recommended 4-6 weeks per activity sheet. The cost per student is \$6.

**Year 5** Explorer Badge and **Year 6** Advanced Explorer Badge offer a range of extension activities and skills. Students must complete eight activities from four categories. Cost per badge is \$6.

**Years 7 and 8** Students purchase an activity sheet from a range of 30 science topics. Once completed, a badge and certificate are awarded. Students have all year to complete a badge and may complete more than one if they wish. Cost per badge is \$6.

Please click [this link](#) to complete a registration form.

### Dental Service

The Community Dental Service is soon to arrive at Russley for children to have routine dental check-ups at school in a mobile dental unit. Examinations, x-rays and preventative treatment such as fissure sealants and fluoride treatments will be available. If you have questions or DO NOT want these treatments for your child, please call 0800 846 983. If your child requires operative work e.g. fillings or extractions they will take home a Care Plan. Then, you will need to call the 0800 846 983 number to arrange an appointment at the Community Dental Clinic, Hornby.



### Year 8 School-based Vaccination Programme – Friday 22 March

A vaccination pack has been provided to Year 8 students who have not completed their vaccinations in General Practice. This year's school-based vaccination programme offers two-dose HPV vaccinations to protect against genital warts, cervical cancer, throat and mouth cancers, and other types of cancers later in life. The programme also includes a Boostrix vaccination to provide protection against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough. Parent/caregivers are asked to please complete the registration form and return it to school by **Monday 26 February**. Consent for the school-based programme can be withdrawn at any time during the programme by contacting the vaccinating team directly at [HPV@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:HPV@cdhb.health.nz)



PAYWAVE is now available  
at the office!



The school office has converted to a cashless operation, and no longer accepts cash for school accounts, or uniform or stationery sales.



Mana Ake kaimahi are available for parents and caregivers seeking advice and guidance to support their children. If a parent has a worry or concern, or wishes to book a half-hour slot to discuss their child's mental health or behaviour, please email DP [jane.rush@russley.school.nz](mailto:jane.rush@russley.school.nz). Sessions available by appointment only at the following times:

Wednesday 20 March  
8.30am, 9.00am, 9.30am, 10.00am, 10.30am, 11.00am

These appointments will be held in Rua meeting room in the main office.

**CULTURE FEST 2024**

Friday, 8 March 2024 Riccarton High School Hall  
4.30- 8 pm

“ A celebration of the amazing cultural diversity in our community! ”

FEATURING LOCAL FOOD TRUCKS, CULTURAL MUSIC ITEMS, COMMUNITY GROUPS & MORE!

*We remember*



*22 February 2011  
12.51pm*

**PLAY!**  
DRAMA WORKSHOPS

AGES 8-12

**WEDNESDAY DRAMA 4:30-5:30**

Take to the stage and develop your acting skills as you take centrestage in our PLAYFest in Term 2!



AGES 6-8

**TUESDAY MUSICAL THEATRE 4:00-4:45**

Do you love singing and dancing? Have you wanted to perform in costumes in front of an audience? This class is for you!



AGES 10-12

**TUESDAY MUSICAL THEATRE 4:45-5:30PM**

Learn to sing and dance to your favourite show tunes!



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369 Saint Asaph Street, Christchurch Central City

**FREE**  
Te Rā O Ngā Tamariki

**Children's Day! 2024**

**Sunday 03 March**  
11am-3pm

Cuthberts Green, Shuttle Drive Bromley  
Event parking and entry from Linfield Park  
56 Kearney's Road, Bromley

[ccc.govt.nz/childrensday](http://ccc.govt.nz/childrensday)



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WIN A VOUCHER!



★ to do something you love ♥

Order ezlunch for delivery dates 12 – 23 February to enter the draw!

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](http://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](mailto: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 holiday sessions onsite at Russley. [mashkids.co.nz](http://mashkids.co.nz)

### **Delta Gymnastics**

Do you want to try rhythmic gymnastics? Come for a free trial with Delta Rhythmic Gymnastics. Learn tricks with hoops, balls, ribbons and more! To book your free trial, email [membership@delta.org.nz](mailto: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](mailto:russley@playcentre.org.nz)

### **St Andrew's College**

Secondary School open day  
6 March 9.00am-12.00pm.  
Visit [stac.nz/opendays2024](http://stac.nz/opendays2024) for further information.

### **Tots to Teens Magazine**

Our latest issue is jam-packed with content to help Kiwi parents  
[issue2402.totstoteens.co.nz](http://issue2402.totstoteens.co.nz)  
**In this issue:**

- » The terrible twos
- » Getting the most out of Open Days
- » Gut health for young athletes
- » Tempting chocolate treats
- » Healthy eyes for a better future
- » What is your child's learning style?
- » 7 Tips for parents who have ADHD
- » How to talk about periods.
- » The ultimate party-planning guide
- » PLUS awesome giveaways

### **Avonhead Playcentre**

Open every morning except Wednesdays. First 3 visits are free. 166 Waimairi Rd. Ph 3587922.

### **Avonhead Kindergarten**

Parents with preschoolers are welcome to *stay and play* – a free morning of fun every Thursday 930-1100am. Talk with our friendly teachers while the children play, sing, imagine, discover, make friends, explore and laugh together. We have spaces available for children over 2 years old. First 20 hours free, then \$3/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](mailto:merlinsnetballclub@gmail.com)

### **Rip Into Rugby—FREE EVENT**

Open to girls and boys of all skill levels, aged Year 3–8. We run a skills session followed by a game. You can go to one or both events on 14 & 21 March, at 3.30pm at Malvern Park, Innes Rd. Register at: [Canterbury Rugby Rip Into It](#)

### **Mary Poppins Stage Show - starring a Russley Pupil!**

CentreStage Rolleston will stage *Mary Poppins* from 18-27 April at Rolleston College and [tickets are on sale now](#). As well as a fantastic adult cast, the show features four Waitaha young people. Saskia Van Gerwen (CGHS) and Isla Marshall (St Andrew's College) play the role of Jane, and Logan Randall (Te Paritō Kōwhai Russley School) and Harry McDermott (West Rolleston Primary School) play Michael. The students will perform alternate shows.

We also will be running for the first time in May a performing arts competition. *Illuminate* is thought to be Selwyn's first performing arts competition for those aged 18 and under. More information including a syllabus and instructions on how to register can be found [on our website](#).

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