

6 March 2024

Week 6 Term 1

Newsletter 3



Te Parito Kōwhai
Russley School



Coming Up...

Wed 6 March	Ballot deadline for Term 2
Thur 5 March	- Decorate-your-wheels day - Jump Start 2.00pm - Assembly 2.15pm
Fri 8 March	International Women's Day
Mon 11 March	Ramadan begins 
Tues 12 March	PTA 7.30pm
Fri 15 March	- NW Zone swimming sports - Anniversary of mosque attacks
Mon 18 March	Board meeting 6.00pm
20-22 March	Te Māhuri (Year 5/6) camp
Fri 22 March	Year 8 HPV vaccinations
Fri 29 Marc	Good Friday—school closed
Mon 1 April Tues 2 April	Easter Monday and Tuesday School closed
Wed 3 April	School resumes
Fri 12 April	Term ends 3pm



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!

Principal's Message

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

Room 18 opened on Monday to accommodate the Term 1B New Entrant intake. Team Te Kākano welcomed three new pupils and the return of teacher Gilly Macbeth.

Parking on Pinehurst Cres.

As our school has re-arranged classroom locations, we have ended up with a larger number of junior students near the back of our school at start and finish times. Pinehurst Crescent has become even more congested with cars. Office workers regularly park cars on Pinehurst Cres. to access the business park on Russley Rd, so it is an area that is already tight and sometimes a little chaotic. It is our collective responsibility to keep this area safe for our students when we add to this congestion.

I ask drivers to show parking manners, please. This is particularly relevant at pick-up time (3pm) when we have many people in that area over a short time period. Parking manners look like this:

- Not parking in people's driveways.
- Not parking across people's driveways.

- Not parking on the yellow lines. These are placed to help keep spaces clear so others can see.
- Not double parking next to another car, blocking the road.
- Not parking on the footpath.
- Parking your car slightly further away and walking to meet your child/ren.

Rebuild update

Since the last newsletter, work has begun on preparing the foundation for the new classroom block. You may have heard through various media that there is a hold on many Ministry of Education property projects. Fortunately, our school's project can continue — I will be very happy to put up with noise from now until Christmas if it means the work is being done!

Policy Review

School policies up for review this term include Parent Involvement, Communicating with Parents, Community Conduct Expectations, School Planning and Reporting, and Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement.

Policies can be reviewed on our school's portal of the SchoolDocs website at www.schooldocs.co.nz

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- Enter the username **russley** and password **Ru55ley**
- Follow the link to the relevant policy
- After reading, click the Policy Review button (top right-hand corner)
- Select the reviewer type "Parent" to submit your comments and rating.

Leadership

Year 8 student, Oliver Peters, has been appointed as the Head of the Student Leadership team. We congratulate you.

Meanwhile, I have been appointed Vice President of the Canterbury Primary Principals' Association. The CPPA advocates for primary education, supports members and their professional growth, and strives for improved primary school conditions. From time to time, the VP role will require me to take some time away from the Russley office, but not to a noticeable degree.

Ngā mihi

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

Kōwhai Awards

Hauora — Healthy

Te Kōhure (Year 7/8)

Desmond Kiddie, Daisy Forster, Essence Shelford, Parker Cobb, Christian Sisson, Amelia Stainger, Mahir Ali Hussein Ahmed, Benjamin Pryor

Te Māhuri (Years 4-6)

Karin Matsumoto, Piper Mackay, Bhaarati Sharma, James Bell, Courtney Curry, Denzel Sangkop, Charlie Sparks, Kaden Birkett, Alexander Lust, Theo Planicka, Katherine Lord, Isabelle McEwan

Te Kākano (Years 0-3)

Clark Aliwate, Lylah Palmer, Ella McEwan, Forest Gillespie, Basti Clare, Evie Robertson, Jireh Fuata'i, Delilah Greening, Lily Mitchell, Nora Yang, Ryan Cui, Faith Fuata'i, Courtney Bell, Lacie Todd

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winners:

Theo Andersson-Yellowlees

Thomas Coles

Mimi Lan

COVID-19 is still out there... please be considerate of others



New Zealand Government

Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School is experiencing ongoing numbers of students and staff being infected with COVID-19. To prevent the virus spreading further, we seek parents' help in following Ministry of Health guidelines.

If you test positive for COVID-19, it is recommended that you isolate for at least 5 days, even if you only have mild symptoms. You would start your isolation at Day 0—this is the day your symptoms started or when you tested positive, whichever came first.

Isolation means not leaving your house and not going to work or school. It also means staying away from others in your household as much as possible. Wear a mask if you need to go out.

As long as siblings are symptom-free, they may attend school. However, they should test daily for 5 days. If they test positive, they should stay home and begin isolation.

International Competitions and Assessments (ICAS)

Registrations are open for students in Years 4–8 who wish to sit this year's ICAS tests. These tests are an opportunity for academically proficient children to sit an external exam.

The parent portal for registering and paying has been set up. To enter your child, [click here](#) and enter the access code IQ1921. Payment is to be made online at time of ordering. Your child may enter one or several tests.

Digital Tech.	5-9 August
Writing	5-9 August
English	12-16 August
Science	19-23 August
Spelling Bee	19-23 August
Mathematics	26-30 August

Closing date for entries is 29 July.

ICAS
assessments



Dental Service

The Community Dental Service's mobile unit is now onsite for children to have routine dental check-ups at school. Examinations, x-rays and preventative treatment such as fissure sealants and fluoride treatments will be available. If you DO NOT want these treatments for your child, please call 0800 846 983 so this can be noted on file. 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 Hornby community clinic.



Maths Badges

Registration closes 15 March

Our kura is offering students in Years 4-8 an opportunity to earn maths badges - an optional homework activity designed by the Mathematics Achievement Challenge team to extend and enrich student learning in mathematics. Students working at Curriculum Level 2 (Years 4-5) may register for CRACAMAC; 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 badge \$10. Please [click this link](#) to complete a registration form.

**KISS
AND
DROP
ONLY**

**PLEASE STAY
IN VEHICLE**

At the P3 park on Cutts Rd, please be a considerate driver who pulls in only briefly to collect or drop off a child. If you wish to park your car, and walk in to school, please choose a parking spot further along the road.



**Off
Centre**

Arts Festival | 8-9 March

artscentre.org.nz



UC's Kiwi Exams

English, Mathematics, Science, and Spelling Competitions

These annual academic competitions in English, mathematics, science and spelling are open to children in Years 5-8. Each student may each enter one or more subjects. The cost is \$9.90 per exam entered.

The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. The competitions are to be administered at school under exam conditions and supervised. Entries are administered by the school.

For information, please visit the CAM website www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam

To enter, [please click this link](#).

Entries close Friday 10 May.



**CASHLESS
PAYMENT ONLY**

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



PAYWAVE NOW AVAILABLE



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, email DP 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



**Ramadan
Kareem**

10 March - 8 April

Ramadan is a holy month of fasting and prayer for Muslims and followers of Islam.

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 holiday sessions onsite at Russley. mashkids.co.nz

Dance Fitness Christchurch

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

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

Avonhead Kindergarten

We welcome parents with preschoolers to *stay and play* – a free morning of fun every Thursday 930-1100am. Meet 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.

Avonhead-Russley Scouts

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

Children's Wear Market

From Bellies, Babies to Tweens market is a buy/sell pre-loved market for families. You'll find maternity, baby, kids & tweens (pre-teens) items all in one place at bargain prices.

Families selling can earn a bit of extra cash, while families coming to buy can score huge savings on items needed for growing babies and kids.

Market Day: SUNDAY 17 MARCH 9am-12noon at Halswell RLFC, Halswell Rd.

Avonhead Playcentre

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

Russley Playcentre

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

Merlins Netball

A club that is passionate about netball and makes sure that everyone is included. If your child aged 9-17 years wants to play, register with us today.

merlinsnetballclub@gmail.com

Girls Brigade Avonhead

An opportunity for girls to learn new skills and share adventures in a safe environment. Monday evenings at Avonhead Baptist Church, 6pm– 7:15pm.

Juniors: 5 – 8 years

Seniors: 9-12 years

Pioneers: 13+ years

\$40 per term. Email Captain Viv Fyfe for details.

fyfewhanau@gmail.com

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Christchurch Envirokids
UPCOMING EVENTS
MARCH
WHEN?: Anytime from 10AM - 1PM
WHERE?: Kiosk in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens
FREE

2 Seaweek: Upcycle Sea Creatures (WEEK 1)
Join Envirokids in making a few upcycled art creations including sea turtles and squids.

9 Seaweek: Upcycle Sea Creatures (WEEK 2)
Join Envirokids in making a few upcycled art creations including sea turtles and squids.

16 Clean Water: Stormwater Contamination
This is a hands-on experience where we will try to make our own water filter and play games about stormwater contamination.

23 Bee Awesome with Envirokids
Learn how bees make honey, dress up like a beekeeper, and more for this incredible collaboration.

30 Easter Egg Hunt: Predator vs Prey with Predator Free Port Hills
Join in for an easter egg hunt, make chew cards and tracking tunnels and play a footprint matching game.

For more information:
@ChchEnvirokids

DYNAMIC DEVELOPMENTS
Occupational Therapy
Speech & Language Therapy
Physiotherapy
Counselling

We have specialists located across New Zealand's South Island

Our therapists travel to children in the following areas:

North, Central & South Otago
Christchurch and Surrounds
Dunedin
Southland

If you have a child you would like us to see you can refer them to our team via ERMS, our website or via email.

referrals@dynamicdevelopments.nz
www.dynamicdevelopments.nz

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