

20 March 2024

Week 8 Term 1


Newsletter 4



Te Parito Kōwhai
Russley School



Coming Up...

Wed 20 March	- Jump Start 2.00pm - Assembly 2.15pm
20-22 March	Te Māhuri (Year 5/6) camp
Fri 22 March	Year 8 HPV vaccinations
Fri 29 March	Good Friday—school closed 
Mon 1 April Tues 2 April	Easter Monday & Tuesday School closed
Wed 3 April	Classes resume
Fri 5 April	Sausage sizzle \$2
Sat 6 April	Russley movie night 5pm
Fri 12 April	- Cultural Day — wear national costume, bring a plate - Term ends 3pm
Mon 29 April	Term 1 begins
1-3 May	Team Kōhure Year (7/8) camp

TE PARITO KŌWHAI RUSSELLY PTA
WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL
RUSSELLY WHĀNAU TO OUR

MOVIE NIGHT

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A FAMILY
EVENT AND SUPERVISION IS NOT
PROVIDED. STUDENTS REQUIRE
AN ADULT TO BE PRESENT FOR
ENTRY.



FREE ENTRY

POPCORN
AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE (\$1)

6TH APRIL 5PM

SCHOOL HALL-DOORS
OPEN AT 4.45
BRING A PICNIC
BLANKET AND SOME
MOVIE SNACKS OR
DINNER



PAYWAVE is now
available at the office!

New After School Care Programme

After Easter, out-of-school care provider Busy Bumbles will launch a new service onsite at Russley offering before-and-after-school care and holiday programmes.

Busy Bumbles replaces the former provider MASH which went into liquidation in early March. Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School is covering the interim weeks with a temporary programme until Easter.

Managing Director Rebecca Macey assures parents that Busy Bumbles operates very differently to MASH and will launch on Tuesday 2 April with a fun-filled **Easter Egg-stravaganza** programme with plenty of fun activities planned. Book here: <https://enrolmy.com/busy-bumbles/book-now/546-Russley-Easter-Tuesday--2nd-April>.

Further details about their services, including prices and holiday programme details, can be found on their website: [Busy Bumbles](https://www.busybumbles.co.nz).



Principal's Message

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

Community Partnerships

Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School has always had a thriving school community that has served us well. We want to ensure that those valuable connections continue to help make our school a great place to be. One of our school's strategic goals for 2024/25 is "nurturing community connections and partnerships". This goal supports our Walking Together vision—picture community members holding hands, moving in the same direction, supporting and encouraging each other. The Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School community has changed in the past decade, most notably in the past five years. Over the next few weeks, we plan to establish some parent groups to start conversations about how we can continue to develop and support our school community into the future. We encourage your involvement and look forward to your ideas.

Before/after school care provider

You may be aware that our previous before/after school care provider has ceased operations. A new onsite service, [Busy Bumbles](#) will commence on Tuesday 2 April. Their opening day could be handy for those parents who must work on that day; a day when

businesses are open but schools are closed. Please ensure your family has plans in place for your children on this day.

Winter Uniform

There has been a recent shift to cooler weather, signalling that winter is on the way. There are a few weeks of the term left, followed by the holidays. Please use this time to prepare your child's winter uniform. We understand that children need to be warm coming to and from school by wearing jackets and the like. However, when they are at school, jackets and different-coloured clothing are not an option. We expect all students to wear school uniform. There are second-hand uniform items available at the office for \$5 a piece. Beat the rush—go and have a look any-time during school hours. Please, please, please clearly name your child's uniform so that lost/found garments can be returned.

Payment plans for school

There are very few items that our school requires parents to pay for, due to additional government funding which covers such things as swimming lessons, gymnastics, drama performances that come to school, and transport to different places. As your child moves through school however, there are a couple of costs for which we request payment from parents, namely, senior technology (Hornby High School) and

school camps (Years 5-8). I suggest that parents start planning early for these costs, perhaps even before their child has reached Year 5. An option is to set up an automatic payment, transferring small amounts weekly or fortnightly into the school account:

Account Name: Russley School Board
Account No: 03 0830 0307669 00

Paying just \$5 a week, for example, for a year would more than cover a school camp fee. AP's are easy to sort online with your bank, and you can 'set it and forget it'. Should you have 'overpaid' by the time your child leaves school, the office will refund any extra money. If you wish to discuss these arrangements, email accounts@russley.school.nz

Staffing

Teacher Pene Cooley has expressed a desire to reduce her teaching hours. To retain Pene's valuable contribution to our school, we are happy to grant her request. From Term 2, Room 2 will be taught by Kathryn Clare who already works part-time at Russley. Pene and Kathryn will manage a gradual transition in the coming weeks.

Ngā mihi

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

Kōwhai Awards

Hauora — Healthy

Te Kōhure (Year 7/8)

Zoe Wilson, Ali Sina Salehi,
Lili Notoa, Eddie Son, Max Bell,
Jayda Yellowlees, Perez Scott,
Lizzy Senekal

Te Māhuri (Years 4-6)

Shringa Varanakudath Aneesh,
Ammar Shoaib, Alfie Forster,
Charlotte Li, Phoebe Ireland,
Matthius Larkin-Samuel, Jacob
Braggins, Mila Stack, Liama Lagi,
Evie Planicka, Tamahae Bird,
Kelvin Ma

Te Kākano (Years 0-3)

Hazel Theobald, Dekota Mark,
Lilly Males, William G., Charlie
Green, Veronica Konstantinova,
Hugo Penniall, Winnie Rongonui,
Chloe Liu, Lachlan Walkinshaw,
Nikhil Sharma, Ezra Hanrahan,
Harlan Rouse, Lucy Coles

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winners:

Natalia Wakelin

Sharon Lan

Sam Taulani

**RUSSLEY
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To the lovely people who donated camp fees for some children outside their own family. You know who you are! You weren't seeking public accolades, but we want to acknowledge your generosity. Much appreciated.

CULTURAL DAY!

Friday 12th April

BRING A PLATE AND DRESS UP IN YOUR CULTURE!

DRESS UP AND BRING A PLATE THAT REPRESENTS YOUR CULTURE! THEN, IN THE AFTERNOON, WE'LL DO A MASSIVE PARADE ON THE BACKFIELD!

EVERYONE WELCOME!



Anyone Missing Their Child's Photo Code...?

Due to some recent emails ending up in people's spam folders, one or two parents have not received an online code to enable them to order their child's class photographs. If you still wish to order photos from Photolife, you can do so! Please email Rae at reception@russley.school.nz to request your child's individual code.



Congratulations to teacher Rhiannon Barr and partner Blair on the safe arrival of baby son, Hugh.



UC's Kiwi Exams English, Maths, Science, & Spelling Competitions



These annual competitions in English, mathematics, science and spelling are open to academically competent children in Years 5-8. Further info: www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam Each student may each enter one or more subjects. The cost is \$9.90 per exam entered and the total needs to be paid to the school a/c. These online tests will take place at school in the last three weeks of Term 2 and will be run under exam conditions. To enter, [please click this link](#). Entries close Friday 10 May.

Maths Badges



Our kura offers 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 CRACMAC; 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. To enter, please [click this link](#). Registrations close 15 March.

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



Community Notices





SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Registrations are NOW OPEN
All Girls and Boys welcome

15th and 16th April
18th and 19th April
22nd and 23rd April

Ages 4-8 - Morning Sessions
Ages 9-14 - All Day Sessions
Upper Riccarton Domain

Learn Football Skills and have loads of fun
No prior experience necessary!

Karate At Russley

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

Dance Fitness Christchurch

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

Hornby Hockey Junior Pre-season

Girls and boys, Years 1-8, are invited to free pre-season fun sessions for four weeks starting 21 March. Whether you've been playing for years, or never picked up a stick, come and join in. If you have your own stick, bring it; otherwise, we have gear available. Thursdays 21, 28 March, 4, 11 April 4.30-5.30pm at Hornby Domain (Main South Rd). No cost!

Merlins Netball

If your child aged 9-17years wants to play, register now.
merlinsnetballclub@gmail.com

Knights Netball Juniors

Our friendly club is looking for players in age groups:

- Years 3&4
- Year 7
- Year 8
- Under 17

Get in touch by emailing
riccartonknightsnetball@outlook.com

Avonhead Kindergarten

We welcome preschoolers and their parents to stay *and play* – a free morning of fun on Thursdays 930-1100am. Meet the friendly teachers while the children play, sing, discover, make friends, explore and laugh together. We have spaces available for children over 2 years old. First 20 hours free, then \$3/hour. You'll find us at 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. Morgana 3434364.



Crosbie Park

Join CCC Ranger and local community members for a working bee alongside the stream in Crosbie Park.

Location: Crosbie Park, Avonhead.

Where: Meet at the Bridge/playground area.

When:

- 9.30 am - 10.30 am, Tuesday, 16 April (Working Bee)
- 9.30 am - 10.30 am, Tuesday, 4 June (Working Bee)
- 9.30 am - 10.30 am, Tuesday, 20 August (Working Bee)
- 9.30 am - 11.30 am, Tuesday, 17 September (Planting)
- 9.30 am - 10.30 am, Tuesday, 8 October (Working Bee)
- 9.30 am - 10.30 am, Tuesday, 5 November (Working Bee)

Please contact Ranger with any questions:
Annaliese.CaukwellMills@ccc.govt.nz

If the weather is bad on the day, we may cancel

Christchurch City Council






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