

3 April 2024

Week 10 Term 1

Newsletter 5



Te Parito Kōwhai  
Russley School



## Coming Up...

Fri 5 April	Sausage sizzle \$2 
Saturday 6 April	Russley movie night 5pm (hall doors open 4.45pm)
Wed 10 April	- Assembly 2.15pm - Community partnerships meeting: interested parents welcome, Te Ura block, 6.30pm
Fri 12 April 	- Cultural Day – wear national costume, bring food to share - Term ends 3pm
Mon 29 April	Term 1 begins
1-3 May	Team Kōhure Year (7/8) camp
Wed 8 May	- Jump Start 2.00pm - Assembly 2.15pm

**CULTURAL DAY!**

**Friday 12th April**

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

**BRING A PLATE AND DRESS UP IN YOUR CULTURE!**

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

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



**Sausage Sizzle**

Order at new hall before school

**\$2**

**Friday 5th April**

## Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa. Nau mai haere mai ki te kura Te Parito Kōwhai Russley. Welcome back after an extended weekend as we begin our runup to the term holidays at the end of next week.

### Some background to Easter Tuesday for schools

I heard some chat over the weekend about why Easter moves around and why schools sometimes have an extra day's holiday, so here follows a little detail. Easter is a Christian celebration determined by the first spring full moon in the northern hemisphere. The Easter weekend is the first weekend after this moon. In New Zealand, a Tuesday school holiday was added to the Education Act back in 1954 and it has remained ever since.

**Easter 2025** (in school holidays) - April 18 Good Friday, April 21 Easter Monday;

**Easter 2026** (in school holidays) - April 03 Good Friday, April 06 Easter Monday.

**Easter 2027** will be even earlier than this year, with March 26 being Good Friday, March 29 Easter Monday and March 30 Easter Tuesday for schools.

### Community Partnership meeting

As mentioned, one of our school's strategic goals this year is to 'nurture community connections and partnerships'. The past few years have been challeng-

ing in various ways, and we must plan together to ensure we can carry on the great legacy that our school holds.

There is a community meeting scheduled for **Wednesday 10 April @ 6:30pm** (one hour at most) in the breakout space of the new Year 7/8 classroom block, Te Ura. A cross-section of parents have been approached as we try to gather a parent voice that reflects our school community, but it is an open invite to all parents and caregivers. If you wish to attend, please rsvp by emailing teacher Tammy Reen at [tammy.reen@russley.school.nz](mailto:tammy.reen@russley.school.nz)

### Finland Education and Principals' PD

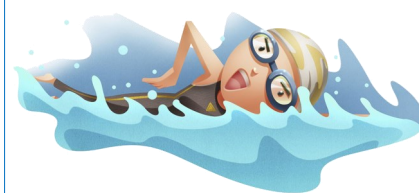
Next week, I will be traveling to Scandinavia, using the last week of term and the school holidays for a mix of professional and personal experience. In particular, the Finnish education system has had some time in the international spotlight as a country with high-achieving student outcomes. I will be joining some NZ principals and others from around the globe to observe how the Finnish system operates and learn about some of the increasing challenges faced by Scandinavian schools. It will be an early preparation for winter with temperatures below 0° and 8°.

Ngā mihi

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

## Swim Champions

Congratulations to the following students who qualified to represent the North West Zone at last week's Primary Sports Canterbury Centrals swimming event.



Ayla Burgess  
Sophia Zhou  
Lilly Lan  
Natalia Wakelin  
James De Wit  
Hayden Reed  
Ben Pryor  
Duo Xu  
Porou Rongonui

Special mention to Sophia who placed 2nd in 100m backstroke and 3rd in 100m freestyle.

## Assembly Postponed

Due to the shortened timetable this week, today's assembly has been pushed back a week to Wednesday 10 April.



# Kōwhai Awards

*Hauora — Healthy*

### Te Kōhure (Year 7/8)

Leen Darwish, Ruben Shrestha, Genesis Tanielu Fuata'i, Jharred Jacinto, John Hussain Abbas, Chelsea Knotts, Liam Clark, Calvin Sanchez

### Te Māhuri (Years 4-6)

Mila-Rose Robertson, Lily Stack, Evie Kelly, Sunshine Shelford, Blake Thompson, Violet Cobb, Bernadette Surrey, Kahurangi Rongonui, Arabella O'Halloran, Jessica Pollard, Lucy Sparks, Nico Meek

### Te Kākano (Years 0-3)

Kiash Bura, Iri Matsumoto, Amna Dawood, Rio Ito, Amaya Cheng, Dylan Pomeroy, Enzo Stack, Maya Sofijanic, William Holmes, Charlie Bellew, Adam El Sarraf, Zisan Kyuka, Henco Jansen van Rensburg, Amaiah Bhangu

### Te Tohu Kōwhai Winners:

Rayyan Shaikh

Piper Mackay

Yuven Thapa

**RUSSLEY HUG!**



The lads from Hawkins Construction wish to thank the 'beautiful woman' who made them a carrot cake. The anonymous gift was gratefully received but the builders are curious to know who you are so that they can say thank you!

## Bus Fares Increase

For students who travel to school by bus, please be aware that from 1 May, 5-12-year-olds will no longer travel for free on public buses following the government's changes to its Community Connect concessions scheme. This is a nationwide change, decided by the new government. Children 4 years old and under will continue to travel for free without a Metro-card.

Children 5-12 will need to top up their Metro cards to cover the \$1 bus and \$2 ferry concessions as part of the half-price Under-25 concession from May 1. Council had already planned for the continuation of the Under -25 concession in its 2022/23 Annual Plan, as part of its flat fare trial.

All other Metro concessions for Greater Christchurch will remain the same including Community Services Card holders, tertiary students, and Total Mobility customers.

All Greater Christchurch Metro fares can be viewed here.



## UC's Kiwi Exams

### English, Maths, Science, & Spelling Competitions



Annual 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 which needs to be paid to the school a/c. Tests will take place at school in the last 3 weeks of Term 2. **To enter, please click this link.** Closes 10 May.

## International Competitions & Assessments (ICAS)

Students in Years 4–8 who wish to sit this year's ICAS tests may ask their parents to register and pay at the parent portal, click here and enter the access code **IQI921**. Payment is to be made online at time of ordering. Students may enter one or several tests.

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

Closing date for entries is 29 July.

**Now at Russley!**  
OSCAR & MSD Approved. WINZ Subsidies.

**BUSY BUMBLES**  
Before & After School Care & Holiday Programmes

**BUMBLES**  
QUALITY CHILD CARE • QUALITY CHILDREN

**Award Winning Before & After School Care & Holiday Programmes**

# Community Partnerships



Have a voice—join the conversation.

## Russley School Dates 2024

<b>Term 1, 2024</b>	ends Fri 12 April 3.00pm
<b>Term 2, 2024</b>	Mon 29 April to Fri 5 July
<b>Term 3, 2024</b>	Mon 22 July to Fri 27 Sept
<b>Term 4, 2024</b>	Mon 14 Oct to Fri 13 Dec

**Also closed on:**

<b>ANZAC Day</b>	Thurs 25 April (in holidays)
<b>King's Birthday</b>	Mon 3 June
<b>Matariki</b>	Fri 28 June (term time)
<b>Labour Day</b>	Mon 28 October
<b>Cant'y Anniv.</b>	Fri 15 November

**School Holiday FUN** 13 - 28 APRIL

Packed with events to nurture creativity, spark imagination and entertain for pre-schoolers to teens.

[artscentre.org.nz](http://artscentre.org.nz)

**The Arts Centre**  
Te Matatiki Tai Ora

## 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)

### Dance Fitness Christchurch

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

### Hornby Hockey Juniors

Girls and boys, Years 1-8,  
free pre-season fun ses-  
sions for next 2 weeks.  
Whether you've been play-  
ing for years, or never  
picked up a stick, come and  
join in. Thursdays 21, 28  
March, 4, 11 April 4.30-  
5.30pm at Hornby Domain  
(Main South Rd). No cost!

### Hornby Netball

Vacancies for girls or boys:  
Year 3 (age 7)  
Year 5 (age 9)  
Year 8 (age 12)  
If interested, please contact  
[hornby.netball@gmail.com](mailto:hornby.netball@gmail.com).  
Also, if you are a parent  
interested in coaching Years  
5 - 8, we can support with  
junior coaching training at  
Christchurch Netball Centre.

### Avonhead Kindergarten

Preschoolers and parents  
can enjoy our free stay-and-  
play mornings, Thursdays  
930-1100am. Meet the  
friendly teachers while chil-  
dren play. Spaces avail for  
children over 2 years old.  
20 hours free, then \$3/  
hour. 49 Staveley St.  
Ph 021 761 149.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## APRIL

**WHEN?:** Anytime from 10AM - 1PM

**WHERE?:**  
Kiosk in the Christchurch Botanic  
Gardens (except April 13th & 27th)

**FREE**



Ōtautahi's small marine  
invertebrates: Under the  
microscope with Joyce Yager!

**Prepare to be captivated by the  
stunning diversity of creatures that  
inhabit our waters.**



Litter Intelligence Survey &  
Audit (Beach Clean-Up) with  
Sustainable Coastlines at  
Summer Beach

**The event is free however we do ask  
you to PLEASE REGISTER so we know  
numbers. Spaces are limited.**



Sow You Want to be a  
Gardener: Pumpkins

**Join us for a collaboration with  
Canterbury Horticultural Society on  
the basics of gardening and sowing  
seeds.**



River Rubbish Sort: Avon-  
Ōtākaro Network & Without  
Waste at Riverlution EcoPark

**Be prepared to sort through rubbish  
that has come out of the Avon-Ōtākaro  
River. Hosted at the Riverlution  
EcoPark (46a Vogel St. Richmond).**

For more information:

@ChchEnvirokids

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## 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!



## Methven Scarecrow Trail

Saturday April 13 - Sunday April 28

Awesome school holiday activity  
Only \$10 - cash only please  
Info & Maps available from the  
Methven ihub & Methven Four Square

**HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES**  
CHRISTCHURCH UNITED

**TWO GREAT WEEKS!**

APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>, 16<sup>TH</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup> | M-T-W  
APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>, 23<sup>RD</sup>, 24<sup>TH</sup> | M-T-W

**U4-U8**  
FUNDAMENTALS CAMP  
TIME: 9AM-NOON

**U9-U12**  
WORLD CUP CAMP  
TIME: 9AM-3PM

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY AT:  
[WWW.CUFC.CO.NZ](http://WWW.CUFC.CO.NZ)  
OR CALL +64 21 446 212