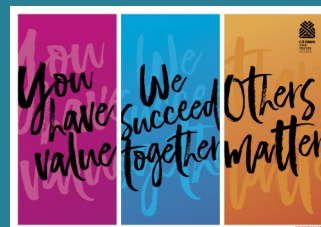


4 June 2025

Week 6 Term 2

Newsletter 8



## Coming Up...

<b>Tues 10 June</b>	UC Kiwi science exam for registered students, 9.30am
<b>Wed 11 June</b>	Year 3/4 representative cross-country event at Avonhead School
<b>Thur 12 June</b>	<a href="#">ShowQuest</a> at Town Hall
<b>Fri 13 June</b>	Disco (see pg 3 for times)
<b>Tues 17 June</b>	UC Kiwi maths exam 9.30am
<b>17 &amp; 18 June</b>	Mid-year interviews ( <b>early finish 1.00pm</b> on Tuesday 17 June)
<b>Wed 18 June</b>	Centrals cross-country, Ngā Puna Wai
<b>Thur 19 June</b>	Winter sport trials Years 5-8
<b>Fri 20 June</b>	Matariki public holiday <b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Mon 23 June</b>	Board meeting 5.00pm
<b>Tues 24 June</b>	UC Kiwi English exam 9.30am
<b>Wed 25 June</b>	North West Music Festival 7pm
<b>Thur 26 June</b>	Russley Art Attack 2pm–4pm

# MATHS NO PROBLEM!



Parents of children at any year level are invited to an information evening about the maths programme at Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School.

**Wednesday 4 June  
6pm-7pm in Te Ura building**



BOOKINGS OPEN  
TOMORROW

Mid-year interview bookings open Thursday. Parents, please arrange a suitable time to meet with your children's teachers on **Tuesday 17 June 1.30–7pm or Wednesday 18 June 3.15–6.30pm**

Online bookings open Thursday 5 June at 9.00am.  
Go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/8tchk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/8tchk)



**Note:** We ask families to collect their children from school at 1.00pm on Tuesday 17 June only. (Note - no lunch orders available that day.) School hours are back to normal (8.50am-3.00pm) on Wed 18 June.

The after-school programme Busy Bumbles, will be available for pre-booked students from 1.00pm on Tuesday 17 June. Book your [Busy Bumbles early-finish session here](#).

## North West Music Festival

Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School choir and brass band will perform at the North West Festival at BHS Aurora Centre on **Wednesday 25 June** at 7.00pm.



In preparation, the Russley Choir will hold 3 extra rehearsals, in addition to the regular Tuesday morning practices, on **Friday 6 June, Friday 13 June, Thursday 19 June**, at Russley at 8.00am. There is also a final rehearsal at the Aurora Centre on the morning of the festival.

Due to increased choir numbers this year, ticket numbers are limited, so we urge performers' families to book soon. Fill out the [order form](#) and make payment to the school account.

In the lead up to the festival, the choir will be outfitted in performance uniforms. Over the next fortnight, we require parent volunteers to assist with fitting and issuing the uniforms (perhaps two sessions of 1-2 hours during the school day). Please email [sophie.lennon@russley.school.nz](mailto:sophie.lennon@russley.school.nz).

## Principal's Message

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

### Student Conferences

Thank you, parents, in anticipation of your booking student conferences for 17 & 18 June. Bookings open tomorrow morning. In prioritising this task, you are giving value to your child's learning and achievement. For teachers to have enough time to see all parents over two afternoons/evenings, Russley School will close at 1.00pm on Tuesday 17 June.

### REMEMBER TO BOOK TOMORROW MID-YEAR INTERVIEWS

**Tuesday 17 June 1.30-7.00pm**  
(school closes 1.00pm)

**Wednesday 18 June 3.15-6.30pm**  
(classes finish 3pm)

Out-of-school care available at  
[https://enrolmy.com/busy-bumbles/  
book-now/706-Russley-Early-Finish](https://enrolmy.com/busy-bumbles/book-now/706-Russley-Early-Finish)  
---Tuesday-17th-June

### E Tū Tangata Research

You may be aware that our school has been an advocate for E Tū Tangata for several years. E Tū Tangata sits alongside our school values, and the gold is that E Tū Tangata reinforces these values through statements that everyone understands — **You Have Value, We Succeed Together & Others Matter.**

The University of Canterbury is undertaking some research into how schools and their communities are connecting with E Tū Tangata and the understanding they have of it.

The [attached information sheet](#) outlines the background to the research. Your contribution will give valuable insight into how E Tū Tangata is being received, and will add to research undertaken last year in other schools. We look forward to your involvement.

### Manaakitanga - our value this term

What we know from the science of learning is that schools work best when they connect learning to something that has meaning for someone. This week's challenge is to take the concept of 'manaakitanga' and discuss at home what that means for you.



If kindness, caring, generosity, respect, manners and support are values that parents expect, what do these things look and sound like in your household? How do you encourage these values? How do your children know what you expect? I urge you to have a chat with your children and spread the message. Too often is never enough!

Finally, best of luck to our representative runners who are competing in the North West Zones cross-country at Jellie Park this afternoon. Go well.

Ngā mihi nui

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

## Kōwhai Awards

### Focus: Manaakitanga



#### Te Kākano (Years 0-3)

Cleo Henderson, Nathaniel Greaves, Sebby Bushby, Zoe Huggins, Roy Lee, Jack Oxby, Natu Desta, Amaya Cheng, Henco Jansen van Rensburg, Harlan Rouse, Axel Mourtzakis, Esmae Hoskin, Shaira Adhikari, Zisan Kyuka

#### Te Māhuri (Years 4-6)

Sehej Kaura, Saebom Lee, Lincoln McElhinney, Eden Rouse, Aimee Qin, Amy Zhao, Denzel Sangkop, Aiden Wong, Finn Gillespie, Hugo Penniall, Anna Foley, Adam El Sarraf

#### Te Kōhure (Years 7-8)

Raymond Liu, Elise Mackay, Shringa Varankudath Aneesh, Toppa Siddiqui, Antonio James, Kyoka Sasaki, Elena Pearman, Henry Peters

#### Te Tohu Kōwhai Winners

Te Kākano — Lacie Todd  
Te Māhuri — Harry Lee  
Te Kōhure — Chelsea Knotts

## RUSSLEY PTA



Our fun, friendly PTA parent group organises and supports events such as sports day, discos and sausage sizzles. We meet monthly on Tuesday evenings. Join us, we'd love to meet you. [Details here.](#)

## Free Dental Care for Children

One of our Community Dental Service vans will shortly be visiting Russley. Do not be concerned if your child is not called for a check-up this time; only children who currently require a check will be seen at this visit. Dental therapists will provide a regular check-up and preventative care which may include cleaning/scaling to remove plaque,

dental x-rays to check for decay, presence and position of teeth, fluoride varnish and fissure sealants, if required.

If your child requires any other dental care, they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required. Contact our Call Centre to arrange a time to take your child to a Community Clinic for this dental care.

**Year 8 students** enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred to a FREE private dentist from year 9 until their 18th birthday. Please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable us to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their year 8 check-up.



TE PARITO KOWHAI RUSSLEY SCHOOL PTA  
INVITES OUR STUDENTS  
TO A

# DISCO

ON  
**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025**



**COST: \$2.50**



Junior (Years 0-3) 5:30-6:30PM  
Senior (Years 4-8) 6:45-8PM

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Snacks (incl GF+ DF+ Halal) and  
Glow in the dark temporary tattoos will be  
available for purchase.

Please note that ALL children MUST be  
picked up by an adult  
at the side door of the hall  
at the end of their disco





## Community Notices



OSCAR & MSD Approved WINZ Subsidies

**Busy Bumbles**  
Before & After School & Holiday Programmes

Award Winning  
Before & After School Care  
& Holiday Programmes

Book now for early-finish interviews day: <https://enrolmy.com/busy-bumbles/book-now/706-Russley-Early-Finish---Tuesday-17th-June>

### Karate At Russley

Thursday evenings. Junior and senior sessions. Phone Hayden 021 412212 or email [hayden@takecontrol.co.nz](mailto:hayden@takecontrol.co.nz)

### Taekwondo

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

### Avonhead-Russley Scouts

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

### Basketball Holiday Camp

Canterbury Rams Basketball invites students interested in basketball to apply for an upcoming school holiday Rams Basketball Camp. Junior Camp suitable for school years 5-8. Participants receive coaching from Canterbury Rams basketball players! The camp is suitable for all levels of players, with an emphasis on fun & learning new skills! Register for Canterbury Rams Holiday Basketball Camps Registration:

[Camps & Schools - Canterbury Rams.](#)

### Book Fair

Join the Gordon Scout Group Book Fair on 7th and 8th June 2025. We will feature a large selection of books to suit all ages, plus magazines, games, and puzzles.

We are gratefully accepting donations of the above items until 4th June. You can find us at Burnside Park.

For more information, visit our Facebook event <https://www.facebook.com/share/1E5gJqHf3S/>.

### Cat Show

Canterbury All Breeds Cat Club Winter Championship 1-Day Show, Sunday 15 June from 10.00am - 3.30pm at Canterbury Caledonian Society Hall, Wigram. Longhair Registered, Shorthair Registered, companion and domestic exhibits plus Cuddle Corner - where you can pat a cat or two. Adults: \$10, Children \$5. Cash only; no eftPos.



GET YOUR BOOTS ON

# BURNSIDE RIPPAS-HUB

FOR YEARS 1 & 2

**BURNSIDE PARK**

**BLOCK 1:** 22 MAY - 26TH OF JUNE EVERY THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

**BLOCK 2:** 17TH JULY - 21ST AUGUST EVERY THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

- FUN, NON-CONTACT RIPPAS WITH GAMES AND SKILLS
- NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NEEDED
- LEARN NEW SKILLS IN A RELAXED ENVIRONMENT
- MEET AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS

**4:30-5:15 PM**

REGISTER ONLINE VIA QR CODE!



FREE PROGRAMME!

## School Holiday Programme

**30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY**  
**8:30AM - 3PM OR 4PM**

For ages 5-12 years



Email [holidayprogramme@actrust.org.nz](mailto:holidayprogramme@actrust.org.nz) for a copy of the programme

To book go to [www.actrust.org.nz](http://www.actrust.org.nz)

Based at 102 Avonhead Road

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