

18 June 2025

Week 8 Term 2

Newsletter 9



Art Attack

**FREE
entry**



Thursday 26 June 2pm — 4pm



**Parents and whānau are invited to walk through
our classrooms to view students' creations**



**Te Kakano (Years 1-3) in Te Raupua building
Te Mahuri (Years 4-6) in Room 3 (back-field deck)
Te Kohure (Years 7-8) in Te Ura building**

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Coming Up...

Wed 18 June	- Centrals x-country, Ngā Puna Wai - Mid-year interviews continue—back to normal 3pm finish today
Thur 19 June	- NW choir 8.00am practice - Winter sport trials Years 5-8
Fri 20 June	Matariki public holiday CLOSED
Mon 23 June	- Year 5/6 Zone basketball tourney - Board meeting 5.00pm
Tues 24 June	- NW Choir 8.00am practice - UC Kiwi English exam 9.30am
Wed 25 June	- Year 3/4 interschool cross-country at Avonhead School - NW Choir rehearsal at Aurora 0830 - North West Music Festival 7pm
Thur 26 June	- Sausage sizzle \$2 - Russley Art Attack 2pm—4pm
Fri 27 June	Term 2 finishes 3pm
Mon 14 July	Term 3 starts

Russley Wins ShowQuest!



Principal's Message

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

ShowQuest

Congratulations, TPK Russley students, on your success at ShowQuest in the Town Hall—a performing arts competition that showcases art, music, dance, drama, culture, and technology. This was our first time entering the extravaganza, and we won!

As part of the 'Art Attack' focus this term, Te Kōhure, our Year 7-8 team, had 60+ students preparing and presenting an 8-minute performance. The performance focused on the themes of E Tū Tāngata; You Have Value, We Succeed Together and Others Matter.



Not only did we carry off the performance, we also entered 6 costumes into TOI, the student wearable art competition sponsored by The World of Wearable Arts. Special mention to Miss Kelly Williams whose brainchild this was, and the Te Kōhure team and other teachers for your support.

#Wesucceedtogether

Staff news

We acknowledge the retirement of Vicki Welch, who leaves Russley at the end of the term. Vicki has worked at Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School for 20+ years as a teaching assistant. Over that time, Vicki has mostly supported students requiring long-term assistance, and has built connections and relationships with their whānau. In her retirement, she is planning some overseas travel, time visiting family and a bit of cycling on a recently acquired bike. Thank you, Vicki, for your service to our school, and to the many students with whom you have worked.



Rebuild update

Further milestones were achieved last week in our school's rebuild. The flagpole went up — it was amazing the number of people who commented on it, saying that the return of the flagpole feels like a 'return to normality'.

We have been able to move some fences to reveal the new hard-surface play area. The students have been exploring the extra space. The sandpit has been filled. My only request was, "make it look like Golden Bay". Tick. Achieved!

E Tū Tāngata survey for parents

Following on from the last newsletter, there is an opportunity for us as a school community to contribute to some University of Canterbury research into the influence of E Tū Tāngata. We'd appreciate any support you can give this project which you may read about [here](#).

Showing manaakitanga to our neighbours

Schools are busy places in the mornings and afternoons. Please respect our neighbours by parking respectfully and with care. Please avoid the neighbour's driveway entrances. I'll say again... children's legs are there to be used. A few extra steps are what we all need.

Greg Lewis

Tumuaki

principal@russley.school.nz

Winter Sport Coaches?

We are looking for hockey, football and netball coaches for year 5/6 and 7/8 teams. Winter sport begins on Friday afternoon July 18, and runs for 6 weeks. Coaches would need to be available from about 12:30 - 3pm. A weekday practice would be a bonus but not a requirement.

If you can assist, please email rochelle.paul@russley.school.nz.

Kōwhai Awards

Focus: Manaakitanga



Te Kākano (Years 0-3)

Elaina Lawson, Cathelyn Cao, Zoë Orr, Olivia Fitzgerald, Eva Mitchell, Vedansh Kolli, Harper Yee, Hazel Theobald, Lucas Ho, Michael Maxted, Ava Ryan, Nevaeh Shearer Connor-Bryan, Joyce Wang, Kieran Beckingham

Te Māhuri (Years 4-6)

Maia Sisson, Ella Kang, Lily Burgess, Isabelle Holmes, Mea Bhoothoo, Davin Lee, Kahurangi Rongonui, Yuki Yang, Izabella Evenden-Champion, Abel Millward, Sky-Lee Weideman, Jordyn Campbell

Te Kōhure (Years 7-8)

Leen Darwish, Blake Thompson, Desmond Kiddie, Kaden Birkett, Maggie Foley, Sina Rafyee, Farron Raasch, Sankalpa Poudel

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winners

Te Kākano — Yuto Sasaki

Te Māhuri — Dylan Pomeroy

Te Kōhure — Amber Hicks





ShowQuest

JUNIOR SECTION

1ST PLACE

Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School

- Best Story - Russley School
- Excellence in CULTURE
- Recognition in MUSIC

TOI Wearable Arts Creative Concept
Award - pom pom dress

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Thursday evenings. Junior and senior sessions. Phone Hayden 021 412212 or email hayden@takecontrol.co.nz

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

Mon-Thurs 9am-12pm at 8
Apsley Drive. Mixed-age ses-
sions.
Ph 027 880 2796 or email
russley@playcentre.org.nz

Volleyball Holiday Programme
Canterbury Volleyball is offering a holiday skills session for primary children in the July holidays. A fun, action-packed morning covering the basics of serving, passing, setting and spiking with lots of fun games and drills. Suitable for children of any ability in Years 5-8. From 10am - 12 pm on
Tues 1 + Wed 2 July
Tues 8 + Wed 9 July
at Pioneer Stadium. \$20 per day or \$30 for two days.
Registration Link

The Community Dental Service will be closed for the holidays but some dental services will be available at Aranui, Woolston and Kaiapoi. If your child is experiencing any dental pain/discomfort, you can call us on 0800 846 983 or email: commndental@cdhb.health.nz and a clinician will contact you.



Based at 102 Avonhead Road

A photograph of three children playing on a colorful, multi-level play structure in a bright, decorated room. The room has white walls adorned with colorful murals of a rainbow, clouds, a fish, and a plane. The play structure is made of large, curved panels in purple, teal, and orange. A young boy in a dark t-shirt is climbing the teal section, while a girl in a pink and white striped cardigan stands on the orange section, holding a yellow toy. A younger boy in a dark t-shirt is sitting on the purple section, holding a yellow toy. The room is well-lit, with a window visible on the right side.



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