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Te Kākano Newsletter – Term 4, 2024



Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome to Term 4. Hopefully, families had time to relax and enjoy the weather over the break. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again. We have a busy term ahead while we watch the new building get closer to completion.

Last term we farewelled Amanda McDuff and we wish her all the best with her new baby due later in the term. We welcome Vicki Smith who will take over teaching in Room 4. She is excited to be joining the Russley team.

Our Learning Programme

Our learning programme will continue to place emphasis on the key learning areas of reading, writing and mathematics. Major units of work will be integrated across these curriculum areas to ensure that our students gain from deeper and more meaningful learning experiences.

Inquiry/Topic: Navigating the Journey - Sexuality Education

Sexuality education is one of seven key areas of learning in the health and physical education learning area of The New Zealand Curriculum. It must be included in teaching programmes at both primary and secondary school levels, using the strands and achievement objectives outlined in the curriculum.

Life Education

Life Education will visit Russley School during Weeks 4-6. We will unpack some big questions during these sessions.



Athletics

This term, Years 1-4 students will have a Junior Athletics Day onsite at school on 22 November. Throughout Term 4 learners will be having PE sessions on the track and field. We encourage children to wear suitable footwear and bring appropriate sportswear for these activities.

Uniform **IMPORTANT** (Sun hats need to be worn from day 1, term 4)

To ensure a sun-safe environment, please ensure that Russley students wear a **wide-brimmed sun hat** (please name it!) to and from school and during outdoor play and sport in Term 4.



Important Dates:

Friday 25 October	Teacher-only Day (school closed)
Monday 28 October	Labour Day (public holiday)
4-18 November	Life Education
Friday 8 November	Russley's Got Talent final
Friday 15 November	Canterbury Show Day (public holiday)
Friday 22 November	Junior Athletics
Friday 29 November	PTA Christmas Picnic 5pm
Wednesday 4 December	Annual prize giving 1.15pm
Friday 13 December	Last day of school (12:30pm finish)



As always, please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions or require further information. You can directly contact your classroom teacher by email.

Kia pai tō koutou rā

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