

31 July 2024

Week 2 Term 3

Newsletter 11



Coming Up...

Wed 31 July	- Year 6 cycle safety starts - Jump Start 2.00pm - Assembly, 2.15pm
Fri 2 August	Winter sport (Years 5-8)
Wed 7 August	Year 7/8 basketball tournament
Thurs 8 Aug	ICAS Digital Tech. exam, 9am
Sat 10 August	Jump Jam Competition @ Cashmere High, ticket link here
Fri 9 August	- ICAS Writing exam 9.00am - Winter sport (Years 5-8)
Mon 12 August	Board meeting 6.00pm
Tues 13 Aug	ICAS English exam 9.00am
Wed 14 August	Year 5/6 basketball tourn.
Thur 15 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strum Strike Blow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - full day rehearsal - performance 7.00pm
Fri 16 August	Winter sport (Years 5-8)
Mon 18 Aug	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: orange; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold;">NEW DATE!</div> Zone winter sport tournament (NOT Fri 16 August)
Wed 21 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ICAS science exam 9.00am - Cantamath competition - Year 7 team comp. 4pm - Year 8 team comp. 5pm
Fri 30 Aug	PTA Discos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - juniors 5.30—6.30pm - seniors 6.45—8.00pm

Mihi Whakatau Welcome Ceremony



New students, parents and whānau were invited to a mihi whakatau held in the hall yesterday. The purpose of this traditional Māori welcome is to remove the tapu of the manuhiri (visitors) to make them one with the tangata whenua (home people). After the ceremony, the visitors joined staff for kai.



Families are welcome to join us for an after-school cuppa and a chat with other parents and staff

Coffee Chats

Huihui Mai — Come Together

Next on Thursday 15 August 3.10pm, Te Ura 2



FREE
afternoon tea!



Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa. Nau mai haere mai ki te kura Te Parito Kōwhai Russley. Welcome to Term 3. Hopefully, you were able to make the best of some 'interesting' and wintry weather across the holiday period. Definitely a time to sneak to the Pacific Islands or somewhere warmer... which I didn't do. Spare a thought for those further south as they experience the hoar frost (otherwise known as freezing fog), with no sun for days, and frost on top of frost, day after day.

Building update

Positive building progress continues on our new classroom block, with framing completed, external linings up and windows being installed. We are working towards this block being ready before school finishes in December.



Well... in the holidays, brilliant news! We were advised that the third classroom block was approved, and construction could commence as soon as possible. This confirmation was a massive confidence boost. Now, we could plan ahead for a time when our school would be completely finished. It was confirmed that we will have all the additional buildings we need, all the old buildings removed, and we can plan for a time when there will no longer be builders, diggers, cranes, and noise about the place. Don't get me wrong, Hawkins Construction has

been fantastic but we are super happy to be planning for the completion of the construction project and the emergence of a new school.

Mihi whakatau

Yesterday, we held a mihi whakatau to welcome new students and families to our kura.

Jump Jam

Good luck to our junior and senior teams competing in an interschool competition at Cashmere High next weekend. We are proud of your hard work.

Ngā mihi

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

Kōwhai Awards

Focus: Auahatanga



Te Kākano (Years 0-3)

Iri Matsumoto, Jahsiah Williams, Aleksey Ross, Lucas Ho, Will Greenall, Noah Scott, Finn Gillespie, Lucy Coles, Sky-Lee Weideman, Piper Lomax, Ezra Hanrahan, Connor Roughan, Joyce Wang, Maja Sofijanic, Maiah Murphy, Vedansh Kolli

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winner—Te Kākano
Abigail Oliver

Te Māhuri (Years 4-6)

Zaira Tucker, Shakiah Duggan-Foster, Michael Ghobrial, Theo Greenall, Riley Kim, Keanu Raru, Kiaan Shetty, Evie Planicka, Porou Rongonui, Charles Su, Agatha Huang, Zain El Saaraf

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winner—Te Māhuri
Angela Zhao

Te Kōhure (Years 7-8)

Meera Sharma, Rayyan Shaikh, Mason Scully-Lafrentz, Henry Elkins, Georgia Blomquist, Henry Peters, Ryan Bond, Perez Scott

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winner—Te Kōhure
Rebecca Song

Years 3 & 4 Poetry Recital



	Year 3	Year 4
1st	Evie	Nico
2nd	Abigail	Sisilia
3rd	Anna	Ruby

STRUM STRIKE BLOW

TICKETS
ON SALE NOW

The Russley Ukulele Orchestra will perform at the Strum Strike Blow Festival being staged at Wolfbrook Arena on **Thursday 15**

August at 7pm. In its 12th year, Strum Strike Blow will feature more than a thousand performers from Canterbury schools playing marimbas, ukuleles and recorders. Door sales are available, however, to avoid queuing on the night, we suggest that families purchase tickets online beforehand.

<https://strumstrikeblow.org/tickets/>.

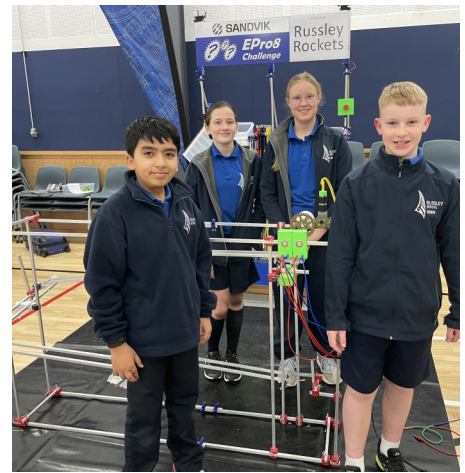


EPro8 Challenge

Russley students competed in the annual engineering and problem-solving competition, EPro8, last week. At the interschool event, four-person teams were given four challenges and allocated a workstation stocked with an assortment of gears, pulleys, nuts & bolts, tools and motors. Typically, the more difficult challenges earn more points, however competitors don't have enough time to finish them all, so teams need to be strategic about which tasks best suit their skills and abilities.

In the Year 5/6 round, two teams from Russley competed against 'the best of the best' from other Christchurch schools. Our teams worked together well at applying problem-solving and engineering expertise to solve the challenges, which included constructing an electric scooter, a marble run roller-coaster, and an air conditioning unit. Both teams finished in the top ten.

Russley Year 7/8 teams, the Warriors and the Rockets, got off to a great start as the first teams to score points. They stayed close to the lead throughout the evening's competition, finishing an impressive third equal, and qualifying for the semi-final event to be held at Christchurch South Karamata Intermediate next Thursday.



Winter Tournament Date Change

Students in Years 5-8 are underway with a six week season of interschool winter sport. Schools in the NW Zone planned to hold a mid-winter tournament on Friday 16 August but due to some schools (not Russley) closing for a teacher-only day that Friday, the tournament date has changed to Monday 19 August. On Friday 16 August, Russley students will now have a regular round of Friday sport.



Published Poets

These students had poems published on the poetry website, [Poetry Box](#).

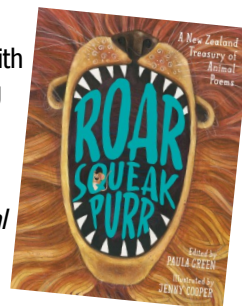
Congratulations to —

Bailey and Florence, Room 5

Evie and Sunny, Room 6

Lily H, Room 7

Author Paula Green was so impressed with the students' writing that she is gifting a signed copy of *Roar Squeak Purrr: A Treasury of Animal Poems* to our school library.



Come along and join in the fun!



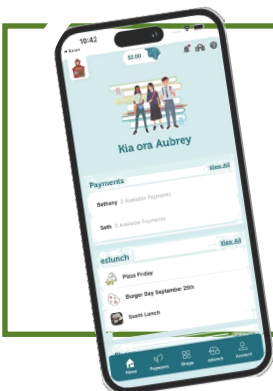
Girls only Football Hubs for girls 4-12 year olds

Fantails at Avonhead Park this term!

Tuesdays 3.45pm—4.30pm, a 6-week fun football programme for girls aged 4—12 years old. We're kicking off Tuesday 13 August. \$30 per player. Register: <https://www.mainlandfootball.co.nz/fantails>

ezLunch

Download the new Kindo app, available on the App Store and Google Play or order online through your myKindo account or set one up at www.mykindo.co.nz. To view Term 3 menu, [click here](#).



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HELL	SUBWAY	SUSHI FACTORY	SUSHI FACTORY	SUBWAY

Community Notices

Out of School Care

Busy Bumbles for onsite, before-and-after school care: <https://enrolmy.com/busy-bumbles#/name/%25russley%25>

Karate At Russley

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

Taekwondo

Classes to learn Taekwondo. Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 4:30pm to 6:00pm
Cost: \$15 per class. Contact: Tim (022) 393 4328
Email toly1217@gmail.com

Riccarton Softball Club

Riccarton Softball Club is a family-oriented club with boys and girls teams ranging from 3 years to 19 years. We also have senior men/women playing competition, as well as social mixed teams. Situated at Crosbie Park in Avonhead/Russley. Email riccartonsoftball@hotmail.com or register for tee ball/softball at: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/riccartonsoftball/Register-Here/season-2024-2025>

Hornby Toy Library

Like a library, but instead of books, you borrow toys! We have more than 1,000 toys incl. puzzles, trains, bikes, blocks, climbing toys and more. Eliminate your child's boredom by renewing toys fortnightly. Open Thursdays 5.30-7.00pm, Saturdays 9.30am-12.00pm. 34 Springs Rd, Hornby. Contact librarian@hornbytl.onmicrosoft.com

Holiday House in Hanmer

We live in your school area and have a holiday home in Hanmer Springs which we thought school families may enjoy. It's perfect for two families to have a low-cost, fun, weekend away. Available to let on AirBnB and we'll donate \$20 per weekend booking to the school. It's 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms and sleeps up to 10 people. Sunny open plan living area. Very close to the hot pools.

<https://www.airbnb.co.nz/h/17chisholmcres>

BODYinMotion Studio

New health and fitness studio on Riccarton Road, offering a new and unique way to keep fit and healthy through Aerial Yoga (Fridays 4pm), Bungee Fitness (Thursdays 4pm), and K-POP dance. We're excited to offer our classes to school-aged children starting from Term 3. Benefits of Aerial Yoga and Bungee Fitness for growing children keeps their bodies flexible and strong, maintains balance, improves posture and self-confidence. Beginners are very welcome. \$249 per child per term. Spaces are limited! To book, phone Head Instructor Angela on 021 0263 2343.

Delta Gymnastics

If your daughter likes music and dance, then she will probably love rhythmic gymnastics! Delta Rhythmic Gymnastics has fantastic beginner classes five days a week with training venues in Bishopdale, Fendalton, Rolleston, Wigram/Halswell. Come along for a free trial. Email membership@delta.org.nz or check us out on facebook.

HARCOURTS GOLD SPITFIRE

Art Competition 2024



THREE GROUPS:

- Years 1 - 4, Years 5 - 8, Years 9 - 10

PRIZES FOR EACH GROUP:

- 1st Prize: one award, \$300
- 2nd Prize: up to two awards, \$200 each
- 3rd Prize: up to three awards, \$100 each
- Highly commended: up to 10 awards

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

- 5.00 pm Friday 8th November, 2024

Artwork to be sent to Harcourts Gold Spitfire Office
Unit 12, 544 Memorial Avenue, Christchurch Airport,
Christchurch 8053

CONTACT: southern@nzcfs.com



For more details, please scan the QR code

Harcourts gold

Studio One Performing Arts

Local dance school offers ballet, jazz and contemporary lessons with choreographer Patricia Paul. Ballet lessons from 3 years to advanced, jazz and contemporary from age 7. Ph 372-9191 or email info@studioone.co.nz

TERM 3 Weekly Singing and Acting Workshops!

Want to learn how to sing or develop acting skills? **Thursdays** 25 July to 26 September, 4-5pm singing / 5.15-6.30pm acting. Weekly workshops plus a combined afternoon showcase Saturday 28 September. Ages 8+, \$150 per term / \$120 (CSC Holders) Sign up for both and get 15% off. Scholarships available. Phillipstown Community Hub Email luminairescharitabletrust@gmail.com

English Classes

Learn basic English and skills for living in Christchurch. Mondays 9:45am to 11:45am at St Mark's Community Centre, 150 Withells Rd. \$3 per session incl. tea/coffee. Ph 358 5443.

Westburn Brownies

For 7-9 year old girls. Mondays 4.30-6.00pm. Email westburn_brownies@hotmail.co.nz

Avonhead-Russley Scouts

Years 4-8, both boys and girls, Staveley St scout hall, Mondays, 4.30-5.30pm. Ph. Morgan 3434364.

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