

14 August 2024


Week 4 Term 3

Newsletter 12



Coming Up...

Wed 14 Aug	- Jump Start 2.00pm - Assembly 2.15pm
Thur 15 August	- Strum Strike Blow * full day rehearsal * performance 7.00pm - Huihui Mai coffee chat 3.10pm
Fri 16 August	Winter sport (Years 5-8)
Mon 19 Aug	NW winter sport tournament 12noon-3.00pm 
Wed 21 August	<u>Cantamath competition</u> * Year 7 team comp. 4pm * Year 8 team comp. 5pm
Thurs 22 Aug	- ICAS science exam 9.00am - Sausage Sizzle \$2 — order at the hall before school
Fri 23 Aug	- <u>No</u> winter sport (Years 5-8) - ICAS spelling bee 9.00am
Tues 27 Aug	- ICAS maths exam 9.00am - Bandquest, James Hay 6.30pm
Wed 28 Aug	- Jump Start 2.00pm - Assembly 2.15pm
Fri 30 Aug	- Last day winter sport, Yr 5-8 - Discos: Jnr 5.30pm, Snr 6.45pm



For the first time ever, Russley School has a rock band entered in the annual [Rockshop Bandquest](#) competition. This exciting event is held over 4 nights at the James Hay Theatre, Town Hall. Our band, Thunderstrike, has been hard at work practising with guitar tutor, Peter Cairns, and the members are looking forward to performing on stage. Thunderstrike will be on show on Tuesday 27 August at 6.30pm. [Tickets available at Ticketek](#). Supporters welcome!

Band members: Rebecca Song, Duo Xu, Victoria Kostantinova, Ila Rutherford, Genesis Tanielu-Fuata'i, Henry Peters, Oliver Peters, Logan Randall, Crichelle Perera.



Russley's Jump Jam teams competed at the Christchurch Strictly Jump Jam championship held at Cashmere High School on Saturday. Jump Jam is a primary school choreographed aerobics event.

Teacher/coach Amanda McDuff said both Russley teams were incredible and she was extremely proud of their efforts, behaviour and sportsmanship.

"Both teams were awesome on stage."

The juniors received merit for performance, merit for technical execution, and placed 1st overall in their category against another 12 schools.

Seniors received excellence for performance, excellence for technical execution, and placed 4th overall.

Thanks parents for the support and reminding the kids about their practices!

Watch the [junior video here](#). Watch the [senior video here](#).



Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa. Nau mai haere mai ki te kura Te Parito Kōwhai Russley. You may have heard, through media reports, that the government is making changes to the New Zealand curriculum. This has mainly impacted the literacy curriculum and more recently, maths. The way our education system and those who work in it are portrayed through 'sound bites' and political points-scoring is neither constructive nor mana-enhancing for our people and the profession. The teaching profession unfortunately needs to be very good at adapting to the adjustments a government makes. We've done it with National Standards previously, and now we do it again with very rapid changes being made, in time for 2025. Fortunately, Russley is well-placed with its structured literacy practices, meaning that we can focus solely on maths in preparation for 2025. The students at our kura perform well overall. Our teachers are focused on delivering high-quality teaching to your children. Our school is a great place to be. Collectively, we remain committed to delivering an excellent schooling experience and look forward to this continuing into the future.

Term 3 Value focus - Auahatanga

Our graphic representing Auahatanga shows the hemispheres of the brain. Each side of the brain controls different functions for our body. Auahatanga represents creativity and problem-solving. There are many ways to be creative, ranging from the arts, to performance, to thinking. Equally, being a problem-solver requires curiosity, perseverance and seeing things with different eyes. We think creativity and problem-solving complement each other beautifully through auahatanga.

Staff news

Pene Cooley has advised the board of her resignation from her permanent teaching position, effective immediately. Pene is

currently delivering classroom release time (CRT) for teachers, so the resignation has no impact on class structure for the rest of 2024. She will continue as a CRT teacher next year too, so you will continue to see her around. Pene has taught at Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School since 2007. We thank her for her significant contribution over that time and we look forward to her continued input.

Health curriculum consultation

The Ministry of Education requires schools to consult with the community regarding the health curriculum. The Google surveys (below) will enable you to respond to the health curriculum consultation and I would appreciate your replies. The surveys require more than one simple answer, so if

you can set aside 10 minutes to complete the questions, that would be appreciated. If you have a child in both survey year groups, please choose only one to respond to:

[Year 1-4 Health Survey](#)

[Year 5-8 Health Survey](#)

City Council Play Spaces consultation

The Christchurch City Council is gathering feedback on how it might develop play spaces for the future. A chance to contribute to this work is available at <https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/Playspaces>. Have your say about the future of our area and wider Christchurch. The survey is open until the end of August.

Good luck to the Russley Ukulele Orchestra performing tomorrow evening at Strum Strike Blow, and to the Russley rock band, "Thunderstrike" which will compete in Bandquest on Tuesday 27 August at the Christchurch Town Hall.

Ngā mihi

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Kōwhai Awards

Focus: Auahatanga

Te Kākano (Years 0-3)

Ella McEwan, Rio Ito, Mimi Lan, Eliza Wong, Elaina Muir, Joseph Lim, Lawrence Borrowdale, Ella McEwan, Zeplyn Watson, Faith Fuata'i, Matthew Firestone, Yajat Bhardwaj, Max Clare, Jordyn Campbell, Oscar Yang

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winner—Te Kākano
Jireh Fuata'i

Te Māhuri (Years 4-6)

Joshua Mears, Tangaroa Bird, Joah Kim, Celia Abdelfadil, Kastubh Kharola, Nathaniel Wade, Maggie McLoughlin, Claire Beedie, Carter Aitchison, Bailey McLennan, Hollie Beedie, Alex Maxted

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winner—Te Māhuri
Isabelle Noble

Te Kōhure (Years 7-8)

Nate Lamipeti, Antonio James, Monesa Baraki, Emilia Agnew, Alisa Loginova, Natalia Wakelin, Gemma Creagh, Arlo Harrison

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winner—Te Kōhure
Amber Hicks

A promotional poster for Child Cancer Foundation's Wig Wednesday fundraiser. It features a young boy with a large, spiky orange wig. The text includes: 'Child Cancer Foundation PROUD SUPPORTER', 'WE'RE TAKING PART IN WIG WEDNESDAY', 'DONATE NOW!', 'COMING SOON' (in a red stamp), 'GOLD COIN FUNDRAISER', and 'WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER'. The boy is wearing a blue t-shirt with 'NO MORE CHEMO' written on it.

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



TE PARITO KOWHAI RUSSELY SCHOOL PTA
INVITES OUR STUDENTS
TO A

DISCO

FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST 2024

COST: \$2.50

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

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

Restoring Sight in the Pacific

Thank you, Russley School, for your recent donation of second-hand spectacles. The Lions Club of Cromwell - Lake Dunstan has been involved with this project for 3 years with a group meeting most Tuesday mornings to wash and process each pair of spectacles. The glasses are then sent to the Pacific Islands. Your donation will help improve the vision of the people of the Pacific Islands.



If Russley families have pairs of prescription glasses that they or their children have replaced or outgrown, please drop them at the school office so that we can continue to contribute to this programme.

Vision & Hearing Tests

Vision and hearing technicians from the CDHB will visit our school next month to carry out screening tests. Children who have successfully completed the B4 School Screen at 4 years will not be seen at age 5. Children who have **not** successfully completed the B4 School check will be tested at school at age 5, and children who need a follow up test as a result of earlier screening will be checked at school. In addition, children who are new to New Zealand will be tested at school.



Parents are notified of all test results by a note brought home by the child following the screening.

At this visit, vision screens will also be carried out for Year 7 (11 year olds). If your child does not pass the vision screen, the Vision and Hearing Technician will recommend that you visit an optometrist. Note—children are not routinely checked for colour/vision defects. If you are concerned that your child may have a colour/vision defect, you can request one from the technician.

If you do not want your child tested, or if you wish to be present, then please let the office know.

Russley Poets

Three students have had ekphrastic poems selected for a 2024 NZ Poetry Society anthology to be published in November: Ley-an Abdelfadil — *The Red Hat*, Lucas Yee — *The Pearl Earring*, Henry Elkins — *Fanfare*.

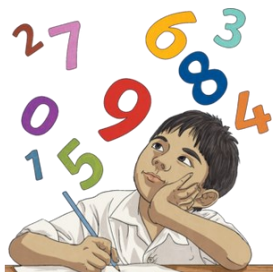
Meanwhile, Amy Z and Aggie H had poems published on [Poetry Box website](#), and in recognition of wonderful poems written by Bailey, Sunny, Evie, Lily H and Florence, our library has been gifted a NZ Treasury of Animal Poems—*Roar, Squeak, Purr*.

Also, students created 'word films' which were selected for the [Given Words Poetry Competition](#) promotional video for National Poetry Day. The [video](#) was edited by Charles Olsen, an artist, poet and filmmaker based in Spain. Well done to Anisha, Ruby, Isaiah, Ashton and Chris P!



Cantamath — Wednesday 21 August

Cantamath is an important and exciting part of the school calendar for many teachers and students. This year will be the 51st annual [Cantamath](#) competition which started in 1972. There are two parts to Cantamath, a project section and a maths competition, each providing opportunities for Years 6-10 students to explore the world of mathematics and display their work to the public.



Again this year, Russley will enter both a Year 7 and a Year 8 team in the maths teams competition — a kind of maths Olympiad — in which 4-person teams literally race around Wolfbrook Arena attempting to solve maths puzzles in a fast-paced question-and-answer quiz, cheered on loudly by fired-up supporters.

Year 7 team competition will be held from 4pm-5pm (spectators welcome)
Year 8 team competition will be held from 5pm-6pm (spectators welcome)

The winning teams receive the Cantamath Trophy and each winning team member will also receive a prize. Teams who manage to successfully gain 100 points will each receive a Perfect Score Certificate. Each team member competing in the Teams Competitions receive Participation Certificates.

Winter Tournament Date Change

Due to some north-west schools (not Russley) closing for a teacher-only day, the date of the NW Zone winter sport tournament date has changed from Friday 16 August to Monday 19 August.



Remaining Winter Sport Dates

16 Aug - Friday winter sport
19 Aug - Monday NW Zone Tournament (12pm - 3pm)
23 Aug - No Friday sport
30 Aug - Last day of Friday winter sport



Remaining Dates 2024

Term 3, 2024 Mon 22 July to Fri 27 Sept
Term 4, 2024 Mon 14 Oct to Fri 13 Dec

Closed on:
Labour Day Mon 28 October
Cant'y Anniv Fri 15 November
Year end Fri 13 December 12.30pm

Russley School Dates 2025

Meet-the-teacher Thur 30 & Fri 31 January
Term 1, 2025 Mon 3 Feb to Fri 11 April
Term 2, 2025 Mon 28 April to Fri 27 June
Term 3, 2025 Mon 14 July to Fri 19 Sept
Term 4, 2025 Mon 6 Oct to Mon 15 Dec

Closed on:
Waitangi Day Thurs 6 February
Good Friday Fri 18 April
Easter 21 & 22 April (in holidays)
ANZAC Day Fri 25 April (in holidays)
King's Birthday Mon 2 June
Matariki Fri 20 June
Labour Day Mon 27 October
Cant'y Anniv Fri 14 November



The Russley Ukulele Orchestra performs at Strum Strike Blow at the Wolfbrook Arena tomorrow, **Thursday 15 August at 7pm**. Tickets still available at <https://strumstrikeblow.org/tickets/>.

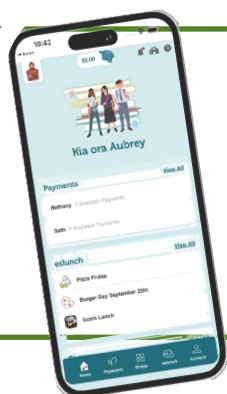
Town Hall Choir

The Russley Choir will perform at the Christchurch Schools Music Festival being held at the Town Hall on Thursday 24 October. Tickets go on sale at Ticketek on Monday 2 September. We encourage families to order early; last year, people missed out on tickets.



EPro8 Engineering Competition

Success at earlier rounds of the engineering and problem-solving competition saw two Year 7/8 teams qualify for a semi-final held last week at Christchurch South Intermediate. Teams faced a new set of challenges—they were tasked with improving household items such as a toaster and toilet—and both teams used collaboration and focus during the 150 minute challenge. Competition was close throughout the event — in the end, Russley teams placed 6th and 11th.



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



Year 7 student, Farron, represented Russley at the Primary Sports Canterbury Rhythmic Gymnastic Competition. Held on 3&4 August, the event involved more than 200 participants from 70 Canterbury primary schools. Farron placed 3rd in ribbon, 3rd in hoop, and 4th overall. We wish her well for Nationals in October.



Russley's 'Storm' basketball team travelled to Oamaru in the July holidays for the Year 7/8 Waitaki Development Tournament. Having competed last year, the team was relatively confident of victory in the development section, but ended up being promoted to A-grade! The boys' play was amazing but unfortunately they were unable to hold back Kaiapoi North in the final. Kai was awarded MIP, and Isiah MVP. Massive thanks to Pub Charity and CCC Community Board's Youth Development Fund for grants that enabled us to travel in a team van. Thanks also to referee Mr De Wit, supervisor Mr Poh and the many other parents who pitched in.
- Kerry Aitken

Community Notices

Out of School Care

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

Orienteering

Coaching and training is offered by Peninsula and Plains Orienteers for school-aged children of all levels. No booking required, just turn up with your running shoes, a compass if you have one and \$2 for the map. Bring a Sport-ident stick if you have one, otherwise we will lend you one (a Sport-ident stick is a microchip that you place on your finger to 'punch' each control on the orienteering course). Formats differ each session. It may involve a walk around looking at features, a discussion to start, and often a set course to run. Download flyer for more info: <https://papo.org.nz/events/view/4177/training-events-for-school-students-7th-aug-5th->



Fantails Football

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 at Avonhead Park. \$30 per player. Register: <https://www.mainlandfootball.co.nz/fantails>

Riccarton Softball Club

Family-oriented club for boys and girls from 3-19 years. Also mens/womens competition, as well as social mixed teams at Crosbie Park, Avonhead. Email riccartonsoftball@hotmail.com or register for tee ball/softball at: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/riccartonsoftball/Register-Here/season-2024-2025>

Karate At Russley

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

Taekwondo

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

Science & Tech Classes

Brain Play has arrived in Christchurch! We teach all things science & technology to Kiwi kids - coding, robotics, science experiments, Minecraft & more. Book a free trial of our after-school classes at Matatiki Hornby - group sessions for ages 7 - 12. Or send us an email to hear more about our 1:1 sessions - these are a great match for students who are looking for extension, are looking for a new hobby and to build confidence and skills, and/or for students with high and complex needs. Visit brainplay.co.nz or email referrals@brainplay.co.nz.

Holiday House in Hanmer

Holiday home in Hanmer Springs which school families may enjoy. Perfect for two families to have a low-cost, fun, weekend away. Available on AirBnB. 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>

Hwa Hsin Chinese Class

Discover the richness of traditional Chinese, fostering a holistic approach that enhances language proficiency through engaging practice. 華興中文班為孩子們提供了繁體中文的學習環境，讓他們感受繁體字的豐富內涵，並透過全方位的聽說讀寫訓練提升他們的華語文能力。
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