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Week 6 Term 3

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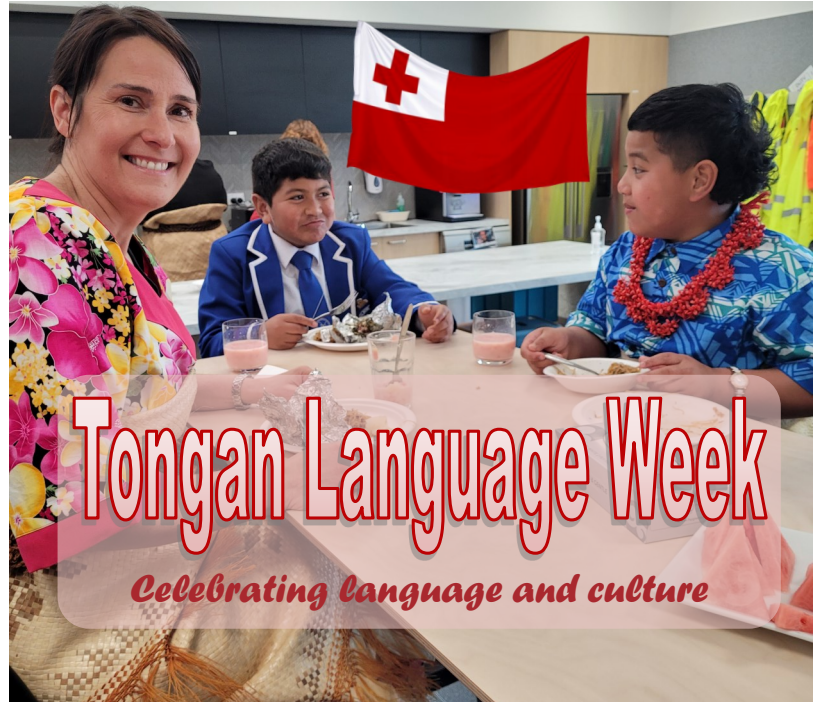


Te Parito Kōwhai  
Russley School



## Coming Up...

<b>Wed 28 Aug</b>	- Jump Start 2.00pm - Assembly 2.15pm
<b>Fri 30 Aug</b>	- Last day winter sport, Yr 5-8 - Discos: Jnr 5.30pm, Snr 6.45pm
<b>Mon 2 Sept</b> 	- Te Māhuri (Years 4-6) swimming lessons next 2 weeks 
<b>Wed 11 Sept</b>	- Jump Start 2.00pm - Assembly 2.15pm
<b>Mon 16 Sept</b> 	- Te Kākano (Years 0-3) swimming lessons next 2 weeks - Board meeting 6.00pm
<b>Wed 18 Sept</b>	Term 1 2025 enrolment ballot applications close
<b>Wed 25 Sept</b> <i>3 months til Xmas!</i>	- Jump Start 2.00pm - Assembly 2.15pm
<b>Fri 27 Sept</b>	- Sausage sizzle \$2 - Colour Run 2.15pm - Term ends 3pm



## Supermarket Collector Cards

Teachers are witnessing some fallout associated with children's obsession with the latest supermarket collector cards (Disney Worlds of Wonder). Students have been trading the cards in the playground and in bathrooms during breaks. To head off potential problems, Russley teachers will set up a 'trading club' to take place once a week, in the hope that adult supervision will eliminate any trading disputes and provide an opportunity for more students to be involved, should they wish. The swap-meet will be held every Monday during at the first half of lunch in Room 3 for the remainder of Term 3, supervised by Miss Smith.



## Principal's Message

Mālō e lelei - last week our school celebrated Tongan Language Week with song, dance and food. Such was the enjoyment, that some students are hoping to start a weekly Pasifika dance club. Thank you to parent Mele for preparing some Tongan delicacies for morning tea, and for dressing Miss Reen in traditional costume for the day.

Recognising cultural celebrations like these are a brilliant way of acknowledging the value that culture brings to our community. We live in a highly diverse country and at our school alone, we represent 30 or more nationalities and cultures. Thanks for sharing your culture with us; something you live each day. **You have value.**

### End of year heads-up

Towards the end of term 4, Te Kākano will move into a new classroom block. Te Māhuri will also be relocating, meaning that 80% of students will be moving to a new 'home' for 2025. Shifting will put pressure on end-of-year events, therefore we may need to make some changes to the usual end-of-year programme. I will update you as plans are finalised. If any community members are available to lend a hand, I'd love to hear from you. 9 & 10 December are likely moving days.

### Rebuild update

Work will begin in the upcoming holidays for the third and final classroom block. The stone playground and grass square adjacent to Rooms 10-13 will be fenced off to enable site work to begin. Some disruption to our surroundings, but exciting that we are making progress.

### Planning for 2025

We will soon start planning next year's school structure. The rebuild is progressing well and with new classrooms ready by the start of next year, some teachers and classes will be relocating. We hope to have the 2025 team structure sorted by November and class placements finalised by

December. So, it's important to let us know if your child (Years 1-7) won't be returning to Russley next year. If this is your family, please email [reception@russley.school.nz](mailto:reception@russley.school.nz) to let us know which school your child is transferring to. Also, remember to pre-enrol any New Entrants who are due to turn five.

### Busy Bumbles Out of School Care

We are fortunate to have Busy Bumbles onsite providing before/after school care. Parents may not be aware that they could be entitled to a subsidy to help with the cost of OSCAR care. Please [check here](#) to see whether you qualify.

Greg Lewis  
Tumuaki | Principal



## Kōwhai Awards

### Focus: Auahatanga

#### Te Kākano (Years 0-3)

Shaira Adhikari, Daniel Massyn, Rio Le, Axel Mourtzakis, Yuki Yang, Divisha Kharola, Tamatoa Keen, Adeline Lee, Allie Miller, Ariana Aliwate, Lily Quinn, Te Koha Ryan, Armaan Grewel-Chauhan, Hailey Brennan, Viraj Madaan

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winner—Te Kākano  
Evie Lord

#### Te Māhuri (Years 4-6)

Saebom Lee, Lily Holland, Millie-Rose Fitzgerald, Maia Sisson, Ava Koster, Linkin Kidd, Patricia Chen, Joshua Koo, Ethan Green, Zack Tompkins, Dwayne Sangkop, Eliza Zhen

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winner—Te Māhuri  
Libby G

#### Te Kōhure (Years 7-8)

Jesiah Noble, Vaysharn Larkin-Samuel, Alanah Abernethy, Toppa Siddiqui, Eli Wilkinson, Victoria Konstantinova, Mila Carnie, Farron Raasch

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winner—Te Kōhure  
Oliver Peters

## Cantamath



Russley teams performed well at the annual mathematics competition, Cantamath, last week. Out of 90 schools competing in each year level, Russley's Year 7 team (Aarav, Olliver, Henry, Isabella) finished in the middle of the pack on 35/100 points and the Year 8's (Rayyan, Lilly, James, Oliver) finished in the top half of the field with 45/100 points.

## Interschool Chess



Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School was represented by four Chess Club regulars at an interschool chess competition held at Avonhead School last week. They competed in the rookie division, and after 6 exciting elimination games, the Russley players ended up facing each other in the top-4 finals, eventually finishing with Alfie 1st, Zain 2nd, Nathaniel 3rd, and Maggie 4th and best overall girl. They all showed great focus, fair play, and support for each other.

# RUSSLEY'S GOT TALENT

DO YOU HAVE A SECRET TALENT YOU WANT TO SHARE?  
CAN YOU SING? DANCE? MIME? JUGGLE? DO GYMNASTICS?  
WE WANT YOU!



**RUSSLEY'S GOT TALENT ENTRIES OPEN TOMORROW!**

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE IN ROOM 78  
PLEASE RETURN FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

TWO AGE CATEGORIES:  
JUNIOR (YEARS 0-3)  
SENIOR (YEARS 4-8)

*PLUS*

DO YOU (YES YOU, ADULTS) HAVE A MUSICAL OR PERFORMANCE TALENT?  
ARE YOU PART OF A COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE GROUP OR HAVE A CLEVER ACT YOU COULD SHARE?  
WE WOULD LOVE TO INCLUDE SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCES IN OUR SHOW.

PLEASE CONTACT MS LENNON [SOPHIE.LENNON@RUSSLEY.SCHOOL.NZ](mailto:SOPHIE.LENNON@RUSSLEY.SCHOOL.NZ) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED!

**RUSSLEY'S GOT TALENT FINAL WILL BE HELD ON**

**FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER**

*WE CANNOT WAIT TO SEE YOUR TALENTS*



## BandQuest

The school rock band *Thunderstrike* performed as first-timers in this annual competition at the James Hay Theatre last night. The experience was inspiring for all our band members who, we're told, left their best performance for the night. Oliver Peters came away with the Best Keyboard Award. Congratulations to all the members of *Thunderstrike* for an outstanding performance. Big thanks to tutor Peter Cairns.

## Russley Music Night

Tues 17 September, 7.00pm

The following groups will perform at our annual Music Night: Ukulele Orchestra, Rock Band, Brass Band, North West Choir and the Percussion Group.



### Strum Strike Blow

What a fabulous night! Congratulations to the Russley Ukulele Orchestra on an amazing performance at this year's Strum Strike Blow Festival. Hard work pays off — it was great to see you rocking it! Thanks too to the many Russley families who attended.



### Maths Week

It was great to see lots of students getting involved in our daily whānau challenges. We hope that Russley families enjoyed discussing the questions together at home.

Pictured above are winners of the estimation challenge. Students had a series of estimation challenges to conquer including how many phone calls the office received in a day, how long it takes to cycle the block of streets known by our school's house names, goals scored during winter sport and how many books are in the library! We also had two estimation challenges linked to the construction site, such as how many windowpanes and how many metres of timber framing are used in the new building. A big thank you to Hawkins and subcontractors for being part of this event and donating some of the prizes.

TE PARITO KOWHAI RUSSELY SCHOOL PTA  
INVITES OUR STUDENTS  
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# 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

## Town Hall Choir

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 from Monday 2 September. We encourage families to order early; last year, people missed out on tickets.

## Year 5/6 Basketball



Russley's Year 5/6 Basketball team put on an epic performance at the Centrals basketball tournament. The best teams from around Christchurch converged on the Selwyn Sports Centre on 14 August for a high level tournament. Russley's team achieved 3 pool victories, a golden point quarterfinal upset win, and an overall top -4 finish! The boys played with hustle and great sportsmanship, and worked well as a team to achieve the best result in Russley School history. They were well coached by Year 8 students Isiah and James. Ka pai!

## Zone Champions



Year 7/8 Hockey White and Year 7/8 Football White teams won their respective group competitions at Friday's Zone tournament, and are now going to Centrals on 5 September.

## Gymnastics

Year 5 student, Maia, represented Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School at the recent Primary Sport Canterbury Gymnastic Competition. She placed 4th for the school competition and 7th for individual. She will attend Nationals in October for her Grade 3 group.



## Community Notices

### **Out of School Care**

Busy Bumbles for onsite, before-and-after school care

<https://www.busbumbles.co.nz/>

### **Karate At Russley**

5 to 13 years — Thursdays  
5pm - 6pm. Adults' class  
Thursdays 6pm—7.30pm.

[hayden@takecontrol.co.nz](mailto:hayden@takecontrol.co.nz)

### **Elements Spring Holiday Programme**

Elements considers how the environment can help the developing child to learn & grow. It provides authentic outdoor experiences for children. These spring holidays, Elements offers a range of programmes at Lincoln, Marshland and on a Cashmere/Halswell farm. Active movement, creative play & fun! Explore in the bush, creek, climb trees, group games in open spaces, develop construction skills by making huts - plenty of opportunity for imagination.

<https://www.elementsnature.co.nz/>

### **BestStart Riccarton Park**

Brand new BestStart early childhood centre at Karamū, Russley is finally open! We are excited to be part of the community and would love people to pop in and see if we might be the perfect fit for your whānau. Open 7.00am-5.30pm Mon-Fri. If you wish to join our growing village, email: [riccartonpark@best-start.org](mailto:riccartonpark@best-start.org)

### **Canvas Bag Drama School**

Is your child dramatic? Do they love acting out stories? Our Merivale classes promise to be joyful creative adventures, so join us for Term 4 for theatrical fun and learning. Term 4 classes begin 14 October, combining a structured fun-filled social environment with extensive use of improvisation and role-play to develop positive feelings of self-worth and the ability to confidently express thoughts and feelings. Age-ranked classes run weekly for 5-17 year olds. Free first-class trial! check out our website for fees & info. [www.canvasbag.nz](http://www.canvasbag.nz)



If you have a youngster turning five who needs to enrol for school in 2025, [email the office](#) with your child's name, date of birth, and parent contact details so that our office team can follow up, or fill out the [enrolment form](#) found here.



**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**  
5-12 YEARS  
30 SEPT TO 4 OCT  
102 AVONHEAD ROAD  
BOOK AT ACTRUST.ORG.NZ

KŌTIRO ĀTAAHUA TOUCH  
ALL-GIRLS MODULE  
2024/2025 TOUCH SEASON  
NUNWEEK PARK  
MONDAYS 5.30PM-6.45PM  
12 WEEKS STARTING 21 OCTOBER  
NO GAMES OVER HOLIDAYS FINISHING 3 MARCH  
YEAR 0 - YEAR 11  
SUBS \$320 PER TEAM  
REGISTER YOUR TEAM  
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