

25 September 2024

Week 10 Term 3

Newsletter 15



Te Parito Kōwhai  
Russley School



## Coming Up...

Wed 25 Sept	- Jump Start 2.00pm - Assembly 2.15pm
Fri 27 Sept	- Sausage sizzle \$2 - Colour Run 2.15pm - Term ends 3pm
13-19 Oct	Faahi Tapu he Vagahau Niue – Niue Language Week
Mon 14 Oct	Term 4 begins
Tues 15 Oct	Russley Music Night 7.00pm
Fri 18 Oct	HPV vaccinations—Year 8
Fri 25 Oct	Teacher-only day <b>CLOSED</b>
Mon 28 Oct	Labour Day public holiday
Thur 31 Oct	Year 5-8 athletic sports
Fri 22 Nov	Years 1-4 athletic sports



# COLOUR 2024 RUN

Friday 27 September 2.15pm

SPECTATORS WELCOME



REGISTER NOW!

<https://russleycolourrun.raiseit.co.nz>

SCHOOL CLOSED  
for Teacher-only Day  
Friday 25 October  
- the Friday of  
Labour Weekend



SUNHATS  
REQUIRED  
IN TERM 4!

# NEW ZEALAND CHINESE LANGUAGE WEEK

22 SEP - 28 SEP 2024



## Deputy Principal's Message

你好 Nǐ hǎo, привіт pryvit, Xin chào, kia ora. Nau mai haere mai ki te kura Te Parito Kōwhai Russley.

This week, we bid farewell to Amanda McDuff, who first joined us in 2016 as Miss Amanda Kennedy, a beginning school teacher on a fixed-term contract. Over the years, she has grown both personally and professionally and now leaves us on maternity leave as Mrs Amanda McDuff.

### Māori Language Week 14-21 Sept

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori is an annual celebration for all New Zealanders to show their support for the Māori language, an official language of this country. The theme for Te Wiki 2024 was 'Ake ake ake – A Forever Language'. It represents the resilience, adaptability and endurance of te reo Māori language. It also reflects the commitment New Zealanders have to embracing and learning te reo Māori long into the future. Kia māhorahora te reo – let's make it seen, let's make it heard.

### NZ Chinese Language Week

NZCLW is a Kiwi-driven initiative designed to increase Chinese language learning in Aotearoa. It seeks to bridge the cultural and linguistic knowledge gap between China and New Zealand by delivering fun and practical initiatives that assist Kiwis to learn Chinese. This week, at Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School, the kids are exploring words of the day, simple Chinese greetings and everyday language.

### Uniform reminder

Wearing the correct uniform fosters a sense of belonging, which in turn boosts

children's confidence and sense of empowerment. It's important that all our learners follow the uniform guidelines. During winter, we often see non-uniform items creeping in as students try to keep warm. At some stage, a new uniform will be gradually introduced; however the current uniform will remain in place for the next few years. Mainland Uniforms stock all the required items, and the school office has a limited range of second-hand garments available for sale. Let's work together to maintain Russley's sense of unity and pride.

### Colour Run—Friday 27 September

Te Parito Kōwhai Russley PTA is holding a Colour Run to raise money for outdoor play equipment for students. Providing young people with enhanced play spaces will allow them to grow and develop inside and outside the classroom. Thank you for supporting Te Parito Kōwhai Russley PTA.

### Navigating the Journey - Relationships and Sexuality Education

Thank you to parents who attended the information evening last night, outlining the "Healthy Me - Navigating the Journey" curriculum unit that students will begin early next term. This topic equips young people with the knowledge, skills and values to develop respect and understanding of rights and responsibilities, equity and diversity.

Have a safe and happy holiday. Term 4 will be here in no time!

Ngā mihi

Jane Rush  
Kaitiriwā Tumuaki | Deputy Principal

## Kōwhai Awards

Focus: Auahatanga

Te Kākano (Years 0-3)

Elon Zhao, Yasa Kryvytska, Chloe Liu, Roy Lee, Sophia Park, Forest Gillespie, Quinn Richmond, Rjay Weaver, Odey Mahdi, Lachlan Hogan, Abigail Oliver, Lucy Pollard, Aila Hogan, Harper Yee, Emilia Khrapova, Zeid Mahdi

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winner—Te Kākano  
Mikael Shoabit

Te Māhuri (Years 4-6)

Tenushki Ranasinghe, Joshua Massyn, Kimberly Boycott, Levi Strickland, Hapi Whakaruru, Aditha Gunasena, Bridget Ireland, Blake Thompson, Mason Cox, Shrishya Balaji, Flynn Andrew, Liam Lester

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winner—Te Māhuri  
Scarlett Henderson

Te Kōhure (Years 7-8)

Kordae Robertson, Christopher Pearman Christian Sisson, Jharred Jacinto, Theo Andersson-Yellowlees, Oliver Peters, Benji Hawke, Maxwell Jones Johnston

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winner—Te Kōhure  
Sohee Park

## New Entrants



If you have a child due to start at Russley School next year, please [email the office](#) with child's name, date of birth, and parent contact details so that we can include your little one in our 2025 planning, or fill out this [enrolment form](#) and email it to the office with required documentation.

# WIG WEDNESDAY



DONATIONS to CHILD CANCER totalled \$508. THANK YOU!

## Basketball

Russley basketball teams competed in season finals last week, the conclusion of a winter competition run at the Bishopdale YMCA. On Thursday, the Year 5/6 teams played against each other for 5th/6th places.



On Friday, the senior girls' A-team, *Russley Cyclones*, won their playoff for 3rd/4th in their season finale.

Meanwhile, the senior boys' A-team, *Russley Storm*, played in the final against Breens Intermediate. It was a nailbiter of a match, but in the final seconds, Breens seized the lead, winning by two points.



## Poetry Competition Winner

Russley Writers' Club students worked incredibly hard on their entries for an international poetry contest, **Given Words Poetry Competition**. Poems had to include the five 'given words': *feather, whisper, eat, time, phantasmagoria* and were sent to Spain, where one of the judges is based. We were excited to learn that from 148 entries, poems from four Russley students made the list of Best Poems by under-16s. In addition, one of our students was a prize-winner.



Year 5 student **Bhaarati** was awarded Special Mention for *My Grandad is a Wizard*. Her prize-winning poem was published on the Given Words website, along with her bio and photograph, and she will receive a book prize courtesy of The Cuba Press and Massey University Press. You can read Bhaarati's poem and the judge's comments [here](#).

Other Russley students whose poems were published on the website were **Ella Kang** for *Phantasmagoria*, **Aiden Wong** for *The Swimming Pool*, **Isabelle Holmes** for *Snap Snap*. You can find their poems [here](#).

Meanwhile, other Russley writers were inspired by author Paula Green's challenge to write a poem about a *box!* Their poems were published on the [Poetry Box website](#). Congratulations **Bella, Hayley, Isabelle, Mason, and Lucy** who may now consider themselves e-published poets!

## Kiwi Exams

The English, mathematics and science competitions cater for students of all abilities in years 5-10. Tests are skills-based and align to the NZ Curriculum. Learners can opt in to these exams and can select which subjects. Listed below are our top performers for 2024:

### English

Ned Peters - Excellence  
Isabelle Holmes - Excellence  
Henry Peters - Merit  
Oliver Peters - Merit  
Angela Zhao - Merit  
Nikhil Sharma - Merit

### Maths

Henry Peters - Excellence  
Lilly Lan - Excellence  
Aarav Nuguru - Merit  
Oliver Peters - Merit  
Rayyan Shaikh - Merit  
Nikan Bastani - Merit  
Ned Peters - Merit  
Angela Zhao - Merit  
Nikhil Sharma - Merit  
Patricia Chen - Merit  
Sharon Lan - Merit  
Victoria Poh - Merit  
Charles Su - Merit

### Science

Olliver Cheng - Excellence  
Moaz Adwy - Excellence  
Oliver Peters - Merit  
Ned Peters - Excellence  
Charles Su - Excellence  
Nikan Bastani - Merit  
Angela Zhao - Merit  
Victoria Poh - Merit



## 2024 end-of-year events

Friday 29 November	PTA Christmas picnic, 5.00pm
Wednesday 4 December	Prizegiving, 1.15pm
Friday 13 December	Year 8 leavers' assembly, 11.00am
	Leavers' farewell march, 12.15pm
	School closes 12.30pm for all students

## 2025 year-start dates

Thurs 30 & Fri 31 January	Meet the Teacher
Monday 3 February	Classes start



## Community Notices

### **Out of School Care**

Busy Bumbles for onsite, before-and-after school care and holiday programmes <https://www.busybumbles.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)

### **After -School**

#### **Football for Russley School**

The FC Twenty 11 Football in Schools Programme is designed for kids of all ages, to develop basic ball skills and a love of the game. Registrations are open, please go to the FC Twenty 11 website for further information and to register:

<https://fctwenty11.co.nz/football-in-schools/>

This programme is available for enrolled students at Russley School from Year 1 to Year 6 and is conducted on the school grounds on Fridays for six weeks from

25 October—6 December

**Years 1-2, 3pm-4pm**

**Years 3-6, 3pm-4pm**

\*no football on 15 November (public holiday). \$48 per pupil.



### **Football Holiday Camps**

Christchurch United FC will be hosting football camps at the United Sports Centre over the holidays. Designed for young children aged 4-13, these camps are great for kids who like to be active and enjoy football. Participants can come for a day or the full duration.

- **FUNdamentals - First Skills Camp (ages 4-7)**
- **World Cup - Juniors Football Camp (ages 8-12)**

<https://cufc.co.nz/holiday-program>

### **Beginner French Classes**

Give your child the opportunity to learn French! Alliance Française Christchurch is offering a beginner class for children in Term 4.

When? Thursdays, starting 17 October, 4PM - 5PM at 275 Cashel Street. \$150 per term. For information or to enrol, visit [https://www.afchristchurch.org.nz/learn-french/children/crocos/?course\\_id=1691](https://www.afchristchurch.org.nz/learn-french/children/crocos/?course_id=1691). All welcome!

### **Christchurch Avon Junior Athletics Club**

Catering for children of all abilities 5—14 years. Club nights Wednesdays 5pm at Burnside High starting 16 October. Saturday inter-club at Nga Puna Wai also available. Registration day for new members is **Monday 14 Oct 5pm at CHAV club rooms, Burnside High School** (access by Greers Rd tennis courts). \$122 per child. Further info, email Club Captain Marilyn Morrison [marilynmorrison52@gmail.com](mailto:marilynmorrison52@gmail.com)

### **Waimairi Surf Lifesaving**

Waimairi Surf Lifesaving Club is looking for juniors 5—15 years, as well as people looking to earn their lifeguard award. Trainings are on Sunday mornings beginning late October. For more info, email [waimairijuniors@gmail.com](mailto:waimairijuniors@gmail.com)

### **Anna Lee School of Dance**

Dance school offers a variety of classes and passionate teachers. Beginners to senior level. Email us at [office@annaleeschoolofdance.co.nz](mailto:office@annaleeschoolofdance.co.nz)

### **Riccarton Softball Club**

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



# JUNIOR SPORT IS BACK

STARTS: FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER

### **Elements Spring Holiday Programme**

Spring holiday programmes at Lincoln, Marshland and on a Cashmere/Halswell farm. Active movement, creative play & fun! Explore the bush, creek, climb trees, build huts. <https://www.elementsnature.co.nz/>

### **BestStart Riccarton Park**

New early childhood centre at Karamū, Russley now open! Pop in and see us at BestStart. Open 7.00am-5.30pm Mon-Fri. If you wish to join our growing village, please email: [riccartonpark@best-start.org](mailto:riccartonpark@best-start.org)

### **Avonhead Kindergarten**

Preschoolers and parents can enjoy our FREE stay-and-play mornings, Thurs 930-11am. Meet the friendly teachers while children play. hour. 49 Staveley St. Ph 021 761 149.

### **Holiday Dental Care**

The Community Dental Service will be closed for the holidays but if your child is experiencing dental pain/discomfort, you can call us on **0800 846 983** and/or email: [commdental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:commdental@cdhb.health.nz) and one of our clinicians will contact you and may book you an appointment at one of our emergency clinics at Rangiora, Rolleston or Aranui.

### **Tots to Teens parenting magazine — Spring issue**

[issue2409.totstoteens.co.nz/](https://issue2409.totstoteens.co.nz/)

- » Are you school ready?
- » Parenting 4 types of children
- » Reversing reading reluctance
- » Smart online safety tips
- » What's on near you
- » Snow Farm adventures
- » Yummy, kid-friendly recipes from Buddy Oliver
- » Solutions for nits, knots and other nasties!
- » Get creative with painted plant pots
- » PLUS awesome giveaways

# Children's Wellbeing and Resilience with Anna Mowat

ONLINE - Thursday 3rd October 7:30 pm

Explore how we can support our kids to be resilient and bounce back in the face of adversity with Anna - background in psychology and child wellbeing



Bookings essential  
<https://events.humanitix.com/child-wellbeing-and-resilience-with-anna>

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# Let's talk parenting styles!

With a background in psychology Anna has been working with parents for over 20 years supporting them to understand their parenting style and whether this is supporting kids best!



Bookings essential:  
<https://events.humanitix.com/future-proofing>

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ONLINE

Thursday 31st of October  
 7:30 - 9pm

TRIP OF AN ERA 2!

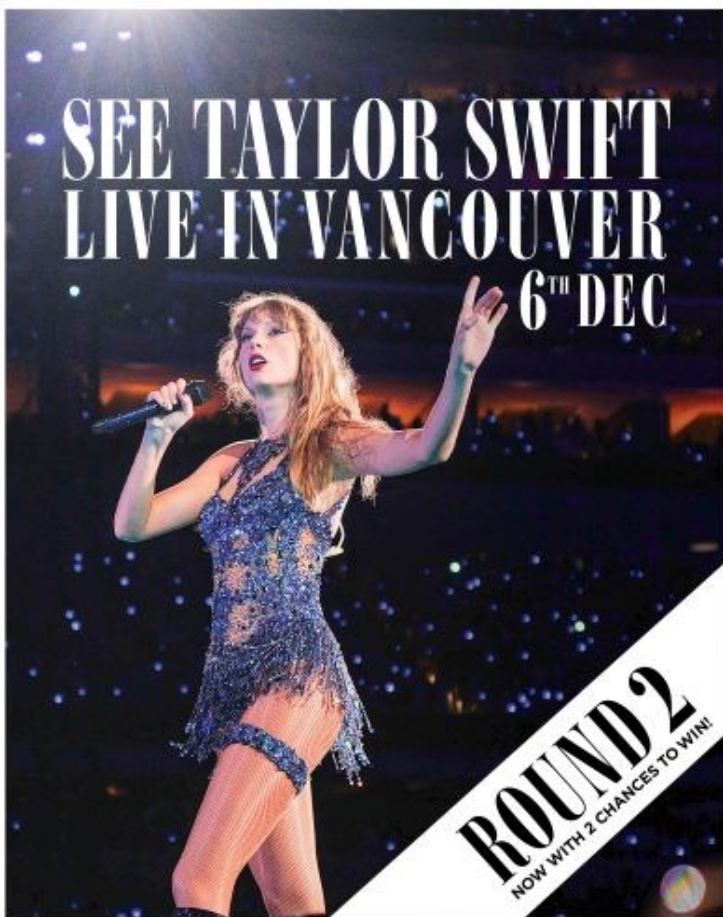


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ROUND 2  
 NOW WITH 2 CHANCES TO WIN!

WIN 1 OF 2 TRIPS FOR 2  
**2 VIP CLUB SEATS**  
 5 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION,  
 FLIGHTS & SPENDING MONEY

PLUS  
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 BRACELET SET AND  
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Got your sunhat for term 4?



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 Made from 100% cotton twill.  
 Fade resistant, light and comfortable, elastic sweatband and name tag inside.

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