

6 November 2024

Week 4 Term 4

Newsletter 17



## Coming Up...

Wed 6 Nov	- Jump Start 2.00pm - Assembly 2.25pm
Thurs 7 Nov	Kapa haka rehearsal 8.00am
Fri 8 Nov	Russley's Got Talent 10.00am
Mon 11 Nov	Year 7/8 summer tournament
Thur 14 Nov	- Kapa haka rehearsal 8.00am - Sausage sizzle \$2 <i>date change</i>
Fri 15 Nov	<b>CLOSED</b> Canterbury Anniversary holiday
Mon 18 Nov	<b>NEW DATE!</b> NW Zone athletics, Ngā Puna Wai
Tues 19 Nov	Year 7/8 careers expo
Wed 20 Nov	- Jump Start 2.00pm - Assembly 2.25pm - 2025 New Entrant parent meeting
Thur 21 Nov	- Kapa haka rehearsal 8.00am - Year 8 visit to RHS
Fri 22 Nov	Years 1-4 athletic sports
Sun 24 Nov	Tūhono kapa haka competition
Thur 28 Nov	SPCA fundraiser—casual wear, donate pet food or pet toy
Mon 9 Dec	<b>NEW DATE!</b> Sausage sizzle \$2 

## Making Russley Proud

Congratulations to members of the Russley Choir who sang at the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival, and to members of the Representative Groups who performed on all four nights of the event held at the Town Hall a fortnight ago.

**Junior Representative Choir:**  
Amy, Bernadette, Patricia, Aimee, Ned, Lily, Angela.

**Senior Representative Choir:**  
Miriam, Adeleyn, Isabella, Lucas, Toppa, Rebecca, Henry, Lili.

We are especially proud of Russley students Miriam and Adeleyn who gained 4-year medals having been selected for a Representative Group for four years.



In addition, Miriam was a fabulous compère at this year's festival, addressing audiences of more than 2000 at the Town Hall.

To all the Russley students involved in this year's music festival, well done.

## Music Tuition 2025

If your child wishes to learn an instrument at school next year, please book at: <https://forms.schoolapps.nz.co.nz/form-6758581/music-registration-2025>. Applications close Fri 29 November. Further details Pg 4.

### Junior Athletic Sports

Years 1 - 4  
onsite on Russley School field  
Friday 22 November

Programme on Pg.4

Note!

POSTPONED

Sausage Sizzle  
was 14 Nov—  
now on Monday  
9 December

Next assembly is  
**2025 SERVICE AWARDS**  
honouring students with  
leadership responsibilities

Russley Hall  
Wed 20 November  
2.15pm

# RUSSLEY'S GOT TALENT

THE FINAL!  
FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 10.00 AM  
SCHOOL HALL

## From the Principal's Office

Tēnā koutou katoa. Nau mai hoki mai ki te kura Te Parito Kōwhai Russley.

### Athletics

What an awesome day we had at the senior athletics last Thursday. Thank you to teacher Rochelle Paul and the staff for their organisation. Some challenges with reduced space but it worked. Thank you to those parent and grandparents who came to support.

Congratulations to the 81 sports representatives from Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School who have qualified for North West Zone athletics. Note that the event has been rescheduled from the original date of Tuesday 12 November to Monday 18 November.

### Retirement

Long-serving Music Director, Elizabeth Muschamp, has announced her retirement and will leave Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School at the end of the year after more than 20 years service. Although she will continue with some private tutoring, she is looking forward to a more relaxed schedule and spending time with her husband Bruce, and their grandchildren. Elizabeth has had a significant influence on the lives of many students over her time at our school. She is a leading reason for the profile that 'all things music' has at Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School. Put simply, they don't make Mrs. Muschamps anymore. We are working behind the scenes to ensure that the legacy that she leaves will continue.

### Moving Monday

As our building work continues, we are taking possession of the next new classroom block on the last week of school this year. Monday 09 December will be a big day, with 80% of our classrooms moving. We would appreciate some community assistance and we will put on a sausage sizzle to help feed the helpers. If you have some time on Monday 09 December, please email [feedback@russley.school.nz](mailto:feedback@russley.school.nz) to register your availability.

### Second-hand books

Looking for a way to move on the books you have at home that are cluttering up your precious space? Local resident, Digby Joplin, has an online second-hand book shop <https://thriftreads.co.nz>. Books donated through Russley will generate a rebate for the school. If you have surplus books that you need gone, bring them to school to be forwarded to Digby and the school will receive a donation. A book collection box will be available outside the office tomorrow.

### Baby News

Congratulations to teacher Amanda McDuff and her husband on the birth of a healthy baby daughter.

Ngā mihi

Greg Lewis

Tumuaki | Principal  
[principal@russley.school.nz](mailto:principal@russley.school.nz)

## Kōwhai Awards

Focus: Whānaungatanga

### Te Kākano (Years 0-3)

Hazel Theobald, William Huang, Riley Mitchell, Nikhil Sharma, Sterling Lawson, Finn Gillespie, Hope Pearman, Piper Lomax, Olivia Fitzgerald, Ashley Salmons, Lucy Coles, Henco Jansen van Rensburg, Natreece Cosgrove, Max Clare, Divisha Kharola, Dylan Pomeroy

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winner—Te Kākano  
Rongo Maa Taane

### Te Māhuri (Years 4-6)

Alfie Forster, Celia Abdelfadil, Mila-Rose Robertson, Maggie Foley, Lucy Sparks, Kyoka Sasaki, Jacob Braggins, Shane O'Brien, Tangaroa Bird, Hollie Beedie, Akira Sasaki, Hayley Chen

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winner—Te Māhuri  
Courtney Curry

### Te Kōhure (Years 7-8)

Mikayla Grenfell-Panirau, Sophia Zhou, Lucas Yee, Ila Rutherford, Isaac Elkins, Miriam Surrey, Leen Darwish, Amelia Stainger

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winner—Te Kōhure  
Vyella 'Asi

# 2025 NEW ENTRANT OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER

6.30-7.30PM

AN INTRODUCTION FOR  
PARENTS OF CHILDREN  
STARTING NEXT YEAR



## Mountain Biking

A fleet of 26 Russley students competed in the Huxster Mountain Bike event held at McLeans Island a fortnight ago. Students competed in pairs in a relay style race, each completing 1 lap of the course before tagging their partner. Year 5/6 pairs ride for 1.5 hours and year 7/8's for 3 hours. Some of our students completed in excess of 50km! Thank you to the parents who helped with transport, bike repairs and supervision.



**TŪHONO  
KAPA HAKA  
FESTIVAL**  
24TH OF NOVEMBER  
CHRISTCHURCH TOWN HALL  
86 KILMORE STREET

Scan for tickets  
[humanatix.com](https://humanatix.com)

**Year 4-8 Primary Final  
Sunday 24 Nov, 4.00pm**

Tūhono tickets can be ordered online at <https://events.humanatix.com/copy-of-tuhono-kapa-haka-festival-2-2024/tickets#group2>.

Meanwhile, Russley performers need parental consent to take part in Tūhono. Please complete this form: <https://forms.schoolapps.nz.co.nz/form-6754109/tuhono-kapa-haka-festival-permission-slip-2024>.

## Change of Dates

Please note the following dates which are different from those listed on the original term 4 event calendar:

- NW Zones athletics at Ngā Puna Wai was Tues 12 Nov; now Mon 18 November
- SPCA fundraiser and casual dress day was scheduled for Thurs 21 Nov; now Thurs 28 Nov.
- PTA Sausage Sizzle was scheduled for Thursday 14 November; now Monday 9 December.

## ICAS Results

Congratulations to top achievers in the ICAS 2024 competitions. Certificates will be presented at this afternoon's assembly (Wed 6 November 2.15pm).

### Science

Nikan Bastani - Credit  
Kelvin Ma - High Distinction  
Bernadette Surrey - Credit  
Charles Su - Credit  
Olliver Cheng - Credit  
Henry Peters - Credit

### Maths

Tenushki Ranasinghe - Credit  
Agatha Huang - Credit  
Kelvin Ma - Distinction  
Ned Peters - Distinction  
Amy Zhao - Credit  
Angela Zhao - Distinction  
Charles Su - Distinction  
Olliver Cheng - Credit  
Aarav Nuguru - Credit  
Henry Peters - Credit  
Toppa Siddiqui - Credit  
Oliver Peters - Distinction  
Sohee Park - Credit

### Digital Technologies

Henry Peters - Distinction  
Charles Su - Credit  
Kelvin Ma - Distinction

### English

Nikan Bastani - Credit  
Isabelle Holmes - Credit  
Kelvin Ma - Credit  
Ned Peters - Credit  
Bernadette Surrey - High Distinction  
Henry Peters - Credit  
Miriam Surrey - Distinction  
Oliver Peters - Distinction

### Writing

Oliver Peters - Credit  
Henry Peters - Credit  
Patricia Chen - Credit  
Kelvin Ma - Distinction  
Ned Peters - Distinction

### Spelling

Tenushki Ranasinghe - Credit  
Nikan Bastani - Credit  
Kelvin Ma - Credit  
Ned Peters - Distinction  
Angela Zhao - Distinction  
Patricia Chen - Credit  
Porou Rongonui - Credit  
Aarav Nuguru - Credit  
Henry Peters - Credit  
Oliver Peters - Credit

## 2024 year-end dates

**Friday 29 November**  
PTA Christmas picnic, 5.00pm

**Wednesday 4 December**  
Prizegiving, 1.15pm

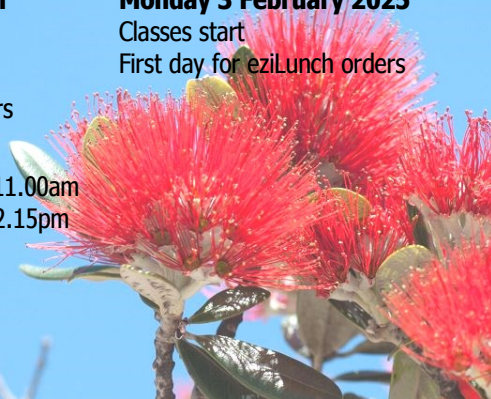
**Thursday 12 December**  
Last day for eziLunch orders

**Friday 13 December**  
Year 8 leavers' assembly, 11.00am  
Leavers' farewell march, 12.15pm  
School closes 12.30pm

## 2025 start dates

**Thurs 30 & Fri 31 January 2025**  
Meet the Teacher interviews

**Monday 3 February 2025**  
Classes start  
First day for eziLunch orders



## JUNIOR ATHLETICS (Years 1-4) TIMETABLE FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER

SPECTATORS  
WELCOME

Parents and friends are welcome at our junior athletics day which will be held on the back field. We hope to have a coffee cart on site in the morning, and parents may choose to bring a picnic and join the

children on the field for lunch. Please ensure your child has:

- a sunhat and sunblock
- house colour t-shirt

- sports shoes
- warm clothes
- water bottle
- medication e.g. asthma / hayfever

### MORNING EVENTS COMMENCE 9.15AM

AGE	Event 1 9:15am	Event 2 9.50am	Event 3 10:25am		Event 4 11:25am	Event 5 12noon	Event 6 12:35pm
Years 0-1	Middle distance	Long jump	High jump	Morning tea 11.00am	Discus	Shot put	Sprint heats & finals
Year 2	Discus	Distance races	Long jump		High jump	Sprint heats & finals	Shot put
Year 3	High jump	Shot put	Middle distance		Sprint heats & finals	Long jump	Discus
Year 4	Sprint heats & finals	Discus	Shot put		Long jump	High jump	Distance races
Lunch break 1.10pm							

### AFTERNOON EVENTS 2.00PM — 3.00PM

Whole school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kākano relays</li> <li>Māhuri relays</li> <li>Kōhure class relays</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>House relay</li> <li>Parent / teacher / pupil relay (if time allows)</li> </ul>
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### EVENTS CONCLUDE WITH ICE BLOCKS AT 3.00PM



### Music Tuition 2025

Next year, music lessons will be available to students in Years 3 – 8. Students are taught individually by professional music teachers. Lessons are usually 20 minutes and cost from \$22 per week.

There are vacancies for drums, violin, recorder, flute, cornet, trumpet, trombone, guitar, bass guitar and piano.

Note—Ukulele Orchestra registrations will be advertised in Term 1, 2025. (Ukulele Orchestra starts Term 2.)

If your child wishes to learn an instrument at school, please book **or** rebook them by completing this form: [https://forms.schoolappsnz.co.nz/form-6758581/music-registration-2025](https://forms.schoolapps.nz.co.nz/form-6758581/music-registration-2025). Applications close Friday 29 November.

Priority will be given to those students who have been learning an instrument in 2024. If your child was on a wait list in 2024, please re-register them for 2025.

If you require further information, please email the Music Director Elizabeth Muschamp at [elizabeth.muschamp@russley.school.nz](mailto:elizabeth.muschamp@russley.school.nz).

### Sunhats for sale



Sizes: Sml, Med, Lrg  
Made from 100% cotton twill.

Fade resistant, light weight and comfortable, elastic sweatband and name tag inside.

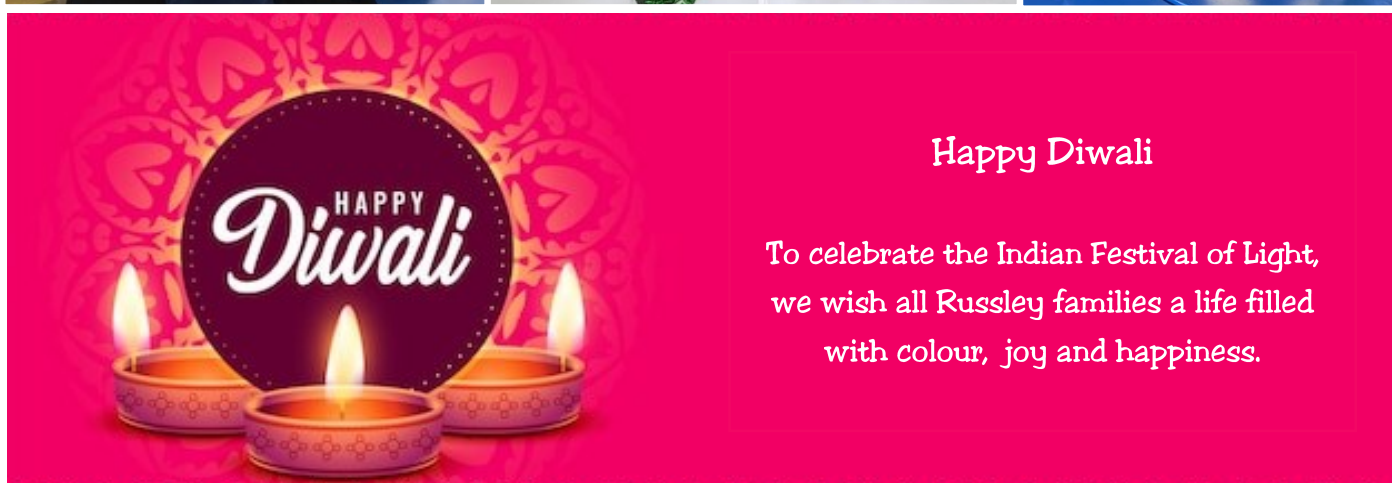
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## Happy Diwali!

We extend a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful parents who celebrated Diwali with us this year! Your support in providing

ideas and running various Diwali activities at school made a great impact on our students' experience. Your involvement not only enriched our celebrations but also

helped our students learn about the importance and traditions of Diwali. Wishing you and your families a very Happy Diwali filled with joy, light, and prosperity!



## Happy Diwali

To celebrate the Indian Festival of Light, we wish all Russley families a life filled with colour, joy and happiness.



Student Council Petfood Fundraiser

# SPCA<sup>®</sup>

Thursday 28 November

We're organising a SPCA fundraiser & mufti day when students may wear casual clothes and, instead of coins, bring a packet of pet food, pet toys or blankets. Seniors will go round classes to collect the donated goods. - Student Council

## 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)

### Taekwondo

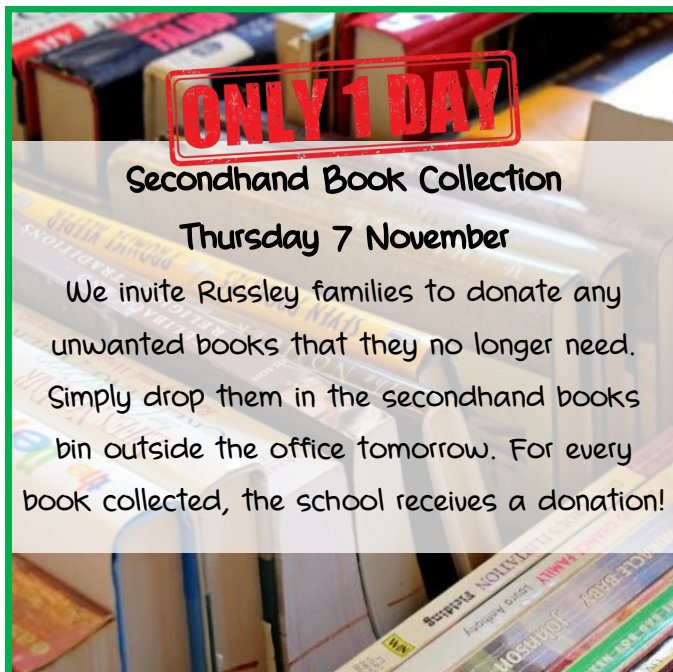
Classes Mondays, Wednesdays  
& Fridays 4:30pm to 6:00pm  
Cost: \$15 per class. Contact:  
Tim (022) 393 4328  
Email [toly1217@gmail.com](mailto:toly1217@gmail.com)

### Beginner French Classes

Alliance Française Christchurch is offering a beginner class for children in Term 4. When? Thursdays from 17 October, 4PM - 5PM at 275 Cashel St. \$150 per term. [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!

### 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)



**ONLY 1 DAY**  
**Secondhand Book Collection**  
**Thursday 7 November**

We invite Russley families to donate any unwanted books that they no longer need. Simply drop them in the secondhand books bin outside the office tomorrow. For every book collected, the school receives a donation!

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### ezLunch

Lunch orders are available each week day.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>HELL</b> X	<b>SUBWAY</b>			<b>SUBWAY</b>