

9 April 2025

Week 10 Term 1

Newsletter 5



Coming Up...

Thur 10 April	- ESOL morning tea 9.30am - Sausage sizzle \$2
Fri 11 April	Term ends 3.00pm
Fri 18 April, 21 & 22 April	Good Friday (in holidays) Easter Monday and Tuesday (holidays)
Fri 25 April	ANZAC Day (in holidays)
Mon 28 April	- Term 2 starts - Te Raupua room 2 opens for next New Entrants
Mon 5 May	NZ Sign Language Week
Wed 14 May	National Young Leaders' Day
Fri 16 May	Russley cross-country: Senior 11.00am, Junior 1.30pm
Tues 17 June Wed 18 June	Mid-year interviews (note early finish at 1.00pm on Tuesday 17 June)

Korfball Mixx Cup

Russley was represented by four teams at an interschool Korfball tournament held at Hagley Netball Courts on Monday. Korfball is a team sport which requires co-operation, physical skill and strategic thinking. It is a sport that brings together the genders on equal terms. Russley's four teams all finished in the top ten — a great achievement. Thanks to the teachers and parent-helpers who accompanied them.



RUSSLEY CROSS-COUNTRY



Years 4-8 Crosbie Park 11.00am – 1.15pm

Years 0-3 Crosbie Park 1.30pm – 2.30pm

House
t-shirt offer
extended to
Friday

Due to high demand for house t-shirts, the PTA has extended orders to Friday 11 April, 3.00pm. Order by clicking this link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-kz1pmOe-zU9kdPNWHwhvte7UHFz0kGr3_DIQwd1HbHfDK5w/viewform.

Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa. Nau mai hoki mai ki te kura Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School. We wish students and whānau a happy holiday break; one that includes Easter and ANZAC Day. When we return to school, we will be diving into the winter term. It might be an idea to check out warmer uniform items over the holidays in readiness for cooler temperatures. Enjoy your whānau time together - see you in Term 2.

Farewell Mrs Rush

This week is Mrs Rush's last week with us. After 9+ years at Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School, she is departing to take up a principal's role at Holy Family Catholic School in Wānaka.



Mrs Rush started as a team leader in 2016 and assumed assistant and deputy principal roles in the following years.

In short, Jane has made a stunning contribution to our school, the students, and our community. Her 'student-first' approach has guided many conversations. Her ability to be flexible, adaptable and solution-focused leaves a legacy for us all. She gives confidence to those around her. We wish her every success in her new venture; one that she will undoubtedly be successful in.

Reflection from Mrs Rush

As I reflect on my time at Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School, I am filled with deep gratitude and appreciation. It's hard to put into words how much your kindness and support have meant to me.

From the very beginning, as a team leader and teacher, I always felt a part of the community. The care and dedication shown by all the kaiako, the enthusiasm of students, and the support from families have created

a special place to belong to. I have been grateful for a community that uplifts, encourages, and inspires the people in it!
#youhavevalue

Thank you to all staff for your tireless efforts and commitment. Your passion for education and genuine care for every student is something truly remarkable. To the students - thank you for your energy, laughter, and willingness to give everything a go! To the families and community, your involvement and support make all the difference in creating a nurturing and true learning environment for everyone.

#othersmatter

*Te Parito Kōwhai Russley School is more than just a place of learning - it's a community where people look out for one another, celebrate achievements together, and offer a helping hand when it's needed most. I feel incredibly lucky to have been a part of it. **#wesucceedtogether***

*Thank you for everything. I will carry the memories from this place as I move to my new appointment as Principal at Holy Family Catholic School in Wānaka. **E rere te huata, kapohia** - Seize every opportunity.*

Further staff news

Due to there being no deputy principal appointed following an application process earlier this term, we have made adjustments to internal staffing. Fiona De Wit will take on the acting Deputy Principal role from next term. Some of her current roles will be set aside for term 2 and reallocated in term 3. Lucy Handford will complete the year teaching Year 4 in Room 5. Michelle Duxfield will return to school in Term 3 following her study leave and will assume curriculum leadership and intervention teaching roles for the remainder of 2025.

Staff car park

The staff car park is for **staff vehicles and service vehicles only**. Please do not use this area for student drop-offs or pick ups.

Ngā mihi

Greg Lewis
Tumuaki

Kōwhai Awards

Focus: Hauora

Te Kākano (Years 0-3)

Henry Liu, Mason Butler, Zahria Sila, Emilia Khrapova, Yasa Kryvytska, Hailey Brennan, Isabella Adams, Hayoung Kang, Rjay Weaver, Lucas Okada, William Holmes, Riley Mitchell, Senuthi Hewa Lunuwilage

Te Māhuri (Years 4-6)

Harrison Evans, Arabella O'Halloran, Harper Beckingham, Celia Abdelfadil, Mila Stack, Nathaniel Wade, Zach Croton, Charlotte Li, Ahmad Darwish, Winnie Rongonui, Maddie Todd, Dylan Pomeroy

Te Kōhure (Years 7-8)

Kordae Robertson, Christian Sisson, Bella Zhang, Victor Grant, Ayaan Bava, James Fowler, Saakhi Kaur, Ruben Shrestha

Te Tohu Kōwhai Winners

Te Kākano — Sruthi Sirikonda
Te Māhuri — Jwad Abdelrahman
Te Kōhure — Charlie Sparks

Seasonal Updates, Anytime

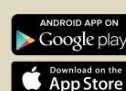


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Colour Your Day



Together we raised more than \$400 at our school's casual dress day last Friday. Students laid their money on a coin trail on the forecourt. Funds will be donated to the E Tū Tāngata organisation which is working to reverse society's culture of criticism by empowering schools and communities to create a culture where every person is valued.



Russley Year 7/8 students are taking part in Showquest for the first time. Showquest is the renamed Stage Challenge - a performing arts platform for schools. On Thursday 12 June, those Te Kōhure students involved in Showquest (incl. performers, backstage and lighting crew) will bus to the Town Hall for rehearsals and filming. They will remain there until their evening performance which finishes at 9.30pm when parents will collect their child. Tickets are available online at www.showquest.nz. Tickets usually sell very fast so we encourage Russley whānau to get in quick if they wish to attend the show.



Russley School Dates 2025

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 Wed 17 Dec

Closed on:	
Good Friday	Fri 18 April (in holidays)
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

Striving to win a music scholarship at your dream high school?

Competition is fierce, so give yourself the best chance of success by signing up for our **May Performance Masterclass for Year 8 Students** hosted by Alex Morton



LIMITED PERFORMANCE SPOTS AVAILABLE

Our last masterclass booked out within 2 days, so get in quick!

**4pm Saturday
3 May 2025**

The Piano, 156 Armagh St

Learn more at www.mortonmusic.co.nz

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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

Anytime from 10AM - 1PM

Location: Kiosk in the Botanic Gardens (except April 26th!)

All Events are FREE!



Tracking Tunnels and Bird Protectors: A Predator-Free Adventure

Join us for a hands-on session with Predator Free Port Hills! Build tracking tunnels, learn about native bird conservation, and take part in an egg search.



Compost Crew: Worm Wranglers Wanted!

Learn how worms help break down food scraps with Richmond Community Garden, while creating your own mini worm farm to take home!



Sock Bunny Heroes: Craft, Learn, Protect - Easter activity

Discover the impact of one of our cutest pets whilst crafting a sock bunny to take home. Bring old socks if you have any!

AT TRAVIS WETLANDS



Wild explorers: Discover Natures Communities with Forest & Bird

Learn about intricate ecosystems through hands-on exploration of the diverse plant and animal communities that keep our environment thriving!

For more information:

THERAPEUTIC HORSE RIDING FOR CHILDREN WITH ADHD

Seeking participants for a study on the impact of horse riding on children with ADHD

We need:

- Children 8–11 years
- Diagnosed with ADHD
- Available for 1 riding session per week in term 2 or 3 during school hours
- Location – RDA arena 102C Curletts rd, Chch

You get:

- 1 term free riding lessons with qualified therapeutic riding coach.
- Skills and strategies to help manage tricky ADHD symptoms



For more information and to see if your child meets in inclusion criteria:

sarah.ritchie@pg.canterbury.ac.nz



This study has been reviewed and approved by the University of Canterbury Human Research Ethics Committee



Methven Scarecrow Trail Saturday April 12 - Sunday April 27

Awesome school holiday activity
Only \$15 - eftpos or cash please
Info & Maps available from the
Methven ihub & Methven Four Square




ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY COLLEGE
OPEN MORNING
 MEET STAFF AND STUDENTS AND SEE THE COLLEGE IN ACTION
WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY | 9 AM TO 12 PM
 Greeting and tour of the College followed by an address from the Principal.
 Also an opportunity to chat with our Senior Leadership Team.
 For 2026, we are accepting enrolments for Year 9 and above. Tours from 9am & Speeches from 10am.
 69 MIDDLEPARK ROAD, SOCKBURN | PHONE: 03 3487010 | WWW.STC.SCHOOL.NZ



Te Matatiki Toi Ora
The Arts Centre

School Holiday FUN 12 - 27 APRIL

Fun-filled days of music, movies, arts, circus, dance & more.



artscentre.org.nz

April School Holidays at Te Matatiki Toi Ora The Arts Centre

Primary students: Free holiday fun zone, including outdoor games and bubble machine, weather permitting. Free introduction to ballet for ages 3-6 years at Counterpointe Studio. Carrot and Pickle clown show, ages 4-10 years. \$12 +BF.
<https://www.artscentre.org.nz/>



ezLunch

Place lunch orders online at www.mykindo.co.nz before 0900am Mon-Fri.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				

Community Notices



**Award Winning
Before & After School Care
& Holiday Programmes**

Holiday Programme at Russley
Monday 14 April - Thurs 17 April
only, from 7am until 6pm daily.
Holiday Programme can be
booked here:
<https://enrolmy.com/busy-bumbles#/name/%25holiday%25>
Numbers limited so book early to
avoid disappointment!

Karate At Russley

Thursday evenings. Junior and
senior sessions. Phone Hayden
021 412212 or email
hayden@takecontrol.co.nz

**St Thomas of Canterbury
Open Morning—Wednesday
14 May 9am to 12pm.** Greet-
ing and tour of the college
from 9am, followed by an
address from the principal at
10am, and opportunity to chat
with senior leadership. For
2026, St Thomas's is accepting
enrolments for Year 9 and
above. 69 Middlepark Rd,
Sockburn. www.stc.school.nz

Church Choir

Our small church choir enjoys
presenting songs at a worship
service at St Mark's Church,
Withells Rd, on one Sunday
each month. Newcomers are
very welcome. Practice times
vary. Contact: Robin 358 2218

Girl Guiding New Zealand

Pippins (5-7 years) Wednes-
days 4.45—5.45pm **Brownies**
(7-9½ years) Wednesdays
5.30pm—7pm **Guides** (9-
12½ years) Wednesdays
6pm—8.15pm **Rangers** (12½
-17 years) Wednesdays 7pm—
9pm. St Mark's Community
Centre, 150 Withells Rd. For
info, phone 366 8409.
www.girlguidingnz.org.nz



KIWIVOLLEY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Age Year 5 - Year 8

Date & Time:

Tuesday 15th April - 10am - 12pm

Thursday 17th April - 9am - 11am

Tuesday 22nd April - 10am - 12pm

Wednesday 23rd April - 10am - 12pm

Price:

\$20 per day

\$30 for two days

Location - Pioneer Stadium

Register via the link below!

Questions? Contact - office@cva.nz

Emergency Dental Service During Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be closed over Easter, reopen-
ing **Monday 28th April**. Your nearest community dental clinic at
Burnside (96a Memorial Avenue) will be open during the holi-
days if your child is experiencing any dental pain/discomfort.
Ph **0800 846 983** or email: commdental@cdhb.health.nz and
one of our clinicians will contact you.

FUNDAMENTALS

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

AGES 4-7 YEARS

JOIN OUR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME FOR 10% OFF!

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

JOIN OUR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME FOR 10% OFF!

DIGITAL VOUCHER!

WORLD CUP

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

AGES 8-13 YEARS

JOIN OUR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME FOR 10% OFF!

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

JOIN OUR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME FOR 10% OFF!

DIGITAL VOUCHER!

Special Offer: Take a picture or screenshot of the above voucher(s) and bring them into the Christchurch United office for a 10% discount on the April holiday programme!