

2025 Kiwi Spelling Bee



Dear Principal

Once again, the University of Canterbury is offering the Kiwi Spelling Bee competitions for Primary and Intermediate school students. The competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and are based on the New Zealand Curriculum.

The online competitions will be run from 1st September – 19th September 2025, at a time suitable to the school and reflect New Zealand context. Certificates will be provided for all participating students. In addition to the certificate, individual student reports' outlining student performance will be available to download and distribute to parents/caregivers. The top student in each year group will receive a prize. If two or more students share the same top score, then the prize is awarded to the student with the highest speed and accuracy.

We ask you that you share this information with staff and parents and appoint a school coordinator for the competitions. We hope your school can support this Kiwi initiative.

For further information, please consult the CAM website www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam

The following announcement may be useful for the school newsletter.

Once again, this year the University of Canterbury is offering the Kiwi Spelling Bee competitions for Primary and Intermediate school students. The competitions cover grammar, spelling and vocabulary. The online competitions will be run for the last 3 weeks of Term 3. All participating students will be awarded a certificate, and prizes will be awarded to the overall top students in each year group. The cost for a student to participate is \$9.90.

Yours Sincerely

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