



"Raising the Bar"

Hello Tena koutou Talofa lava Fakaalofa atu Talofa ni  
Malo e lelei Kia orana Ni sa bula vinaka Malo ni

# Somerset Crescent School

## On Track Team News

The 'KidsCan Charity' help many schools across all of NZ, including ours. As a token of our appreciation, we held a Sausage Sizzle fundraiser for them a couple of weeks ago. Our On-Track team helped to organise and distribute the Sausages to the classes on the day. We managed to raise and donate \$275!! Here is the reply from KidsCan after our donation:

"Thank you so much for your donation and your support of KidsCan – we really do appreciate it.  
That's wonderful the students got on board to give back – what a wonderful bunch of kids you must have at Somerset Crescent School!"



Ka Rawe Somerset tamariki! - Pa Wes

### Ruby Awards

Room 8 - Charlie, Ngataka & Micah  
Room 9 - Blayze, Cyllus, Ilaijia, Loueni, Nevaeh, Ripeka, Ivory, Adacus & Waimarie

### Sapphire Awards

Room 8 - Dante  
Room 9 - Jodeci, Petone, Marlee-Jayne, Penelope & Te Awhina

### Top Cat Class

Room 2



### U-Rock Awards

Respect - Bailey Rm 8 & Jeron Rm 10  
On-to-it - Shannon Rm 14 & Toa Rm 9  
Cooperation - Denim & Ariki Rm 4  
Kindness - Blayze Rm 9 & Andrea Rm 4

### Playground Vouchers

Tipene, William, Kanye, Aaliyah, Sarah, Penelope, Cyllus, Jah, Tasi & Riria

### Star Staff Award

Whaea Darnielle received this award for her amazing work with the Haupihi group and all things Te Reo.



## Reports

Today you would have received your children's reports. They outline what 'curriculum level' the children are at in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. They also show what stage they are at when being Respectful, On-To-It, Cooperative and Kind. The report includes 'Student Voice' too which gives you an idea of how they feel about their learning and time at school. A general comment from their teacher then concludes this written report. This report is the focus of our Learning Conferences next week. Please bring these along to the conferences.

## Learning Conferences

Next week on Monday 17th August you will receive a reminder slip showing you when your children's 'Learning Conferences' are. If you have not yet made a conference booking please go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the code **qmc7m**. You will be able to book your interviews there.

### On Tuesday 18th August school will finish early at 12noon so the Learning Conferences can begin.

On Wednesday 19th August school finishes at the normal time and Learning Conferences begin at 3:15pm.

## Whole School Assembly

The Rata Team ran the first 'Performance Assembly' last Friday. The theme of the assembly was 'Epetoma o te ro Maori Kuki Airani' Cook Islands Language Week. The students looked amazing and worked together as a whole group beautifully. Thank you Rata Team for being the first team to start this new concept of showing through 'The Arts' our students talents, strengths and passions. The whanau support was impressive. We had to seat our Year 6's (who usually sit on the seats because they are our most senior students) on the floor to accommodate the number of families and friends who attended and supported the assembly. Ka pai rawa whanau.

## Teacher Only Days

On Friday 21st August and Monday 24th August school will be closed because we are taking part in professional development around Te Tiriti o Waitangi (The Treaty of Waitangi). We will be learning alongside staff from 5 other schools from Palmerston North. We are looking forward to these days as the knowledge and understanding learnt will increase our confidence and capability when teaching and facilitating learning in our schools.

## Alert Level 2

As we are all aware we are in Alert Level 2. This means that we have been practicing and remembering how to be safe and healthy again (at this level) in our 'School Bubble'.

We want to assure you that at Alert level 2 it is safe for all students and staff to attend school, and that we have appropriate precautions in place here.

These following practices are what we want to occur at our school during this alert level to support us all being safe....

We kindly ask that all parents and caregivers drop their children off at the school gates in the morning from 8:30am onwards.

Children are to go straight to their classes when they arrive at school and stay in their class until the bell goes. We are not encouraging our children to play during this time at present.

We also ask that parents and caregivers wait outside the school gates to collect their children after school.

We request that all parents and caregivers remain off-site too, however if you do need to come into the 'School Bubble' you must fill in the Tracing Register in the

classroom or administration area.

We continue to have soap and paper towels in all environments so we can wash and dry our hands regularly. We continue to provide and use the hand sanitisers in all of our environments.

Coughing into or sneezing into elbows is also still being practiced and expected.

The use of these excellent hygiene practices will continue to be encouraged and routinely discussed in our school.

Please continue to support us by having any children remain at home if they are presenting as unwell. If any children are presenting with symptoms at school we will make contact with whanau so they can go home.

We are encouraging and practicing where appropriate social distancing in our school bubble.

Bells times and break times will remain the same, and Breakfast Club and Culture Block will continue at this alert level.

Taking these precautions supports us all. Thank you for your understanding and support. We appreciate your vigilance and for also practicing safely at home. When we do this in our school and home bubbles this supports us all and helps us keep safe.

Please contact us if you have any queries.

There is a flyer accompanying this newsletter that shows you all of the means of communication we have at our school.

Please download the **ALERTS - School App** if you have not already done so as this is the best means of knowing about information from us quickly.

## Uniforms - Mrs Johnson is feeling sad.

Whanau I'm not feeling happy about the number of students who are attending our school without our school uniform on. There are a variety of trousers/shorts/sweatshirts/t shirts and caps that are being worn, and all of our other students who have their uniforms on are looking at the students who are not wearing theirs and thinking "?!?!". I expect this to improve by next week. We will all be monitoring this more vigilantly.

Please come in to see me if your child is one who is not in uniform so you can explain to me why. I expect all of my students to be part of the Somerset Crescent School team, and being in uniform automatically means they are part of this team. It is also one indicator that shows how they and their whanau value our school culture, and wholeschool 'values' system.

Nga mihi nui

Teena Johnson

Tumuaki/Principal

## **Coming Events**

18 <sup>th</sup> August	Learning Conferences - 1pm-5.30pm - School finishes at 12pm
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Learning Conferences - 3.30pm-7pm
<b>21<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>Teacher only Day</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Teacher only Day</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> August	Board of Trustees Meeting at 5.30pm (in the Staffroom) - All Welcome
28th August	Assembly @ 2.15-2.45 - Kowhai Team hosting
7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Marae Trip - Kowhai Team
14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Marae Trip - Rata Team
18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Assembly @ 2.15-2.45 - Kahikatea team hosting
21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Marae Trip - Kahikatea Team
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Last Day of Term 3
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Teacher only Day</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	First Day of Term 4



## Welcome

We would like to welcome Echo and her family to our Somerset Crescent school community.

## Assembly

Last week Rata Team put on an outstanding assembly celebrating our Pasifika culture. They showed us some amazing artwork and danced and sang for us. Well done Rata Team! The next assembly will be on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August at 2.15pm-2.45pm. Kowhai Team will be presenting assembly. Come and join us.

## Sports News

### NETBALL -

**Years 3/4's** - games are at Vautier Park.

**Year 5/6's** - play at CET Arena. The last game was a draw 7 all and Players of the day were Paea and Amarleen. Well done everyone.

**BASKETBALL** - Players of the Day for the Year 5/6 team is Pyro, they won their game 26-22. The Year 3/4 won their game this week against College Street School. Well done to all our Sports teams.

A big thanks to all our coaches, we appreciate your time, effort and skills.

Sports Fees are \$35 per player for Basketball. \$20 for Year 3&4 Netball and \$30 for Year 5&6 Netball. Please pay at the office asap.

Somerset Crescent School wants all children who are committed to playing a sport to have the opportunity to do so. If you are unable to financially support your child please see our Principal Teena Johnson to discuss options.



Year 5/6 Netball Team



Year 3/4 Netball team in action

## Breakfast Club helpers

Are you able to spare  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an hour from 8.15am once a week? We need a few more parent helpers to help serve breakfast to our students. If you are able to help please let Pa Wes know or leave a message at the office.

*Wow what a magnificent week celebrating Kuki Airani Week. Here are some highlights from Rata Team.*





# AFTERNOON TWEEN TIME

AGES 10-12  
3:45-5PM  
MEZZANINE LEVEL

**TERM 3**  
ACTIVITIES  
JUST FOR YOU  
TO LEARN, DO  
AND SHARE IN  
2020!

Wednesday Sessions  
22 July  
5 August  
19 August  
2 September  
16 September

Tuesday Sessions  
28 July  
11 August  
25 August  
8 September  
22 September

Afternoon Tea Provided

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL  
rhonda.chenery@pncc.govt.nz




## FREE CURTAINS UTUKORE ĀRAI

Our curtain bank helps Kiwi families keep their homes warm. Come in to collect your free curtains before winter arrives.

**When:** 10am-2pm  
Wednesday and Friday

**Where:** 24B Domain Street,  
Palmerston North, 4410

**Who:** Community services and gold card holders

Call 021 143 3800

HERE@GOOD 0800.BEN.CROSS | BEN.CROSS@BC.NZ

### Dental Treatment

The Mobile Dental clinic will be at our school later in the year. You can still contact them if your child needs treatment on 0800 talk teeth - 027 6695117.

### Lost Property

Please check the lost property boxes if you have lost anything. You can find lost property to the right of the entrance to the office (at the back of Room 3). Please make sure you name all your items of clothing.

### Learn to skate

Monday 5.30 SPEED

Tuesday 4.45pm ARTISTIC

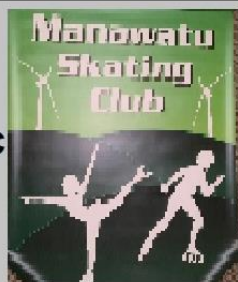
\$50 a term

Wednesday 7-8pm ADULT

\$70 a term

@Bell Hall, Waldegrave St, Palmerston North

For more information please email  
mssc.secretary@hotmail.co.nz



### School Facebook pages

Do have a look at our Kowhai, Rata and Kahikatea teams facebook pages. Each team has their own page and regularly put photos and exciting news of what is happening in their teams and around the school. Search for them:

Somerset Kowhai Team, Somerset Rata Team,  
Somerset Kahikatea Team

### Beaver Trees Manawatu



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110 Riverbank Road  
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Whanganui 4573  
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headoffice@beavertree.co.nz

**PLEASE** remember to ring us if your child is going to be away from school for any reason.

Contact us on 3543274 or 0800 45 44 44 or text on 02108324514. If you do not inform us when your child/children are away from school, they will be marked as TRUANT.

If you have a change of address or your phone number changes, please let the office know.

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