



"Raising the Bar"

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

Somerset Crescent School

## On Track Team News

Congratulations to our On Track Team for 2017  
Ataahua Naomi Ruth 'Alani



Ataahua, Naomi, Ruth and 'Alani have been chosen as our On Track Team this year – they are amazing role models for the other children at Somerset Crescent School. Mrs Arnold is really looking forward to working with them.

### Playground Vouchers Awarded

to:

Olivia & Zealand - Room 1  
Malaika & BrookeJeannie - Room 2  
Rizvi - Room 3  
Miya, Muao & Connor - Room 4  
Natalia - Room 5  
Jahziah - Room 7

### U-ROCK Voucher winners:

**Kowhai:** Rizvi & Wiremu - Room 3  
**Rata:** Sela & Samarah - Room 10  
**Kahikatea:** Calanie - Room 7 &  
Neisha - Room 8

### Staff Star Award:

Mrs Day received the award in Assembly for helping us with all her amazing IT skills

### Community Voucher:

Well done to Toa - Room 2 - she received a voucher from a member of the community for showing U Rock values outside of school.

### Special Lunch with

**Mrs Johnson:**

Pomare & Nephi



Kia Ora,

I want to begin by saying THANK YOU. We have received 100% positive feedback about the carpark now being a safer place for everyone. I am so impressed and proud to be the Tumuaki of Somerset Crescent School because my community have shown the highest level of support for this new initiative - you guys are great parents/guardians.

Next week we are going to celebrate and recognise our students for displaying our UROCK values -RESPECT; ON-TO-IT; CO-OPERATION & KINDNESS this term by having our first UROCK day at the Hockey Turf & Esplanade. It would be such a lovely occasion to be part of so please join us if you can - see details in the newsletter.

Included in the newsletter today is a **'blue' Student Led Conferences Booking Sheet**. We used to call these 'Parent Teacher Interviews' however we run them slightly different now. This year our children will take part in leading the conference. We want our families to learn more about their children through listening to them, and we are excited to know what you know about your children's strengths and talents. The teachers will also contribute to these conferences and will have information and learning to share as well. I would love to see 100% of our whanau come to these and support their beautiful children's learning & life journey. We are putting lots of work and effort into getting ready for you. **These are taking place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 1:00 - 7:30pm and Wednesday from 3:30 - 5:30pm. On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April school will finish at 12:30. Please come and pick up your children at 12:30. The Eldest Child of every family will have a **'blue' Student Led Conferences Booking Sheet**. Please put ALL your children's names onto the ONE sheet and tick what times you are available. This needs to come back to school ASAP please. Take the Booking Sheet either to the office or to the classroom teacher. These **'blue' Student Led Conferences Booking Sheets** will be returned to you with the conference time circled showing you what day and time your conference/s are. On the Monday before the conferences your child will bring home a 'white slip' reminding you of the conference day and time. I look forward to meeting lots of families on these two days. We will be selling BBQ sausages on both days, so when you come in - either before or after your conference/s you can buy a sausage. The funds raised from this will help support our Senior Students attend their Forest Lakes Camp in Term 3.**

Ka kite ano  
Teena Johnson  
Principal/Tumuaki

### U-ROCK Day

Next Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March is our U-ROCK day and we are heading off to the Hockey Turf and then to the Esplanade for a picnic and play. This is a reward day for all our fantastic tamariki who are working towards achieving their Sapphire awards.

We are leaving school at 9.30am by bus to play hockey at the turf from 10am-12, and will then have lunch and play in the Esplanade Playground until 2. The buses will then return us back to school by 2.30pm.

Please feel free to pack some lunch and join us. It would be awesome to have friends and family join us for the day!



## Assembly

We would like to welcome Shannon, Jhae, Levi and their families to the Somerset Crescent School community.

On Wednesday Room 1 presented assembly. They showed us their wonderful artwork on the human body. Lots of U ROCK awards were given out too.

Amazing presenting Room 1, you did a great job!

**Top Cat Class** went to Room 11. U ROCK Room 11.

The next assembly is on **Wednesday the 22nd March**. Room 7 will be presenting. See you there!

### Kahikatea Camp – Term 3

This year is a camp year for our Kahikatea Team and we will be going to Forest Lakes, near Otaki for 3 days. We will be attending camp from **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of September to Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of September** so save these dates please.

We are in the process of sorting the finer details and will get back to you with these soon. In the meantime, if you would like to start paying the cost of the camp off through an automatic payment system, please see our fantastic Office Managers, Julie & Lisa who will be able to support you with setting this up. We will be doing some fundraising towards camp which will help lower the costs - watch this space!



### Coming Events

13<sup>th</sup> March

15<sup>th</sup> March

16<sup>th</sup> March

20<sup>th</sup> March

22<sup>nd</sup> March

29<sup>th</sup> March

Public Health Nurse visits at 12pm

School Photos will be taken

UROCK Fun Day

Public Health Nurse visits at 12pm

Assembly at 2.15 - All welcome

Board of Trustees meeting at 5.30pm

All welcome

## Sports News

### Touch:

Players of the Day: Under 8s - Akuhata & Taulango  
Under 10's - Ben  
Under 12's was Sione & 'Ala  
First round - 4pm-5pm - Under 10's  
Second round - 5pm-6pm - Under 8's and 12's  
The last games of Touch will be played this Friday.

*Sports notices have gone out for Flipperball, Basketball and Netball - get yours in asap to avoid missing out on a place in a team. Teams are filling up fast.*

### School Photos

Put on your best smile and pretty up your hair - it's time for school photos! These will be taken on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. If you have not received an order envelope please collect one from the office. Sibling order envelopes are also available if you want your children photographed together.

### Digital Learning at the Library

A great opportunity for our Pasifika children to attend and give it a go - these programmes are open to the public and in high demand.

**Lego Club** - Build, learn & play - open to all ages - fortnightly 4pm-8pm Thursday & 10am-2pm Sunday - begins 9<sup>th</sup> March

**March of the Robots** - Build a robot, programme it - open to ages 9-12 - Parents welcome to stay - Free - Tuesdays from 7<sup>th</sup> of March at 4pm-5.30.

For more information please contact the Palmerston North Central Library on 06 3514100

### Public Health Nurse Visits

The Public Health Nurse visits our school on Mondays at 12pm. Ring to book an appointment if you would like to see her. If she is not available and you are concerned about your child's health please let the office know and we can refer your child to Public Health anytime.

### Dental Treatment

If parents or students have any inquiries or wish to contact the Dental team, please contact 0800 825 583 and you will be directed to the nearest dental clinic. Dental checks are free until children turn 18.

### SPECSAVERS

Free Eye Exam for under 16s PLUS for kids of Community Services Card holders' glasses at no cost to you. Conditions apply. Ring Specsavers in the Plaza on 3558433 for further information or visit [www.specsavers.co.nz](http://www.specsavers.co.nz).

### Thursday Lunch Orders

Remember to order your lunches via lunchonline. Pita Pit provide the lunches and you place an order on lunchonline every Thursday - be sure to put your order in online before 9am. Further options may be available in the online system in the future. To register online go to [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz) or ring 0800LOLLOL for more information. Pick up the notice about ordering from the office.

### Spare Clothes

If you have any items of girls/boys shorts, underwear or tee shirts in smaller sizes (5-8 years) that you have no use for anymore we are always in need of spare items at school. They are good to have handy in case of 'accidents' or spillages etc. Please bring to the office.

### Lost!

If anyone has mistakenly picked up a polar fleece with the name Nicolai on it, please return it to the office.




10am Tuesdays @ St Oswald's Church  
Cnr Featherston and Kingswood Streets

Welcome all parents and pre-schoolers - join us for a session of music and dancing followed by morning tea ... with locally roasted fairtrade espresso coffee!

\$4 p/family—first session is FREE

We would love to see you there!

Contact: Margaret Barsanti | 027 406 6315 | [vmbarsanti@xtra.co.nz](mailto:vmbarsanti@xtra.co.nz) or Tim Duxfield | 021 205 2328 | [tim@allsaintsnz.com](mailto:tim@allsaintsnz.com)



10am Wednesdays @ St Oswald's Church  
Cnr Featherston and Kingswood Streets

Mainly play is an open play group for all parents and pre-schoolers. Together we play, do crafts, chat and have morning tea ... with locally roasted Fair Trade espresso coffee!

Gold coin donation per family

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## A tip from the Public Health Nurse for dealing with HEADLICE

### Wet Combing:

Wet combing on its own can be effective for removing headlice and their eggs. Eggs are cemented strongly to the hair shaft and simple washing does not remove that. Metal combs are much more effective than plastic combs. Using a 'nit' comb is easiest when the hair is wet. Combing may be easier if a conditioner is applied first. It is best done after treating with medication. You need to have good light. If you are using conditioner wet the hair with water and then massage the conditioner through the hair to make combing easier. Work through the hair in sections and comb down the hair shaft towards the scalp to try to remove the stubborn eggs. It may be easier if this is done while the child is kept occupied (for example watching television). Wet comb the hair for at least 30 minutes. This needs to be done every 3 or 4 days, for at least two weeks, but don't stop combing every 3 or 4 days until there have been no live lice on 3 consecutive sessions.

PN Marist Junior Football invites all interested children from 4 years of age to 13 years to register interest at [maristjfc.pn@gmail.com](mailto:maristjfc.pn@gmail.com)

First Kicks (4-6yrs) will be run on Friday from 5.30pm behind the Marist Clubrooms beginning 5th May. Grade 7 -13 will be played on Saturdays. Season commences 6th May.

**MARIST 9-13 GRADE TRIALS:**  
Sunday 19th March and Sunday 26th at Monrad Park.

9yrs - 11yrs (year of birth 2006, 2007 or 2008) from 12.00pm till 1.00pm

**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.



FALE PASIFIKA PRESENTS

# Pasifika Day

Food, Fun, Promotion stalls,  
Prizes, Music and Performances

**18th March 2017 11am-3pm**  
ADVENTURE PARK, LEVIN

## Warehouse Stationery



Be sure to shop at warehouse stationery and mention our school by name. 5% of your purchases will go back to our school.

## 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

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