



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

"Raising the Bar"

Somerset Crescent School

On Track Team News

On Tuesday and Wednesday Somerset had our student led conferences. It poured with rain but lots of parents and whanau came to hear about what we have been doing at school and to also share lots of information about us. I felt nervous when I had to talk to Mum, but after the conference I felt great and very smart!

by Ataahua

Sapphire Award Winners

Olivia, Cadance, Zealand & Darnell - Rm 1, Malaika, William & Kayleigh - Rm 2, Aaliyah - Rm 3, Faith, Skylar, Nikau & Conor - Rm 4, Keanu, Terewa, Jack, Paora, Kobe, Teri & Elijah - Rm 5, Aifili & Ataahua - Rm 7, Tyrese, Skylah, Fa'ato'elau, Jonathan & 'Alani - Rm 8, Taulango, Beau, & Sarah - Rm 10

Playground Vouchers Awarded

to:

Aaliyah, Eden, Sonny, Daniel, Ayesha, Kingston N, Akuhata, Tahlia, Reco & Haylo

U-ROCK Voucher winners:

Kowhai: Voneta R 2 & Shannon Rm 4

Rata: Beau Rm 10 & Miracle Rm 11

Kahikatea: Tyrese Rm7 & Fauvea Rm 8

Staff Star

Award:



The Star Staff Award was given to Ms Etuale this week for all the positive vibes felt in her classroom and for passing these on to her students.

Top Block: Room 11

Special Lunch with

Mrs Johnson:

Harmony & Chloe Rm7

Kia Ora,

WOW! - What an amazing turn out for our SLC (Student Led Conferences). Even though the rain was bucketing down and the wind was blowing a gale so many families, friends and whanau came to celebrate their children and share experiences that will impact positively for years to come.

Thank you for also filling in our Community Consultation forms during our SLConferences. Included in this newsletter is a Consultation Form. When you fill this out can you please either give this to your child's teacher or drop off in the box in the administration area before the end of this term. The feedback from these will give us information that will shape our next steps. Kowhai Team had a phenomenal turn out for their Whanau Hui last Wednesday after school. Teachers shared with our parents & families 'how they teach reading and writing' at school. Now our whanau can also use these strategies and resources at home when they are helping their children to learn. Rata Team have their Whanau Hui next week on Monday 10th April from 3:00 - 3:30 in the hall. The Kahikatea Team have their Whanau Hui next week too on Tuesday 11th April from 2:30 - 3:30 in the hall. Both teams will have a light snack for our parents to enjoy as they learn alongside our teachers & students.

I want to now acknowledge Mr. Richard Knyn who has taught at our school for the past 3 years. Richard will not be returning to us after this term, so on behalf of all our staff, students and families we want to say thank you for the service you have given us and for the kind, caring way you have taught many students over the years. You will be missed and remembered for these qualities.

I also want to acknowledge Mrs. Ruth Alefaio who stepped into the role as Room 11's teacher this term. Ruth has supported all of the students in Room 11, and their families as they navigated their way through their learning and growing this term. Thank you kindly Mrs. Alefaio.

We will be appointing a teacher during next week and will confirm who this will be before the end of the term.

We are also looking to appoint a teacher to join the Kowhai Team next term as our roll continues to grow. We will be moving students from Rooms' 1, 2, 3 & 4 and creating another Year 1 & 2 class. A notice about this will come home next week.

Ka kite ano
Teena Johnson
Principal/Tumuaki

Coming Events

10 th April	Health Nurse visits at 12pm
13 th April	LAST DAY of Term 1
1 st May	FIRST DAY of Term 2
1 st May	Health Nurse visits at 12pm
10 th May	Assembly 2.15pm - Room 4 presenting - all welcome
3rd May	Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm - all welcome

Assembly

We would like to welcome Skyla and her family to the Somerset Crescent School community.

On Wednesday Room 10 presented assembly. In our assembly we commemorated ANZAC Day and we remembered the brave men who fought and died for our country. Room 10 read out an ANZAC poem.

Lots of children received their U Rock awards - well done everyone.

Thank you Room 10, amazing presenting, U Rock!

Top Cat Class went to Room 3.
U ROCK Room 3!

The next assembly is on **Wednesday the 10th of May**. Room 4 will be presenting. See you there!

In Room 9 we have also been reading 'The ANZAC Puppy'. We made some ANZAC poppies for art to go with the writing we have been doing about WW1. They are pretty amazing.



Duffy Books

We had a special 'Duffy Role Model assembly' on Thursday and Simon Paenga talked to us about his studies and passion of performing in acting, singing and dancing. He appears in musicals both here and in Australia. He has recently performed with the Duffy Theatre Group.

The children each received 2 books to take home. These books are theirs to keep. Take time to enjoy them with your children.

Lost

Blue Gumboots with a yellow at the bottom and on sole. Size 12. If you find them please return them to the office

Jacket & Sweatshirt Amnesty

A lot of children have misplaced their jackets and polar fleeces or taken home the wrong one by mistake. If you find someone else's one or you have taken home the wrong sweatshirt or jacket please return it to the office.

Sports News

Rugby League:

Players of the Day: Poasa

Netball:

Player of the Day: Tahlia

Sports Fees:

All sports fees for Term 2 sports are now overdue, so unfortunately any unpaid fees will result in students being taken out of teams.



INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS 2017

Last Friday I had the pleasure of taking a team of 9 students down to the West End School pool to represent us at the Interschool Swimming Competition. They did us very proud! There was much excitement and cheering! **Here are our results:**

Marino Rimene: 4th place breaststroke & 4th place freestyle

Paora Haddon: 5th place backstroke

Kobe Sullivan: 3rd place breaststroke

Jonathan Tiatia: 5th place freestyle

Teira Hape: 2nd place backstroke & 2nd place freestyle

Cheyler Kinniburgh: 6th place backstroke & 6th place freestyle

Aifili Fina'i and **'Ala Fonongaloa** were members of our girl's relay team that came 4th place.

Carl Rameka also swam for our boy's relay team who also placed 4th.

It was a pleasure working with the group of fantastic swimmers and I was super proud of their effort and achievements on the day. Well done team!

I would also like to mention the other students who trained with the squad during the term. Kisione, Ataahua, Alani, Tyreese and Teri all gave 100% to training, even when the water was icy cold in our little out-door swimming pool! Thank you team. You were all awesome!

Mrs A ☺



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.

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 27th of September to Friday the 29th 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!



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.

In summary: wet comb for 30 minutes - 3-4 day intervals - at least 2 weeks - until no lice on 3 consecutive sessions (3 combing sessions in a row).



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.

Impetigo (School Sores)

What is it?

Impetigo is a skin infection caused by the Streptococcal or Staphylococcal types of bacteria. The bacteria often live on the skin or in the throat or nose without causing a problem, but sometimes they cause infection when they enter a cut, scratch or insect bite.

It is common to find impetigo in places where there is close person-to-person contact such as childcare centres and schools.

Sores appear 4-10 days after you have been infected. The infection starts with small spots which spread and turn into red and inflamed blisters. The blisters then burst, leaving wet, weeping skin. The fluid dries leaving a yellowish crust. The sores are often itchy.

The infection is unpleasant but is not long lasting when antibiotic treatment is given. Untreated infections can cause more serious illnesses and serious skin infections (cellulitis) but these are rare.

Impetigo may be treated with antibiotics taken by mouth or by applying antibiotic ointment to the affected areas. **For diagnosis, treatment and advise you will need to see your doctor.**

If your child is infected **keep them at home from school or childcare** until they have had 24 hours of treatment and their sores are no longer weeping. When they return they should cover the sore with gauze until the sores are dry.

Thursday Lunch Orders

Remember to order your lunches via [lunchonline](http://lunchonline.co.nz). Pita Pit provide the lunches and you place an order on [lunchonline](http://lunchonline.co.nz) 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 or ring 0800LOLLOL for more information. Pick up the notice about ordering from the office.

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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