



"Raising the Bar"

Somerset Crescent School

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Meri Kirihimete Manuia le kerisimasi  
Kilimasi fiefia Kia orana e kia manuia rava | tei kiritime Subh Krisamasa  
krist Yesu Ko Shuva Janma Utsav Ko Upalaxhma Hardik Shuva



### 2017 Prize Giving Award Recipients:

- Class Awards:** Room 1 - Cadance Kuru-Warner & Darnell Hirini  
 Room 2 - Francis Alsop & William Fuafiva  
 Room 3 - Isabella McLean & Xavier Puleosi-Wynyard  
 Room 5 - Teira Hape & Terewa Ratu-Harvey  
 Room 6 - Mikaere Arani & Kowhai Webb  
 Room 7 - Clyde Vaitohi & Ataahua Vili  
 Room 8 - 'Alani Fakava & Faatoelau Mauola  
 Room 9 - Kingston Rowe & Aaliyah Haenga-Campbell  
 Room 10 - Sela Penisuia & Samuel Sijm  
 Room 11- Katie Clark & Michael Cotgrove  
 Room 12- Raiden Polovinko & Micah Hart

### Diamond Award Winners:

- Room 1** - Olivia Duffy & Iemon Poudel **Room 2** - Shahn-Tyahna Stoevelaar & Malaika Farouk **Room 3** - Jaimee Edwards-Taylor-Terei & Aaliyah Machuca-Sciascia **Room 5** - Keanu Harrison & Houston Graham, **Room 7** Ataahua Vili & Aifili Fina'i -**Room 8**- 'Alani Fakava & Faatoelau Mauola **Room 9** Poasa Samuelu & Aaliyah Haenga-Campbell -**Room 10** Sela Pesinua & Sarah Waiva - **Room 11** Kiahna Rimene & Kaydee Martin - **Room 12** - Lulu Peta-Robins & Muamua Samuelu

### 2017 Achievement Awards:

- Senior Speech Award - Teri Furlong  
 Sports Girl - Tyreese Harrison  
 Sports Boy - Periti Samuelu  
 Achievement in Creative Arts - 'Alapasita Fonongaloo  
 Junior Maths Cup - Francis Alsop  
 Middle Maths Cup - Amorangi Nuku  
 Senior Maths Cup - Clyde Vaitohi  
 Junior Literacy Cup - Cruze Semmens-Rameka  
 Middle Literacy Cup - William McIntosh-Frater  
 Senior Literacy Cup - Jor El Strickett  
 Hau Pihi Award Girl - Ruth Mataora  
 Hau Pihi Award Boy - Jahziah Machuca-Sciascia  
 Pasifika Award Girl - 'Alapasita Fonongaloo  
 Pasifika Award Boy - 'Alani Fakava  
 U Rock Student of the Year - Ruth Mataora  
 Strength & Determination Award - Jesse Simeon  
 On Track Team Awards - 'Alani Fakava, Ruth Mataora, Naomi Taukapo & Ataahua Vili  
 Supreme Leadership Award - Ruth Mataora  
 Te Tohu o te Maori (Leadership)  
 Te Tohu o te Reo Maori - Terewa Ratu-Harvey  
 Runners-up to Mainfreight for excellence and achievement - Ruth Mataora, Ataahua Vili & Clyde Vaitohi  
 Mainfreight Award for excellence and achievement - 'Alani Fakava



Kia ora koutou,

WOW - what an incredible Term and year it has been. The last 2 weeks of this term has been filled with celebrations, recognitions, acknowledgements and love towards our students, our staff and our families. I am immensely impressed with how much work and effort has gone into our events, and am grateful to those whom have made such a difference to these being so successful. These are the fabulous events I speak of, and which I know have truly made a positive difference to our school and to our community. Thank you everyone.

We have had our ...

- Thank you morning tea for all our helpers and volunteers,
- A float, celebrating us and our partnership with Duffy Books in the Palmerston North Christmas Parade,
- Haupihis celebration and graduation of their Year 6 students,
- Wholeschool Prizegiving,
- Diamond Award winners painted their name on the Diamond Wall,
- Year 6 & Staff leavers Assembly &
- Pacifika Pride celebration and graduation of their Year 6 students.

All our children received their Term 4 reports celebrating their achievements. This year the reports were also accompanied by a note stating which class and teacher/s they would have in 2018. The feedback from this has been extremely positive.

We also placed our students into their 2018 classes and they spent an hour together with their 2018 teacher/s. Mrs. A and I walked around each class when this was occurring and we were so impressed with the feel from each room and the respect and enjoyment from the students about their new teacher/s. Thank you staff for having fun and interesting activities during this time. It began yours' and your students' journey of 'getting to know each other' really well. It was lovely to have Ms. Fiona Mitchell (one of our 2 new teachers who will be teaching in the Rata Team in Room 8) and Ms. Kayhla Cousins (who will be teaching in the Kowhai Team in Room 12 alongside Mrs. M and Mrs. J) join us and be part of this opportunity. Congratulations ladies and welcome to Somerset Crescent School - the best place to be.

I want you to know some dates for next year so you are aware of these and can then plan around them.

Our office will be open to purchase stationery and uniforms on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2018 from 10am to 2pm. We have 4 Teacher Only Days at the start of 2018. Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January are our first 3. We then start the 2018 school year with our students on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February. We are all at school on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February then on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February we are having another Teacher Only Day. This is because we could only get the guest speaker we have booked in on the 5<sup>th</sup> February. He is booked up all throughout the year across New Zealand. This Teacher Only Day is going to be all about how we can help our students more when they need our support and guidance. On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February is Waitangi Day. So this effectively means that you as our families will have a longer Waitangi weekend.

Finally I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and happy holidays. I am incredibly grateful for all of your support and kindness in my first year at Somerset Crescent School as your Principal/Tumuaki. It is a privilege to be here, and to lead the school and our whanau into the future. I am so impressed with the outcomes we have achieved so far this year, and look forward to continuing to improve our school so that everyone can learn, play and be safe.

Nga mihi nui, manuia le aso, thank you

Teena Johnson  
Principal/Tumuaki



We had a visit from Santa on Monday morning. Everyone was so excited to see him and we all got an iceblock. Thank you for visiting us Santa.



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