



"Raising the Bar"

Somerset Crescent School

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

Introducing the ON TRACK TEAM

Hineatahua, Benjamin, Peter, Ataahua, & 'Alani. They will be involved in various duties as On Track Team members. Ataahua is looking forward to helping children in the playground. 'Alani is looking forward to being a good role model. Hineatahua is looking forward to being a good leader. Benjamin is looking forward to having fun. Peter is looking forward to running lunchtime activities.



Our Fantastic U-ROCK winners

Playground Vouchers

Awarded to:

Kayel - Room 1
Cheyler - Room 6
Aku - Room 3
Kanye - Room 1
Anahera - Room 6
Keisha - Room 6
Filimoto - Room 2
Isileili - Room 6
Ala' - Room 6
Bailey - Room 11

Top Block

Well done to Room 11

U Rock Voucher winners:

Kowhai - Lily - Room 2
Xidazon - Room 3
Rata - Lorenzo - Room 10
Tofa - Room 8
Kahikatea - Kepueli - Room 5
Bailey - Room 6

Staff Star

Award goes to Mrs Ford for doing a super job at helping out Kahikatea Team at the swimming.



Kia Ora

This week we launched our new school Facebook page. We now have the three team pages, Kowhai, Rata and Kahikatea, plus our Somerset Crescent page. The purpose of these pages is to keep you informed of things happening in the school and to share the great things that happen here at Somerset. The pages are monitored carefully.

This year we have Board of Trustees Elections, if you think you would like to be a trustee and would like to find out more please let us know in the office. We look forward to hearing from you.

Recently we sent our new Charter and last year's data to the Ministry as we are required to do. We are very pleased and excited by the results we are getting. We are showing that each year we are getting an increasing number of children who are achieving at or above the expected level they should be. For example at the end of 2015 we had 80% of children achieving at or above the expected level for Reading - this is an awesome result. This has come about through hard work and dedication by everyone, whanau, staff and children. This is what happens when we work together as a community. Tino pai everyone.

If you do have any concerns or queries about things happening at school please don't hesitate to contact us. We do our best to follow up on your queries as best we can.

I hope you have a safe weekend,

Ka kite ano
Robyn Tootill
Principal

Coming Events

16 th March	Rata Swimming Carnival - 11.30am
16 th March	Kahikatea Swimming Carnival - 1.30pm
21 st March	School photos - from 9am
25 th March	EASTER - GOOD FRIDAY - NO School
28 th March	Easter Monday - NO School
29 th March	Easter Tuesday - NO School
30 th March	Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm
13 th -14 th April	3 Way Conferences
15 th April	END of Term 1
2 nd May	START of Term 2

Assembly

We would like to welcome William to our school community.

Room 1 presented assembly this week. They showed us their Bug Art work. It was fantastic. They also showed us and their Kids Zumba. Well done Room 1. U ROCK!

Top Cat class was Room 6. Well done!

The next assembly is on the Wednesday the 23rd March. Room 10 will be presenting. See you there!

**RATA &
KAHIKATEA
SWIMMING
CARNIVAL**

**WEDNESDAY
16TH MARCH
RATA ~ 11.30
KAHIKATEA 1.30**

**Come along and see their
amazing water skills & the fun
everyone has in the pool**

FOUND

Scooter - if you have lost a scooter please claim it at the office.

School Photos

Photos of all children will be taken on Monday the 21st of March. The children should have brought photo envelopes home. Please follow instructions on the envelope for ordering and place the correct money into the envelope and return to the office before or on photo day. If you did not receive the envelope please pick up one from the office. Sibling envelopes are also available if you would like a family photo taken.

Remember to wear your best smile!



The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today
- H.Jackson Brown Jnr

Sports News

The last games of Touch will played today at Monrad Park. Game times are as follows: Under 7's and Under 9's play at 4pm and 4.30pm, Under 11's play at 5pm & 5.30pm.

If you have put your name down for a sport for Term 2 please pay the \$25 sports fee at the office. Thank you to those who have paid already.



Kowhai Swimming Carnival



HEAD LICE

There has been an outbreak of head lice in the school and **your child** could have been infected.

We are asking parents to check their child's head for lice or eggs (nits), and to treat if necessary to prevent further outbreaks of head lice.

If a child is found to have head lice at school we will contact you to collect your child and treat them before returning to school.

We can contact the Public Health Nurse if assistance is required for treatment. Please phone the office if assistance is required.

Dental Treatment

The Mobile Dental Unit is at our school to examine and provide preventative treatment (cleaning, fissure sealants, x-rays and fluoride treatment) where required for patients due for their annual check. Students requiring further treatment will be sent an information pamphlet, medical history update form and consent form. These will need to be **signed and returned** to either the Mobile or the school office before treatment is undertaken. If parents have any concerns or wish to be present at their child's appointment please contact the Dental team on 0276695115 or 3582503.

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.

Reminder - Your child can go to your Doctor for FREE up until the age of 13. Remember if your child is unwell or has sores you are worried about, please take them to the Doctor. Some of these sores need antibiotics to clear them up and they are very contagious.

OUR SCHOOL CARPARK

A reminder that this is for staff parking. If you do use this carpark please be very mindful of children walking past the gate. We have had some near misses with people coming out of the car park too fast.

We have also had access ways blocked because people are parking in areas that are not for parking.

Housing Advice Centre Staff

Housing Advice Staff will be at Te Paatikitiki Branch Library, 157 Highbury Ave, on these dates. If you require assistance with a housing related issue including looking for rental accommodation come and talk to us.

On Thursday 1pm – 3pm:

March 17 th & 31 st	June 9 th & 23 rd
April 14 th	July 7 th
May 12 th & 26 th	August 4 th & 18 th

St John Youth Program.

Penguins 6-8 years and Cadets 9-18 years.

Meet each Tuesday of the school term.

5:30pm – 6:30pm Penguins and 6:30pm - 8:00pm Cadets.

St John Hall Cuba Street, Palmerston North.

Call Michelle on (027) 3200-359 for more information.

We do Badges, camps, community service, competitions, gain life skills and leadership skills and gain friends from around the country.

Fee is \$10 a term for the first family member; \$5 a term for each additional family member.

So come along and find out what we are all about.

<https://youth.stjohn.org.nz/public/parent-information/>

LOST CAT

Name: Sullivan

Age: about 7

Sex: Male

Colour: Cream

Missing from Westhaven Grove, Takaro

Last seen: 7th March 2016

Contact: Paula on 3550835 or

Email- Skorpion352@hotmail.com

Likes to sleep in cars and go for car rides.

He is microchipped, so if found can be

Taken to a vet to get scanned and verify his identity.



Photo Shoot Fundraises *Nga Ihi Rewia* *Kupu Haka Group*

Date: 12th March

Venue: The Rose Gardens at the Esplanade

Cost: \$20 for the first theme and \$10 per theme there after



Themes:

Casual & formal

Colonial Māori

Big Boys Bikes

Personal

Colonial Māori



Photographers:

Katarina Baker

Melissa Bould

To book or if you have any enquiries please contact

Hine Watson on

027 397 0934

Administering medicine at school.

Just a reminder that if your child needs to be given medicine at school to please bring it to the office and sign the form required so the medicine can be kept safely in the medical room and given in the correct dosage and time by the office staff.

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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