

PRINCIPAL'S PĀNUI #10

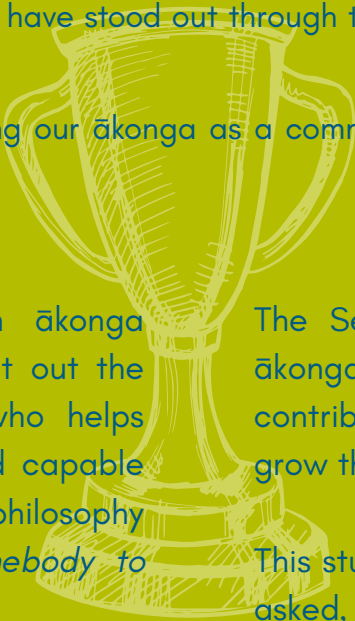
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CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION

At the core of our kura are our values and the individuals who embody them. As we approach our end-of-year prizegiving (in Week 10), it's a time to reflect on the meaning of our celebrations. Acknowledgements highlight the values and contributions that define our school community, showing what we value and aspire to be. Key elements of this celebration for this year include:

- **Two new awards** being introduced: the **Principal's Cup** and the **Service Cup**, each recognising a unique and powerful form of influence and contribution
- Our **ARISE Cups**, which honour students across the school who live out our core profile
- And our **individual recognitions** for both **End-of-Term** and **End-of-Year**, acknowledging those who have stood out through their consistent heart, growth, and impact.

We look forward to celebrating our ākonga as a community for their achievements and personal growth.



PRINCIPAL'S CUP

This award recognises an ākonga whose presence has brought out the best in others. Someone who helps others feel seen, valued and capable – embodying my personal philosophy that “*everybody needs somebody to believe in them*”.

They may not always be centre stage but they shape the atmosphere around them through genuine care. They remind us that it is “*better to light one small candle than curse the darkness*” – and it is in their unwavering that they have lit the flame in others. This person:

- Builds genuine connections
- Notices others – paying quiet attention
- Influences through character, not position

SERVICE CUP

The Service Cup is awarded to an ākonga whose steady and selfless contribution has helped sustain and grow the life of our kura.

This student shows up – without being asked, without needing recognition – and gives their time and energy to initiatives that benefit the wider school. They carry a quiet sense of duty, not because the role is glamorous, but because they understand its impact.

They are the sower – preparing the ground so others can thrive. This person:

- Turns up and follows through
- Builds what will last beyond them
- Serves for the good of others, not for recognition

HONOURING ARISE IN ACTION

Each year, we celebrate ākonga who live out our core principles and profiles, showing they are: **Achievers. Responsible, Inspired, Skilled** and display the **Elim Character** in authentic, everyday ways.

The ARISE profile reminds us that success isn't one-size-fits-all. Whether it's a student showing courage in speaking up, demonstrating aroha by including others, or persevering through a tough challenge with pukuahuwhenua (diligence), each act reflects our shared belief in growing both hearts and minds.

In each team across our kura — **Maunga and Ngahere** — we have looked for those who have:

- Become **achievers** by setting meaningful goals and working toward them with care
- Been **responsible** for themselves and others, upholding our environment and community
- **Inspired** others through their creativity, curiosity, or courage
- Grown their **skills** and shared them generously
- And, most importantly, demonstrated strong **Elim character**—living out manaakitanga (kindness), māia (courage), pukuahuwhenua (diligence) and aroha (respect) in ways that honour who we are

These acknowledgements aren't just for the moment—they are a mirror of our aspirations and a celebration of the journey. Each of these individuals will be pictured alongside their respective cups for the coming year, serving as a model for all ākonga.

END-OF-TERM AND END-OF-YEAR RECOGNITION

Alongside our **cup winners**, we also take a moment to honour two individuals from each akomanga (classroom):

- **End-of-Term Recognition** celebrates an ākonga who has especially embodied our current ARISE focus — **RESPECT**. This award reflects how they've embraced the value in action across learning and relationships.
- **End-of-Year Recognition** is a special honour for someone who has consistently demonstrated growth, heart, and integrity across all areas throughout the year. It's a celebration not only of what they've done, but of who they've become.

Each of these moments of recognition speaks to our belief that every ākonga has the potential to shine—and when they do, they light the way for others. We're looking forward to acknowledging and celebrating all of our award recipients with you.