

## 2015 Teacher Awards

### Teachers and principals recognised for achievements



It was a proud day for these teachers and their supporters.

“ We don’t have a job, we have a passion”, was one of many comments that resonated with the gathering of teachers and supporters last Friday for the Annual Teachers Awards ceremony. It was the teachers turn to be acknowledged and rewarded for their hard work throughout the 2015 academic year both as teachers and in some cases as students.

Also present at the awards were Minister of Health Nandi Glassie behalf of the Prime Minister Henry Puna, NZ High Commissioner Nick Hurley, Nikao MP Honorable Ngamau Munoko, NZ High Commissioner Nick Hurley, Secretary of Education Gail Townsend and sponsors. 11 teachers were recognised in four areas:

- Certificate in Introduction to Teacher Aiding
- Teacher qualifications
- First Time Principals
- Teaching awards

Here is the list of prize winners and photos from the event.

## TEACHER AWARDS 2015

### Teacher from Pa Enea Award

Terangi Tamati teacher at Araura College

### Rarotonga ECE Teaching Award

Theresa Noovao teacher at St Josephs School

### Rarotonga Primary Teaching Award

Piriangoao Puna teacher at Apii Nikao

### Rarotonga Secondary Teaching Award

Delaney Yaqona teacher at Nukutere College

### Rarotonga Primary Teaching Award

Engia Baxter principal at Takitumu School



Supporters at the Annual Teachers Awards.



(From left) Aunty Mau, Tania Akai with award recipient Theresa Noovao.



Delaney Yaqona and Engia Baxter.



Nick Hurley and Gail Townsend.



Sponsor Patricia Barton gave a heart felt thanks on behalf of parents to the teachers.



Ani Piri (left) and ECE Teaching awardee Theresa Noovao



Members of the teaching sector gathered to celebrate their fellow peers.



# CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS!

It's been a busy couple of months for schools around the Cook Islands as they wrapped up the 2015 school year. Prize giving ceremonies recognised students whose hard work and efforts had earned them certificates and prizes in recognition of their achievements. For many of the senior students the excitement is bittersweet as they were farewelled from their schools.

The Ministry of Education would like to congratulate all students on their achievements and wish them and their families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. Here are a collection of images from ceremonies across the Cook Islands.



The younger students of Apii Nikao during a performance.



Tauhunu School Dux for 2015 Poureva Maea is pictured here with principal Anna Rauru.



Nukutere senior students waited patiently outside the St Joseph's hall to be welcomed in to their senior prize giving.



Titikaveka College made it through a successful school year.



Arorangi School 2015 dux Dennise Nanai with her proud family and trophy sponsor Kathleen Heather.



Receiving the award for culture at Imanuela Akatemia was Shekinah Marsters



Receiving the award for highest number of PACE's at Imanuela Akatemia was Ronald Mino.



2015 Dux for Mauke School Solomona Akamoeau.



Top award winners at Apii Nikao.





This Apii Te Uki Ou student was chuffed to receive her certificate.



Apii Te Uki Ou's top student for 2015 was Siana Short.



After the official ceremony was done it was all fun and games for these prize getters.



Nukutere College senior students took the opportunity to snap photos with friends while they waited to enter the St Joseph's school hall.



These youngsters from Apii Arorangi were double the fun as they performed for parents entertaining themselves and the crowd.



Araura College winning house representatives were beaming as they received their trophy.



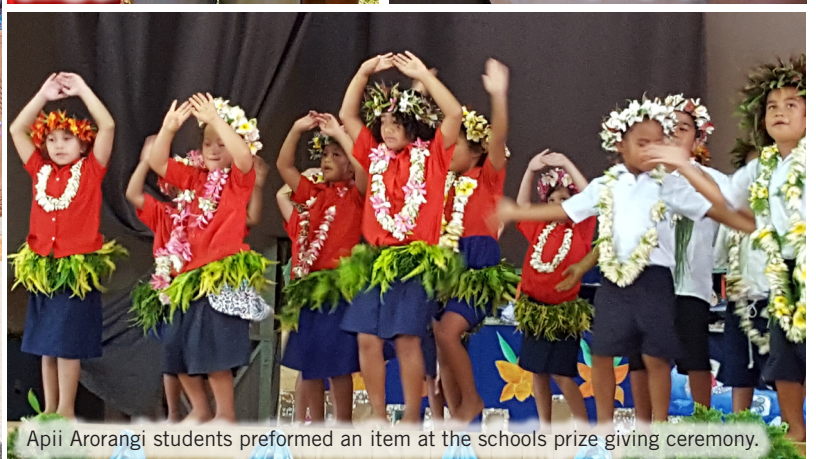
Araura College Dux Rayman Kiria (on right).



Nukutere College junior students during the senior students prize giving.



Tereora College Dux Nicholas Barton-Henry with his proud parents and impressive haul of prizes and trophies.



Apii Arorangi students performed an item at the schools prize giving ceremony.





A student from Titikaveka School receiving her award.



Proud father Nga Puna with his daughters at the Tereora prize giving.



Papaaroa SDA School Dux for 2015 Pauliasi Vaomotou.



Gena Napa and her family at the Tereora College senior prize giving.



Vaitau School's most excellence service to apii award went to Exodus Mataiti



Papaaroa SDA Primary School Dux for 2015 Hannah Te-mana-Atua Hosea with her proud family.



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Tekaaroa's Dux for 2015 is Emily Taamo



Ruataeku loane from Vaitau School took home the award for most enterprising student.



Runner up Dux and most promising leader at Tekaaroa SDA School went to Matamanea Ngapoe



Vaitau School's outstanding sports award went to Kuramaeva Tare.

## TOP ACADEMIC STUDENT AWARDS 2015

**Araura College**  
Rayman Kiria

**St Joseph's School**  
Jiosifini Wong

**Tauhunu School**  
Poueva Maea

**Tukao School**  
Trina Karaponga

**Arorangi School**  
Dennise Nanai

**Mauke School**  
Solomona Akamoeau

**Tereora College**  
Nicholas Barton-Henry

**Rutaki School (CO-DUX)**  
ItirangiPennycook and  
Kylie-anne Paul

**Avarua School**  
Ivan Smith

**Nukutere College**  
Maneuneu Tupa

**Tetautua School**  
Rosaline Antonio

**Tekaaroa SDA School**  
Emily Taamo

**Apii Nikao**  
Devon Marona

**Omoka School**  
Tekura Ben

**Takitumu School**  
Natana Mataio

**Vaitau School**  
Aletah David

**Apii Te Uki Ou**  
Siana Short

**Papaaroa SDA School**  
Pauliasi Vaomotou

**Titikaveka School**  
Benjamin Ruaporo



# PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS SCHOOL

Students at Niua School in Pukapuka had plenty more to smile about when they got their hands on their brand new pens and notebooks last month. Kindly donated by New Zealand Company Myers Marketing, the haul of goodies includes everything from pens, notebooks, backpacks, mugs, T-Shirts, compendiums, bottles, recyclable bags, string bags and small bags.

Myers partnered with the Bank of the Cook Islands to freight the merchandise from New Zealand, to Rarotonga and finally to Pukapuka where it will be put to good use within the school. BCI's Manager of Branch Network Jimmi Glassie and Ina Davies were at the Ministry of Education office on Mon-

day, November 2nd to handover the goods.

Glassie handed over the gifts on behalf of Myers to the Ministry's Director of Learning and Teaching Ina Herrmann.

"We're pleased to receive these generous gifts for the children, we really appreciate it", she said.

BCI have a very good relationship with the Ministry of Education through the Enterprise programme. Enterprise and Financial Literacy advisor Janet Woodger was tasked with choosing which school could benefit most from such a donation. The pens and notepads were distributed to the students while the rest of the merchandise will be used as prizes for school events.



From left Enterprise and Financial Literacy advisor Janet Woodger, BCI's Manager of Branch Network Jimmi Glassie and the Director of Learning and Teaching Ina Herrmann.



A small sample of the supplies donated to the school.

# LEARNING FOR LIFE



Teaching and MoE staff waiting patiently for the ceremony to begin.

The Ministry of Education has for a number of years, been in partnership with the University of the South Pacific on a project to progress teachers towards obtaining their first undergraduate qualification up to the degree level. The Ministry financially supports the teachers by covering course costs. For those who already have a degree, the Ministry offers support by covering 50% of the course fee for further education.

While many will be enjoying the Christmas holidays and festivities, some teachers will be back in the classroom, this time not as teachers but as students. USP Cook Islands is offering Summer School courses for two special groups of teachers which will run for 3-4 weeks. 24 teachers will

be doing a compulsory paper for their Post Graduate Diploma or Masters degree.

The Ministry is both proud and delighted with the teachers who will give up their holidays to gain a degree that will assist them in their teaching profession.



May Terangi Tamati (left) received her Professional Certificate in Education Policy and Planning.



Education made up over 55% of this year's USP Cook Islands Campus graduates.

## Be A Health HERO

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Be Active every day

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