



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 26 June 2024

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Nga mihi, malo e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, bula, namaste, talofa ni, Fakalofa lahi atu, sabiadee, ola, bonjour, ni hao, welcome, konichi wa, আবে

Term 2, Week 9

Term 2 Concept: Te Huringa o te Ao – ‘The Changing World’

Term 2 Values: Respect and Diversity

Be The Change (continued)

Change can be a real challenge at times, and with the cost of living on the rise, we need to change our thinking in how we can cope. With the high cost of grocery items, families may not be able to cater to the needs of every family member because times are changing and so must we. There are so many food banks out there in Mangere that will support our families. I encourage you to use those services **first** in times of need, as they should be next in line for family situations after getting support from WINZ. There are budgeting services available in our Mangere communities to help out with managing your money carefully. It is changing your mindset to be better than before. Our school will always be there to support you if necessary, We have our SWiS, Eunice, who is also available to give support. Eunice@mefsc.org.nz. So ‘let’s be the change’ and use our services out there in the community.

Matariki week 2024

Matariki is known as the Māori New Year in Te Ao Māori (the Māori world view). Closely connected with the maramataka (the Māori lunar calendar), the reappearance of the Matariki stars in the early morning sky brings the past year to a close and marks the beginning of the new year. Mātauranga Māori (ancestral knowledge and wisdom) is at the heart of celebrations of the Matariki public holiday and it will be a time for:

- Remembrance – Honouring those we have lost since the last rising of Matariki
- Celebrating the present – Gathering together to give thanks for what we have
- Looking to the future – Looking forward to the promise of a new year

Historically, the stars of Matariki were also closely tied to planting, harvesting and hunting. If the stars appeared clear and bright, it signified an abundant season ahead.

Short weeks this week and next week

A reminder to our families that we finish school on Thursday this week, it is a normal day and we finish at 3:00pm. Next Thursday is the last week of Term 2. It will be a normal day and we finish at 3:00pm. There is no need to pick up your child/ren early this Thursday and next Thursday.

New Entrant Enrolment intakes for Term 3

Students turning 5 / new entrants must have a transition before starting school.

These will be: Week 1: (Monday 22 July - Friday 26 July)

Week 4: (Monday 12 Aug. - Friday 16 Aug.)

Week 8: (Monday 2 Sept. – Friday 6 Sept.)

Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal

This Week: 9

Today 26 June: Talanoa Ako Session 4 (4.30pm-6pm)

Friday 28 June: **Matariki – public holiday school closed**

Week 10

Mon. 1 July: Moana/Aorangi Swimming

Wed. 3 July: School reports to go home

Thurs. 4 July: Last day of term for students - 3pm finish

Friday 5 July: Staff Curriculum Day – **school closed**

Best Attendance Week 8, Term 2

These classes had the best attendance last week and had their Mr Whippy treat yesterday:

Whenua R4 87% and R5 85% Moana R6B 93% and R6 90%

Aorangi R7 93% and R9A 92% Atea R10 91% and R9 87%

Congratulations to our graduating teachers

Congratulations to Tangitangi Katoa and Petilisa Matangi for graduating with your Bachelor of Education this week. We acknowledge your dedication to the teaching workforce and wish you both the very best in your teaching career.

Malo ‘aupito.

Talanoa Ako - Tongan and Samoan Bilingual parents

We will be having our 4th session today for the Talanoa Ako programme. This programme is a Ministry of Education programme and we are lucky enough to have this final 10 week session with the parents. There are a lot of new learning opportunities for our Bilingual parents to support their understanding of what happens in the Tongan and Samoan Bilingual units. Our aim for this programme is to have 80% attendance from our parents.

Board of Trustees By-Election

Voting has closed and the vote count will be carried out on 30 June.

Community Clean-up



Left: Some R9A students with the big bag of rubbish they collected from Sutton Park yesterday. Below: The rumaki cleaning up behind the hall.

Below: Leopoli R11A and Jacob R12 clearing rubbish from the drain. It is important to keep our drains clear so when it rains heavily, it is less likely to cause flooding.





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Birthdays this week and next...

Today: Longlono R9A, Omeka R17, Lesieli R4 and Liurina R15

Friday: Nikolasi R3

Saturday: Katya R18 and Mele R5

Monday: Chantelle R11, Kata R7, Soni R5 and Victor R15

Tuesday: Siosaia R24

Welcome to our New Students:

Earl R11A, Eian R10, Alani R13B, Heavenly R4 & Love-Rose R4. We hope your learning journey at SPS leads to great things!



Reminders

If you are wanting to take your child/ren out of school early, you need to go to the office first, where you will be issued a blue slip to show to the classroom teacher.

If you have changed your email address or phone number, please inform the office.

Children away for 3 or more days due to sickness or injury need a medical certificate.

Please inform the office by 10am if your child is absent for any reason. You can use the online form on the school website, or use the contact details on the letterhead above. If your child is late, please remind them to visit the office before going to class.

Rangatahi Opportunity!

We are looking for one rangatahi (aged 14 - 24) to join 4 other rangatahi in our Repair Cafe, organisational group. This group will learn how to organise large scale events, advertise such events, add their own creativity & make a positive impact in the community. If you know anyone who would be interested, please reach out either through email or phone - (*Details below*). Interests end 4 of July. First meeting as a group will be Tuesday 9 July.




WANTED! RANGATAHI FOR THE REPAIR CAFE


We are currently looking for 1 rangatahi (aged 14 - 24) to join our organisational group! You will be required to meet 1 x per week for an hour to discuss the repair cafe.

Food will be provided per meeting.
Support with **transport** can be provided.

Rangatahi will be paid \$50 vouchers (of your choice) per 1 hr session over the span of 12 weeks

For More Information :

 0210694163

 destiny@mefsc.org.nz

School Carpark

This is for staff use, service and emergency vehicles and those with mobility parking permits only. We are trying to keep our students safe within the school grounds, the more traffic in and out, the more chance of an accident.

It is important that you do not park in front of the school gates at any time, this makes it difficult for those who need access.

Camp Payments – Thank you to those who have paid.

A friendly reminder that if your child went to camp and you have not yet paid, please do so! Full cost is \$100 per student. This can be paid in smaller instalments.

Payments can be made in the office by Eftpos or cash, or via bank transfer: ASB: 12 3079 0198868 00

Please use child's name and Camp24 as references.



Water Only School

This is a friendly reminder that our school is a Water only school which means that we don't encourage children to bring any sort of sweet drink or fizzy drink to school. Our past students had campaigned for this many years ago and they took their campaign to Parliament in Wellington. It is important that we, as a school community, support this policy.

Awhina group

Please contact our Awhina Team if you or your children need any support to attend school. The contact email for this group is: awhimaiawhiatu@suttonpark.school.nz

Contact details

If any of your contact details have changed, please let the office know (addresses, phone numbers etc.)



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After and Before School Care

Please be informed that the school cannot guarantee your child's safety before 8am and after 3.10pm. You need to make sure your child is safely supervised outside school hours, both in the morning and after school. **There are a few students still waiting here after 4pm in the afternoon, unsupervised.**

SKIDs provide safe child care in the mornings and after school. If you need your child to be cared for outside school hours, please contact 0800 543 922. Your child's safety is our priority.

PE Shirts for Y7&8

We now have sizes 8, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL and 4XL available for sale. \$22 each

Breakfast club is open Tuesday - Friday mornings. All students are welcome to come to the tech block for breakfast before school starts at 8.15am.



Wet weather

Please ensure your child/ren are warm and have rain jackets or umbrellas with them to shelter from the rain. The weather is becoming increasingly cold now so please ensure your child/ren are warm when coming to school.



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We Need Parent Helpers!

At times, we may need support from parents who are able to coach a team. If you do have time and like coaching sport, please let me know. We also need parent involvement in our school trips, our camps, sports camp, Pacific language weeks etc. Please come and see me and we can have a talanoa to see what you can offer our school.

Join our School Facebook Page

If you have not already joined our school facebook page, please do so. Simply search for our school name and press join. This way, you can also get important or urgent information that we need to get out to parents.



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