

# Sutton Park School Newsletter - 21 August 2024

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

Term 3, Week 5

Term 3 Theme: Endurance: Citius, Altius, Fortius - Faster,

Higher, Stronger - Together

Term 3 Values: Perseverance & Diversity



# Celebrating Tongan Language week 2024 - Uike Lea Fakatonga 2024

Kaveinga: 'E tu'uloa 'a e lea faka-Tonga 'o ka lea 'aki 'i 'api, siasi, me o nofo 'a kāinga'

Theme: The Tongan Language will be sustainable if used at home, church, and in the wider community.

What a great start to the Tongan Language week with having our lotu by our Year 1 Tongan students to officially open Tongan Language week at Sutton Park School. Even though it is a week recognised in our normal calendar for the year, the Tongan Language is 'alive' every day at Sutton Park school. The question is - How do we sustain Lea faka-Tonga? The theme clearly states this and so we empower our Tongan children and our Tongan community to keep the language alive in our churches and in the wider community. I always feel warm and happy when I hear the different languages used around the school during morning tea and lunch, when our children are playing. I encourage all our children to use their language during these times. Thank you to the Whanau Leader and staff of Sia Ua for the programme this week.

We had our Years 1-2, Years 3-4 and our Years 5-6 Tongan speeches on Monday and Tuesday and congratulations to the following children:

Year 1: 1st Tu'akalau R4 and 2nd = Maata and Fifita R4

Year 2: 1st= 'Alilia and Sinai R5 and 2nd Vitolio R5

Year 3: 1st Anthony R6 and 2nd Lu'isa R6

Year 4: 1st Sekope R6 and 2nd Nafetelai R6

Year 5: 1st Elizabeth R7 and 2nd Isabel R7

Year 6: 1st Charles R7 and 2nd Folau R7

We will be having our Years 7-8 APPA speech competitions at Sutton Park School tomorrow.

## **National FAGASA Speech competitions**

Tomorrow, we will have our National FAGASA speech finals, here in Auckland at Maota Samoa in Mangere. These are the finalists from the different regions in New Zealand - Auckland, Christchurch, Ashburton, Palmerston North, Balclutha and we wish our 2 finalist representatives from our school in the Year 7 finals.

Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal

## Term 3 Dates

This week (5): Tongan Language Week Thurs 22 Aug: National FAGASA speeches:

: Y7&8 Tongan interschool speeches 9.30am

Friday 23 Aug: Mr Whippy for best attendance

Week 6: Tuvalu Language Week; Tread Lightly Caravan; Dental Van onsite (until the end of term 3)

Week 7: ERO onsite: Sports Camp Week 9: Maori Language Week Week 10: Fijian Language Week

# Year 8 students

This is the time of year when you should be thinking about what college your Y8 child will be attending next year. It will be an easy transition into college if you start enrolling now rather than leaving it to the last minute when it gets too busy. Have a talanoa with your child and start planning now.

### Attendance

Thank you to all you for sending your child/ren to school every day. It is important that they attend everyday so that they do not miss out on their daily learning. This is just a friendly reminder about when your child/ren are absent. Inform the school straight away in person, by phone or email and bring in a medical certificate. Our term attendance is very good but I know that we can do even

# **Community Fono**

Thank you for your attendance at our Community Fono held last Wednesday. It is important that all our parents are in the 'know' of what is happening at our school and some changes coming our way in relation to Structured Literacy and Maths. Our mid-year data was also shared on this evening for our English medium classes. The Samoan and Tongan Bilingual units will arrange a time with parents to share their

# **Education Review Office visit**

We will be having a visit from the Education Review office in Week 7. Monday 2nd September 2024 to Wednesday 4th September 2024. They will be at school to talanoa with the teachers, visit classrooms, work with the Senior management team as well as the Board of Trustees.



Above: Some young Sia Ua students excited and ready for the annual ta'ovala parade today.



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# Birthdays this week and next

Today: Corinthian R18

Friday: Elizabeth R7 and Fualole R15 Saturday: Viliami R6B and Molisi R6

Sunday: Heamoni R8, Luisa R9 and Kata R9A

Monday: Maata R11A, Chelsea R17, Kevin R11A and Urshula R16

Tuesday: Blessing R17

#### SWiS - Social Worker In School

This is one of the services that really helps out our families. Our SWiS worker (Eunice) is able to help families who are struggling, she can also direct you to where you need to go for further assistance. Please connect with her via email: <a href="mailto:Eunice@mefsc.org.nz">Eunice@mefsc.org.nz</a> or ph: 021 417 321

## **School Gates**

The school gates will be locked between 8.15am and 3.45pm. If you need access, you will need to contact the office on 276 4560. New signs have been put up to remind you.

#### VisTabs

In the office we now have a new electronic sign in system for late students, visitors to the school, and those who collect a child early. Please ask for help if it is your first time using VisTab.

# **New Entrant Enrolment intakes for Term 3**

The last intake for this term will be Week 8: (Mon. 2 Sept. – Friday 6 Sept.)

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

#### Best attendance for Term 3 Week 4:

Well done to these classes who will be receiving their Mr Whippy on Friday: Whenua: R13B 97% and R13A 85%

Moana: R24 88% and R17 87% Aorangi: R7 88% and R11A 85%



Above and below: Images from the ta'ovala parade today; Right: Salesi R6B, all ready

for the parade.





# 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.

## Awhina group

Please contact our Awhina Team if you or your children need any support to attend school, (i.e. uniform, stationery). The contact email for this group is: <a href="mailto:awhimaiawhiatu@suttonpark.school.nz">awhimaiawhiatu@suttonpark.school.nz</a>

#### **Contact details**

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

#### PE Shirts for Y7&8

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



# Prizes to be won!

Calling All Young Artists!

Find out about the Australasian Bittern (matuku-hūrepo) then draw, paint, make a meme, or use any art medium to create your masterpiece.

Scan your picture and email us along with your name and age.

helen@theforestbridgetrust.org.nz

Age categories: 0-6, 7-12, 13-18 Entries close 01 Sep 2024

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





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