

# Sutton Park School Newsletter - 25 Sept. 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 10

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

Higher, Stronger - Together

Term 3 Values: Perseverance & Diversity

#### **Bula Vinaka**

This week we are celebrating Vosa Vaka Viti 2024. Fijian Language Week has always fallen in our Term 3



holidays, so we always celebrate it in the last week of Term 3 so our children and our Fijian community do not miss out.



The theme this year is **Vakamareqeta na Vosa Vakaviti - Nurture and Sustain the Fijian Language.** It is important for our students to understand the importance of their heritage language and never to lose it in sight. Thank you Mrs Dutt and her team for organising our week long celebration of the Fijian Language. Vinaka Vakalevu.

#### **End of Term 3**

What a term it has been! I want to thank all of our students for their efforts throughout the term. Here are some of our highlights from this term:

- Education Review office visit
- Tongan APPA speeches
- FAGASA Samoan speeches (Auckland and Nationals)
- Rumaki Haerenga to pay our respects to the passing of the Maori King
- Mangere Rehu Tai speech finals (Mangere and Auckland Champions finalists)
- Leaders in Training programme (L.I.T)
- Sports camp
- Year 7 Leaders programme
- Celebration of 4 Pasifika Language Weeks
- Best Attendance rewards
- Opening of the new Fa'atili Iosua Esera building

I also want to acknowledge all the teachers who organised these events and celebrations for our students. Next term will be even busier with all our prizegiving events and fun days.

# Term 3 Dates

This Week (10): Fijian Language Week

Thurs 26 Sept: Sia Ua Pacific Art Exhibition in hall 11.30am Friday 27 Sept: Mr Whippy for Best Attendance week 9

Last day of Term 3

Term 4 Dates -please add to your diary or calendar

Week 1: Niuean Language Week Mon 14 Oct: first day of Term 4

Friday 18 Oct: Atea Syndicate Mufti Day -gold coin donation

Week 2: Diwali Week

Tues 22 Oct: Rumaki Whanau Hui 4.30pm

Wed 23 Oct: Y7&8 Girls basketball @ Allan Brewster Thurs 24 Oct: Y7&8 Boys basketball @ Allan Brewster

Week 3: Tokelauan Language Week

Mon 28 Oct: Labour Day Holiday - school closed

Wed 30 Oct: Community Fono

Week 4:

Friday 8 Nov: School Photos

# **New Entrant Enrolments and Transitioning**

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

The next intakes will be Term 4: Week 1 and Week 4.

Those starting school at the beginning of Term 1 2025 can transition during term 4 this year, Weeks 6 and 7: Tuesdays-Thursdays 19 Nov - 21 Nov, and 26 Nov - 28 Nov. mornings 9am-11.30am.

# Mobile phones

Just a reminder to our parents that we have a mobile phone policy that has been mandated by the government. No student should be carrying around a mobile phone at school. All mobile phones should be handed into the office in the morning and picked up afterschool.

#### Rehu Tai Speeches

Congratulations to Areanna R15 who came first at the Y7&8 Rehu Tai Speech competition last Wednesday. She will be going on to compete at the Auckland speech finals this evening, at Remuera Intermediate School. We wish you all the best Areanna.

#### SKIDs

I am informing you all that SKIDs - (Safety Kids in Daily supervision) will no longer be operating at Sutton Park School, until further notice. If you need child supervision, they are operating from Robertson Rd School.

#### School holidays

To our parents, you will be having your child/ren in your care every day for 2 weeks. A lot of things can happen during this time and it will be busy as well with White Sunday for those who go to Samoan churches, school holiday programmes, hanging out at family homes, playing outside or at a park and many other things. Please ensure that your child/ren are safe, things can go horribly wrong if there are no adult supervisors. Keep our children safe and out of danger where possible. I am looking forward to seeing you all in Term 4 the final term of the 2024 year.

Alleman,

Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal



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# Birthdays this week...

Today: Tiana R16 and Suifua R6 Friday: Tu'akalau R4 and Nash R11A Sunday: Kazmira R10 and Lawrence R16



...and during the holidays...

Salio R9A, Jarell R14, Tunatu R10, Falaresa R20, Stenley R14, Christian R15, Josiah R20, Lavinia R11A, Sione R12, JT R25, Sione R9, Elmeah R20, Seini R12, Josaiah R11, Yamina R17, Julieta R16, Paris R12, Vaimoana R9A, BJ R18 and Sarahtaizha R10

#### Welcome to our new student:

Viliami R3

We hope your learning journey at SPS leads to great things!



# NZ Uniforms - In-Store Name Labelling

We offer a name labelling service in all of our stores and online. Name labels only take a few minutes in-store to apply, and our online websites have the option to add a label at the checkout. We can label almost any uniform items including jackets, jumpers, bags and (most) shoes. We've even had gear for school camps, such as sleeping bags and towels, brought in for name labelling. And the great thing about our name labels is that they are guaranteed to last for 300 washes - that's a lifetime for many school uniform items.

\$4 per label is a small price to pay to ensure lost uniform items can be reconnected with their rightful owner.

#### Measles update - looking ahead

Measles is dangerous and contagious, especially in communities with low vaccination rates. Although New Zealand continues to be free of measles, it could arrive at any time. We encourage everyone to check if they are immune to measles, <u>especially those planning to travel overseas for the school holidays</u>. The key message: if you aren't sure, get vaccinated.

#### **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.

# 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: awhimaiawhiatu@suttonpark.school.nz

## **SPLASH School Holiday Programme**

Our popular one-day water safety programme for 8-11 year olds is back these school holidays at several facilities around Tāmaki Makaurau, Auckland.

Splash provides opportunities for kids to have-a-go at aquatic activities, to improve their water safety

competence and knowledge, while enhancing their swimming ability.

More info and register here.

SPLASH One day water safety programm

Holiday Programme for 8-11 year olds

#### 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: Eunice@mefsc.org.nz or Ph: 021 417 321

# **School Gates and Carpark**

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. Staff only to come into the school grounds unless you have a mobility parking permit or have been asked to enter.

# Best attendance for Term 3 Week 9:

Well done to these classes who will be receiving their Mr Whippy on Friday:

Whenua: R18 90% and R5 84% Moana: R17 93% and R6B 86% Aorangi: R11A 95% and R16 84% Atea: R8 87% and R9 86%

#### **Community Clean-up**

After heavy rain last week, this was postponed to yesterday. Here are some Aorangi students at the local park with their bags of collected rubbish.



# **Parking**

Please do NOT park on the grass in front of the school. This is not a parking space and it makes the ground all muddy. There is usually plenty of parking available in Wakelin Street, even if it means you have to walk the short distance.



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