

# Sutton Park School Newsletter - 23 Oct. 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 4, Week 2 Wednesday 23 October 2024 Term 4 Theme: Relook, Reflect, Refresh Term 4 Values: Excellence & Diversity

Namaste - Happy Diwali



'May the Light of Diwali illuminate your life with joy, peace and prosperity'.

Thank you for sharing your Diwali week with us. We had a lovely assembly on Monday celebrating Diwali and our children led the assembly well. The performances were colourful, energetic and full of enjoyment. Thank you to Mrs Dutt and the team of teachers for organising a lovely assembly. Thank you to all the parents who joined us at the assembly on Monday, your support is very much appreciated. I am looking forward to seeing the art work from our children throughout the week.

### Fakaue lahi

Thank you Ms Misiniu for organising our Niuean Language week last week. It was great to see so many children take part in the Niuean Language week. Also acknowledging the 50th year of independence in Niue with celebrations nationwide and in Niue. Fakaue lahi to all our Niuean parents who joined us last week. Once again your support is very much appreciated.

#### **Assessment weeks**

Assessment weeks are coming up and it is important that all children are ready for these assessments. Students will be assessed in reading, writing and maths etc. so we get an accurate picture of where they are placed in their year levels. It is important that you have a talanoa with your child/ren, that they get enough rest and a good breakfast each morning to prepare themselves well for their end of year assessments. I am looking forward to the end of year data to see the progress your child/ren have made throughout the year.

#### **Attendance**

Following the information about assessment week, it is important that your child/ren attend school every day to get the best learning opportunities they can and to be prepared for the end of year assessments. If your child/ren are sick please ring the office and let them know otherwise bring a medical certificate upon their return.

Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal

Term 4 Dates -please add to your diary or calendar

Week 2: Diwali Week

Thurs 24 Oct: Y7&8 Boys basketball @

Allan Brewster

Friday 25 Oct: Mr Whippy for best

attendance

Week 3: Tokelauan Language Week / Assessment Week

Mon 28 Oct: Labour Day Holiday - school closed

Tues 29 Oct: Y5&6 Cross Country @ Otahuhu Memorial

Grounds

Wed 30 Oct: Y7&8 Girls volleyball @ Allan Brewster

Community Fono 5pm - hall

Thurs 31 Oct: Y7&8 Boys volleyball @ Allan Brewster

Friday 1 Nov: Mr Whippy for best Attendance

Week 4: Assessment Week Tues 5 Nov: Y5&6 CM games Wed 6 Nov: Y5&6 CM games

Thurs 7 Nov: Y5&6 CM games; Mr Whippy on site Friday 8 Nov: Teacher only Day – school closed

Week 5: Assessment Week

Thurs 14 Nov: Y7&8 Girls/Boys/Mixed Touch @ House Park

: Mr Whippy for best attendance

Friday 15 Nov: Duffy Theatre -11.30am junior school

1.30pm senior school

: last day for Duffy Summer Reading orders

# **Community Fono**

This is the final Community Fono for 2024. It will be held next Wednesday 30 October at 5pm in the school hall. We will be sharing attendance comparisons from T1-T3, information around the assessment weeks and important information about 2025. We will also have a chance to hear our 2 students who represented our school at the Auckland speech competition. There will be a free sausage sizzle for everyone and 8 x \$50.00 vouchers to give out. I hope to see you all there next week.

#### Summer is coming

The weather is getting a lot warmer now and the sun is getting hotter even though we have had a few days of cooler weather. We will be handing out bottles of sunscreen to classes for children to use when they are outdoors during morning tea, lunch and when they are out doing Physical education. We will start using our blue bucket hats, that all our students should have, for sun protection.

#### New phone system

Next week we will be getting a new phone system installed. The phone number will remain the same, but as we adjust to the new system, we ask that you have patience if we make any mistakes!

#### **Duffy \$5 Summer Reading Offer**

Students will be coming home with forms about this. If you would like to order any books, please return the completed form and money to the school office by **Friday** 



15 November.

All ordered books will arrived at school by Friday 6 December.





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#### Birthdays this week and next...

Thursday: Sapate R8

Saturday: Rishavni R21, Erynn R11, Akata R6B and

Paul R13B

Tuesday: Cassandra R24, Manha R11A and

Vaoesea R12

# 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.

#### **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.

#### **New Entrant Enrolments and Transitioning**

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

The last intake this year will be Term 4: 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.

#### **Best Attendance for Term 4 Week 1:**

Well done to these classes who will be receiving their Mr

Whippy on Friday:

Whenua: R13B 87% and R5 85% Moana: R6 94% and R20 90% Aorangi: R11A 93% and R7 92% Atea: R8 94% and R11 86%

#### School Leaders and Year 7 Leaders 2025

Applications will be coming out very soon for those students who are wanting to apply for School Leadership roles and our new Year 7 Leadership programme next year. Keep a look out for any notices in the coming weeks about the application process. I am looking forward to it.

# **School uniforms**

Our school uniform is our identity and we should be wearing it with pride and we should take pride in our school uniform. Lately there has been an increase in incorrect school uniforms, especially shoes and socks.

It should be **black socks and black covered shoes or black sandals** especially coming into summer. Let's take pride in our uniform and be proud of our school.



If you're planning to head out on the water check the marine weather forecast, take two forms of waterproof communication to call for help, and always wear a properly fitting lifejacket.

# 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

#### 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.

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

#### Y8 Leavers

Please make sure your Y8 child has been enrolled to a college / high school for 2025 and let us know where they will be going.

#### 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.

#### SKID

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.





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