



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 30 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 3 Wednesday 30 October 2024

Term 4 Theme: Relook, Reflect, Refresh

Term 4 Values: Excellence & Diversity



Malo ni and Greeting to you all

This week is Tokelau Language Week and it was celebrated at our school assembly by a group of Year 5/6 girls who performed a Tokelauan dance. Well done and thank you for sharing some facts about Tokelau too. The theme for this year is 'Tokelau, taofi mau tau aganuku, ko to pale tena - Tokelau, hold fast to your culture that is your crown'. It is important that we take hold of our language, culture and identity and be sure to be proud of that. Our Maori and Pasifika language weeks have been sustaining the languages which should be nurtured in our schools, homes and the wider community.

Assessment weeks

The assessments started this week and it is important that all children are ready for these. They will be assessed in reading, writing and maths and other areas to get an accurate picture of where they are tracking in their year levels. It is important that you have a talanoa with your child/ren, that they get enough rest to prepare themselves well for their end of year assessments. Ensure your child has a good breakfast so they can have a good start to their assessments. I am looking forward to the end of year data to see the shifts your child/ren have made throughout the year.

Community Fono - at 5pm in the school hall

It will be our last Community Fono for this year. It will be good if we all can attend this evening as there are important dates and notices to be shared with you all. 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.

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.

Right: Athena R11A, during her cross-country run yesterday.

Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal



Term 4 Dates -please add to your diary or calendar

Week 3: Tokelauan Language Week / Assessment Week

Wed 30 Oct: 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

Week 6:

Thurs 21 Nov: Y7&8 Athletics@ Mt Smart

: Sia Ua and Masina Va'aia parent fonos

Friday 22 Nov: Rainbow's End trip for leaders/monitors

: Mr Whippy on site

Week 7:

Mon 25 Nov: **School Photos** (note change of date)

Tues 26 Nov: Sia Ua singing performance

Wed 27 Nov: Community Clean-up

Thurs 28 Nov: Mr Whippy on site

Friday 29 Nov: Cultural Extravaganza

Year 8 students

This is the time where you should be thinking about what college you 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 and it gets busy. Have a talanoa with your parents and start planning now. Let us know when you have enrolled and at which college.

New phone system

Yesterday we had 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.



Interschool Cross-Country

Yesterday a group of students went to the Otahuhu Memorial Fields to compete in the cross-country run. Here are the Y6 boys getting ready to start. (*centre line, going back*): Koge, Paula, Longolongo, Peter, Simon and Carlos.





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Birthdays this week and next...

Today: Shyna R21 and Mouena-Grace R25
Thursday: Moala R6
Friday: Izzabella R7, Christina R21, Michael R16 and Judah R13A
Saturday: Edyna R11
Monday: Yvette R14 and Nate R10
Tuesday: Sina R16, Jacob R12, Kelekolio R4 and Aaliyah R25



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 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 2:

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

Whenua: R4 91% and R18 86%
Moana: R24 91% and R6B 85%
Aorangi: R12 89% and R16 86%
Atea: R15 90% and R10 89%



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.

Holidays during the School Term

Please advise the office if your child/ren are going overseas or out of Auckland during term time. We also need to know when your child/ren is expected back to school.

Right: Myia R20 celebrated Diwali by having her hands decorated with henna.



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.

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

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.**

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.

DISCO PARTY
THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 2024
5:30PM-8PM
Māngere Bridge Baptist Church,
corner of Woodward and McIntyre Roads

BOUNCY CASTLE | DISCO | PHOTO BOOTH | FACE PAINTING | CRAFTS
COLOURING COMPETITION | FIRE ENGINE | POLICE CAR | SNACKS | SAUSAGE SIZZLE
MR WHIPPY | ICECREAM TO PURCHASE
PRIZEGIVING AT 7PM

A FREE EVENT

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.



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