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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 4 Wednesday 6 November 2024 Term 4 Theme: Relook, Reflect, Refresh Term 4 Values: Excellence & Diversity

#### Assessment weeks

These are the weeks where we see our children fully focussed on assessments. This is the time where we find out how big or small of a shift our SPS children have made throughout the year. These results could determine or confirm our top students in each of the year levels who have been consistent in their hard work throughout the year. A few tips for all our students during assessments

- Have a good sleep, so you are well prepared
- Have a good breakfast
- Drink a lot of water
- Do not rush
- Answer questions the best you can
- Be creative when writing (writing assessment)
- Know how to problem solve with maths problems
- Ask for help if you are unsure of the question

These are only a few study tips so your child/ren are well prepared and organised.

#### 2024 Community fono

We ended our final community fono of the year last Wednesday - thank you to all those families who attended. These are important community meetings as parents get information and updates on what is happening in our school and a chance to talanoa, so we can hear our parent voices. Next year in 2025, we will need a lot of your voices in our fono as there are government priorities we need to update with you all.

#### 2025 confirmed dates:

Term 1 Wednesday 29th January 2025 - Friday 11th April Term 2 Monday 28th April - Friday 27th June Term 3 Monday 14th July - Friday 19th September Term 4 Monday 6th October - Friday 12th December **Our school office will be open on Tuesday 28th January** 2025 at 9:00am.

#### **Sunhats and Sunscreen**

The days are becoming warmer and the sun is getting hotter. All students have been given a school bucket hat with our school logo on it. We encourage



them to wear it every day when they are outside in the sun and to use sunscreen lotion to protect themselves. (Just like these girls above, Mildred, Abbey, Soone, Mekaire and Hope). Be aware of any sort of spots from the sun on your skin that can cause melanoma, it is all about being safe out there. You can bring your own hat but it must be blue/navy blue to go with our school colours.

Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal



Term 4 Dates -please add to your diary or calendar Week 4: Assessment Week Thurs 7 Nov: Y5&6 CM games ; Mr Whippy on site Fridav 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: Mon 18 Nov: 2025 School Leadership applications due 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 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

#### School Leaders and Year 7 Leaders 2025

Applications are due back Monday 18 November for students who are wanting to apply for School Leadership roles and our new Year 7 Leadership programme.

#### **Traffic Safety**

We continue to see progress with children being dropped off to school and parents <u>not parking</u> on the yellow lines, but we still have the odd few who do. Our road patrol monitors are out every morning and afternoon to keep our children safe, please make this a habit to use our school crossing. Parents please, if your child is walking to school please make sure you or another adult is present walking them to school and after school. Thank you for your patience and consideration. Our children's lives are most precious and we would like to keep them safe.

#### New Entrant Enrolments and Transitioning

If you have a child wanting to start school Term 1 2025, please enrol them now!

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

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.



Above: Some of the Y5&6 students at the CM games yesterday. Left: Katya R18 sun-smart in her hat.



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Birthdays this week and next...

Today: Micah R25 and 'Ileini R6B Thursday: Esther-Ann R25 and Carleine R21 Friday: Edith R5 Saturday: Sione R9A Sunday: Lute R14 Monday: Kalisi R8 and Kayden A. R20



### Best Attendance for Term 4 Week 3:

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

Whenua: R13A 89% and R18 93% Moana: R20 94% and R25 90% Aorangi: R12 94% and R21 91% Atea: R15 96% and R8 95%



#### 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 arrive at school by Friday 6 December.

#### Success Stories from our Past Students

It is always great to hear the success stories from our past students who have achieved Excellence in Year 13. Here are 2 of our past students, and if you know any other past students doing well, we would like to hear from you.

#### Alista Mafile'o

De La Salle College (Year 13) First in Accounting First in Economics First in Physics First in Calculus First in Computer Science University of Auckland Pacific Excellence scholarship First Foundation scholarship Brett Barker Cup Proxime Accessit (runner up DUX) Man of Excellence

#### Ezra Setefano

Aorere College (Year 13)

1. Efeso Collins Scholarship (First Year for this award) valued at \$3,000

2. Lewin Cup Premiere Award for School Spirit

3. Year 13 Company of the Year (Special Award) - Pacific Jewels

#### 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.

#### **Contact details**

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

#### 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: <u>Eunice@mefsc.org.nz</u> 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.

#### **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 after school.

#### 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.



Above: Our Y5&6 students at the CM Games opening ceremony at Bruce Pulman Park, Takanini.



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