

Nga mihi, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Kia Orana, Bula, Namaste, Taloha ni, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Sabiadee, Ola, Bonjour, Ni hao, Welcome, Konichi wa, Noa'ia, Xin chào.

School Service in Support of our Muslim Community

On Monday, our whole school stood in silence, and in solidarity to pray for the victims of the Christchurch massacre. Members of staff prayed in different languages for the souls of the deceased, support for the aggrieved families affected and those in our Muslim community. It was an opportunity to speak to our students about what we say and do at our school and to emphasise:

- Care for each other.
- Whanaungatanga, manaakitanga and awhinatanga.
- Love and peace.
- Forgiveness and putting things right.
- Our school: a safe school for all.

Visits to Al-Madinah School and Zayed College

Our Head Girl, Deputy Head Girl, Head Boy and Deputy Head Boy joined me as I visited Al-Madinah School yesterday. We took flowers and cards from our students. Mr Lemanu and four boy school leaders joined a public assembly this morning. Mrs Tuaopepe and four girl school leaders will attend a memorial service next Tuesday at Zayed College.

I was sad to see a police car at Al-Madinah School when we went yesterday. A school in our neighbourhood under police guard! This is NOT right and not the country we would like for our children. The darkness must not prevail. The principal, Mr Ali, and staff appreciated our message of love and support.

Our student leaders, Ezra, Alakipomana, Kisione and Ranandi spoke well and made me enormously proud. You would have been proud to hear them too.



Nga Mihi

Nga mihi nui mo tou mahi aroha, mahi manaakitanga. Thank you for your messages of love and support for our neighbouring school. Fakamalo lahi atu, kia orana, fakafetai tele, vinaka vakalevu, fa'afetai alofa.

What we are doing and will continue to do

We will continue to talk with our children on what they need to focus on to be safe at school, in the community and at home. It will be more powerful and effective if you do the same at home. Remember the families affected and our Muslim community in your prayers. Fa'amanuia atu le Atua.

Early Closure Postponed

Please note that the early closure this Thursday is postponed. It is school as usual on Thursday as a mark of respect for the victims and families in Christchurch.



Iosua Esera, Principal

Term 1 Events

Please put these dates and events on your family calendar for this term.

This Week:

22 March: Inter-house Tabloids

Next Week:

26 March: Eye on Nature (Y5&6) Bus leaves 8.30am
BOT Meeting 4.30pm

27 March: Atea Syndicate to Ambury Farm for beach clean up
Parents meeting re: China trip 5pm in staffroom

28 March: Athletics Years 1-4

29 March: Athletics Years 5-8

Mufti Day fundraiser – gold coin donation

Rest of Term 1:

3 April: Duffy Role Model Assembly 11.30am

Y5-8 Swimming Sports at Moana Pools

Community Expo 4pm-6pm

5 April: Inter-house Tabloids

7 April: Daylight Saving ends, adjust your clocks/watches

8 April: Duffy Theatre 11.30am & 2pm

10 April: Community Clean up

11 April: Students' last day of term 1

Support Staff Needed

I am seeking a male to join our support staff in Masina Va'aia. Experience working with children, schools and fluency in Samoan and English are essential. Please apply through a letter and a CV. A tertiary qualification will be an added advantage. Applications close Friday 5 April.

Community Fono

It was very heartening to see many of you at the first community fono this year. I am sure you are better informed of how well our students are achieving at school, and areas where we would like to do better. The next opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher, do ask where your child is at and what is being done to continue moving ahead.

A huge 'Fa'afetai' for your responses to the proposed changes to Education, and I am pleased that our voice is being put forward. There has already been a response regarding our feedback in reo Maori. I am awaiting an acknowledgement of the feedback in Tongan, Samoan and English.

Manawhenua Knowledge

Our whole school would have visited the Mangere Mountain Education Centre. The children enjoyed the experience and their knowledge of the local area continues to grow. There will be a brief report in the Manukau Courier tomorrow, about their search for their local identity.

Below - R10 students at the top of Mangere Mountain.





Sutton Park School Newsletter – 20 March 2019

School Attendance

We started our audit of school attendance last week. Children with good attendance are affirmed at school followed by letters home to congratulate the parents of these students. There will also be letters to parents of students with poor attendance to remind them of our attendance target and requirements. Support to improve attendance is offered and we will do as much as we can to meet our attendance target for the year.

Y 7&8 Camp Payments

Thank you to the families who have paid already. Please remember the remainder of the fees for Y7&8 camp are due by the end of this term. We have EFTPOS available in the office, or you can pay straight into the school account, please ask at office for the account number. Alternatively you can pay in cash at the office.

School Wide Goals: IDENTITY

Sutton Park School is a part of their identity, and our students have been asked to think about things that make Sutton Park School a special school. They are to know, use and show the values, vision, mission, behaviours and the languages of Sutton Park. When they do, their school is a school for all to feel proud of.

Living and being part of Mangere is an important part of our children's identity. Encouraging our students to be proud of our community, care for our community has been part of our conversations and actions in the last few years. We want them to be just as proud of being in Mangere as most of us are of our villages or marae at home. Visiting the Mangere Mountain Education Centre in Mangere Bridge is part of their identity search. Our three goals for the rest of the term are:

Goals:

- i. I am proud of who I am.
- ii. I am proud of my school.
- iii. I am proud I am from Mangere.

Birthdays this week and next:

Happy birthday to you...

21 March Kadenya R8, Kazayla R8, Ema R9
and Abraham R17
22 March Caleb R10 and Umaiza R14
24 March Esther R7
25 March Pelenaise R7 and Quinella R14



Children's Safety

Be advised that as of the start Term 2:

- i. The school gate will be locked from 08:00am to 04:00pm.
- ii. Only staff cars are allowed onto the school grounds.

This will be an inconvenience to many of you, but our students' safety is of top priority.

Contact Details:

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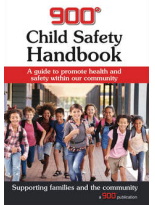
We now have EFTPOS available in the school office for any payments you need to make.

Important: If you have a new phone number, or address, please let the office know! It is important that we have your correct contact details.

2019 Child Safety Handbook

A guide to promote health and safety within our community.

There are free copies of this book available in the office.



Community Expo: Wednesday 3 April 2019

TIME: 4.00pm till 6.00pm

If you would like to have a Food Stall at the Expo please see Naima (SWIS) or Diana for a registration form.

School Netball

If there are any years 1, 2, 3, and 4 students that are interested in playing netball for school this year, please see Whaea Leeana, or the office for a permission slip. Permission slips must be returned back by Friday this week.

Our Students on Stage

We have DVDs for sale at the office of our 2018 Cultural Extravaganza. (\$20 each.) Have a memento of your child performing as a primary school student. Good family record for any family. Please enquire at the office.

Women of 275

You are invited to join us for refreshments and a discussion about what it means to be woman in 275

What: Woman's group
Where: 7 Hain Ave, Mangere
When: Thursday 21st March
Time: 9.30am – 11.30am

Enquiries to:
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