

**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.**

## Support for our Muslim School and Community

We received acknowledgement from staff at the Ministry of Education who read some of students' cards at Al-Madinah School. Some of our students wrote some very beautiful messages of compassion and heartfelt thoughts. It was great to see that someone at the Ministry of Education office saw it fit to write to us acknowledging our students.

Mrs Tuaopepe and three female school leaders went to a special assembly at Zayed College yesterday. They took flowers and more cards and letters from our students. I was most impressed with the outpouring of support from our students. Thank you for your support as well and I urge you to continue the conversation at home.

## School Attendance

Our Years 5 and Year 6 students with 100% attendance for the term were affirmed and acknowledged at our school assembly on Monday. Parents of these students will have received letters of affirmation for their support of their children's learning. Getting to school daily and on time is great preparation for ongoing learning and future employment. Well done to many of you. Years 3 and 4 will be audited this week.

## School Uniform

Do bear in mind that we are a uniform wearing school and that students need to be in the right uniform to be at school. If your child is not in the right uniform, they do stand out and this often put them at odds with everyone else. It is a big part of our school identity.

Parents will receive a letter if students have yet to be in uniform since the start of the year. This Friday is the last day to have your child in uniform. Any child not in the correct uniform next Monday will be sent home. It is the parents' responsibility to make sure that the children are in uniform.

## Children's Safety

Thank you again for the care that many of you exercise when driving at the front of the school, both in the morning and after school. Be mindful not to park or stop and pick up students on the yellow lines. Please accept that you can be fined for parking infringements and you must avoid parking in front of the gate at all times.

Please keep in mind that the Board of Trustees has approved these changes starting next term.

- i. The school gate will be locked from 8:00am to 4:00pm.
- ii. Only staff cars are allowed on to the school grounds.

My apologies in advance as this will be an inconvenience to many of you, but our students' safety is of top priority.



Iosua Esera, Principal

**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.

## Term 1 Dates:

**Tonight:** Parents meeting re: Y7 & 8 China trip 5pm in staffroom  
29 March: Mufti Day fundraiser – gold coin donation  
Athletics Years 1-4

## Next Week:

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

## Last week of Term 1:

8 April: Duffy Theatre 11.30am & 2pm  
10 April: Community Clean up  
11 April: Y5-8 Athletics and students' last day of term 1

## Eye On Nature

*On March 26 a few children from Aorangi Syndicate went on a trip, the Eye On Nature. Our topic was "Healthy Trees, Healthy Me!!" We learned many things about the trees that surround us and also about nature. We did different activities such as finding birds, tree bingo, drawings and lastly FBI. FBI is when you try to find insects and study them. We are very thankful that we were able to have a wonderful experience and that we learned new things.*

-Nina R21



*Left: Memory and Tiana looking for insects to study at the Eye on Nature trip yesterday.*

## 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.

## Inter-House Sports

- i. Athletics for Years 1-4 this Friday at school.
- ii. Swimming for Years 5-8 next Wednesday 3 April at Mangere Pools.
- iii. Athletics for Years 5-8 Thursday 11 April at school.

If you are able to join the students for these events, please do.

Remember to wear your house colours for the athletics!

Wiki: black; Adams: orange; Rush: Yellow; Tua: Purple

## Rugby League

There are two more Wednesdays left for the after school coaching for Years 7-8. We have some very promising students having an interest in playing rugby league. Special thanks to Manukau Sports for their support of this.



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## School Wide Goals: IDENTITY

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 from villages or marae. Visiting the Education Centre at Mangere Bridge has been a big part of their identity search. A brief report of this search was on Manukau Courier last Thursday.

Sad as it is, the massacre in Christchurch was an opportunity to remind our children to think of others. The search starts from our school and our children to think of their school mates, class mates and their friends. Teachers have been asked to reflect on the culture of their classrooms and continue to look at ways of growing a safe class culture for all. There is always an overflow of a safe classroom culture across the whole school when the conversations are happening in classrooms. Our goals for the rest of the term are:

### Goals:

- i. I am proud I am from Mangere.
- ii. I am proud of my class.
- iii. I am proud of my friends.

### Birthdays this week and next:

Happy birthday to you...

27 March: Kiana R14 and Matthias R14

29 March: Moses R9A

1 April: Jayken R16 Setetaia R6

2 April: Talite R7b, Amelia R7b and Alista R11



Adventure into the forest at the Eye on Nature Whanau Day. Eye on Nature takes children and their families on an experiential journey through our native New Zealand forest, learning how the health of the forest and all its inhabitants impacts the health of us all.

Open to the public and at no cost, the Family Day will present a myriad of events and activities to entertain and educate young minds.

An activity for every age; including guest speaker, Riki Bennett who will navigate the bush as a Maori storyteller and environmentalist, and show visitors how to discover and identify native trees and the special uses for them in navigation, construction, food and medicine.

Check out our event page, pack a picnic and head on down to the Auckland Botanic Gardens on Saturday!

[www.beautifulmanukau.org.nz](http://www.beautifulmanukau.org.nz) Ph: 269 4080

## FREE Wall Planners

We have some 2019 wall planners that were donated; if you would like one please ask at the office.

## 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.

## Netball

Grading starts this weekend and our girls are looking forward to the season. I am very grateful to the many parents and staff who have shown commitment to preparing our girls for netball. Thanks to the parents of the girls involved and our school is committed to supporting our girls the best we can. Silver Ferns, here we come!

## Contact Details:

School office phone: 276 4560

School email: [office@suttonpark.school.nz](mailto:office@suttonpark.school.nz)

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

## 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.

## Community Expo: Wednesday 3 April 2019

TIME: 4.00pm till 6.00pm

If you would like to have a food stall, or if your organisation would like a stall to promote your service at the Expo, please see Naima (SWIS) or Diana for a registration form.

WEDNESDAY  
3 APRIL  
2019

KIA ORA!  
BULA VINAKA!  
MALO E LELE!!  
FAKAALOFA LAHI ATU!  
TALOFA LAVA!  
NAMASTE!



COME ALONG AND JOIN US IN  
CELEBRATING OUR -

**COMMUNITY  
EXPO 2019**

**Date: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019**

**TIME: 4.00pm till 6pm**

**VENUE: SUTTON PARK SCHOOL**

**89 Vine Street, Mangere East**

Sutton Park School believes in empowering and supporting our families living within our community. We invite you to attend and engage with organisations

There will be fun activities for children, food stalls, cultural performances and more



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