

Sutton Park School Newsletter – 18 Sept. 2019

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.

APPA Speech Contests

We are hosting the Years 7 and 8 Tongan speech contests tomorrow and we have entered three speakers for the Year 7 division, and three for the Year 8 division. Whatever the results will be, our students are well prepared for these contests. This will start at 9am.

We have entered two speakers for the Year 5 and two in the Year 6 Samoan speech contests. This will be held at Otahuhu Primary tomorrow, starting at 9am.

We have entered two speakers in the Year 7 and three in the Year 8 Samoan speech contests. This will be held at Mangere East Primary on Friday this week. If you are able to attend any of these contests, please do so.

China Trip

We are looking forward to having our students and staff home. There are updates on our school Facebook page and website, of what our students had done and where they have been. Contact the office to know when they land.

Trip to Niue

It was wonderful to be in Niue and provide some mentorship and professional development for teachers on the island. This was a trip of New Zealand Pacific Principals who spent the first day at the primary school, the second day at the High School and then had professional development for all the teachers in Niue on the last day. I also learned a lot about Niue, the heritage home of thirty-three of our Niuean students.

I met two of our students who have spent two years in Niue to learn the Niuean language and culture. I was proud of how much they had learnt of their Niuean language, and both Nallie and Zoe are looking forward to returning to Sutton Park next year.

We hosted three teachers from Niue yesterday, who helped with our Niuean students prepare for the launch of Niuean Language Week on the first week of Term 4. It was wonderful to return the favour so quickly after our visit to Niue.

I did reduce the wahoo population by two and the uga population by three. I will be doing a lot of walking this week. Here is the photo to show it is no fishy tale.





Iosua Esera, Principal

Please note as many of these dates on your family calendar so that you can attend any of these events.

This Week:

Tonight 4pm: Parents' meeting for Sia Ua students going to Tonga

Thurs. 19 Sep: Years 7-8 APPA Tongan Speech Contest

Years 5-6 APPA Samoan Speech Contest

Friday 20 Sep: Years 7-8 APPA Samoan Speech Contest

Aorangi English Speech Contest 11.30am

Mufti Day (gold coin) and Sausage Sizzle \$1 each

to support Rumaki Reo fundraising

Next Week:

Mon 23 Sep: BOT meeting 4.30pm Tues. 24 Sep: Sia Ua Trip to Tonga Wed. 25 Sep: Fiji Day Celebrations

Thurs. 26 Sep: Students last day for Term 3

Community Clean-up

On Wednesday afternoon the school went out and around the neighbourhood and the school grounds collecting rubbish. Thank you to all the teachers, staff, and children for taking part. Indeed the community looks really neat and tidy with no rubbish to be seen. Our parks are cleaner now. Thanks for all your great effort!



Whenua and Moana English Speech Competition Results

Y1: 1st George R13A 2nd Shanaya R13A 3rd Aiden R13B

Y2: 1st Talita R9A 2nd Marilyn R 6B 3rd=Payton R9A and Quinella R14

Y3: 1st Meleana R20 2nd Annabel R25 3rd Meliuiana R29

Y4: 1st Fagamanu R25 2nd= Harlan R24 and Sariel R25 3rd Vasi R24

Below left to right: Meleana R20, Harlan R24 and Talita and Payton R9A





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Rumaki Reo Fundraising

This Friday please wear mufti and bring your gold coin donation. There will also be a sausage sizzle: \$1 each



Te Wiki o te Reo Maori

We had 60 students attend te wiki o te reo Māori. Everyday we were able to have tamariki from the kura experience tikanga Māori.

Day 1 - Haerenga ki Ihumatao.

Tamariki from the rumaki & Atea were fortunate to learn about the origins of some names in our area: Mangere, Manukau, Otahuhu, Ihumatao

Day 2- Mahi ā Rehia (waiata, haka)

Tamariki from Year 1-8 learnt, revised waiata that tamariki throughout our kura should know by the time they leave our kura. They were taught: the words, the actions and the appropriate times to sing them- He honore, Tutira mai, Whaia te Matauranga (DJToa), SPS haka. A Google Doc has been shared with all kaiako with the lyrics, links to youtube. Day 3 Hākinakina - Mau Rakau, Mu tōrere, Whai, Whano Year 5-8: Learnt simple activities for mau rakau. Mau rakau assists with self-discipline, hand and eye co-ordination and perseverance.

Year 1-4: Learnt whai (string games) Mu torere (similar to chess) Whano (basic hand, leg movements)

Day 4 Mahi Toi (Whakatauki), Tangata kaha.

Year 5-8: Completed a collaborative visual art of the

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini. Year 1-4: Coloured a Maori figure. They were asked to use colours that they thought represented strength.

Day 5 Hui ā kura. (Whakaatu ki te kura te mahi o te wiki nei)

The highlight for us, tamariki from the kura (not the rumaki) taking leading roles in a performance- a short mihi-Whenua: Teio R14 Moana: Max R24 Aorangi: Summer R21

and Atea: Phoenix R10.

Tamariki preformed the waiata: He honore, Tutira mai and the SPS Haka.

Competition. Everyday there was a question for students of the kura to answer. The focus of the competition: Kia tika te whakahua o te reo, pronounce te reo Māori correctly. A child's name was pulled out of their syndicate box. Then both they & their syndicate's leader pronounced kupu Maori, the pepeha of the kura.

Hāngi (Manaakitanga). Atea tamariki assisted with giving the hangi out. Many thanks to: Leiloa R10, Phoenix R10, Angel R10, Chianne R11 and Braxtyne R11.

Parking

Please be advised that you will be fined for incorrect parking at the front of the school. <u>Park away from the yellow lines and do not park in front of the gates.</u>

Birthdays this week and next

Happy birthday to you...

18 Sept: Nancy R8, 'Ana Tonu R7

19 Sept: Sefo R13

21 Sept: Sarah R25 and Jhavaan R20

22 Sept: Isaiah R17, Anne R9A and Mele U. R9

24 Sept: Atonio R10, Stephanie R25 and Ohana R3

Contact Details:

School office phone: 276 4560

School email: office@suttonpark.school.nz

We now have EFTPOS available in the school office for any

payments you need to make.

Surplus Furniture

We have surplus tables, chairs, desks and cabinets that can be used at home. If you have a use for any of these, please contact Mr Kyllie Woods, our caretaker. First come, first served.

School Wide Goals

Our value for the whole term is DIVERSITY. We are talking and will continue to talk with our students about the uniqueness in people, starting from themselves. Students will learn about others and other countries but they need to start from themselves. They have been asked to find out what is unique about each of them. Please support your child in her/his search. The starting goals are:

i. We care for each other.

ii. We support others in their learning.

iii. We respect each other.

Thank you in anticipation of your support at home.



Above: Children at the kaitahi (shared lunch) yesterday, celebrating their involvement in Te Wiki o te Reo Maori last week. Students who came everyday to participate within the weeks' activities received a certificate and a wristband.

Reminders

Inform the office if your child is away for any reason.

If you need to take a child out of school before 3pm, you need to go to the office first and fill out a blue leave slip.

Teachers are not allowed to release a child until they see this blue slip.

If your child is late, expect a text to be sent advising you of this, unless you have rung the school to let us know a reason.

Please let the school know if you have changed address or your phone number.



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