



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 26 Feb. 2020

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.

Health Alert

The spread of the Coronavirus is an opportunity to remind our children of being preventative of any virus. Some very easy-to-follow practices that will help minimise the spread of any virus are:

- i. Wash and sanitise hands before eating.
- ii. Wash hands after going to the toilet.
- iii. Do not spit or share drinks.
- iv. Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing.

Thanks for your anticipated support at home. Practice makes it perfect and we want to insist on these at home and at school. If your child suffers from any flu symptoms or fever, please keep him/her home until she/he recovers.

Blessing of the New Classrooms

The blessing will be done this Friday 28 February starting at 5:00am. This will be followed by a small combined breakfast with our manuhiri. Parents of students taking part are most welcome to attend. This will allow our senior students to move in once the classrooms are ready.

Water Competence and Swimming

There are only a few swimming sessions left for the year and we have many students who are not where they should be, in regards to their swimming ability. Being able to swim will save your child's life so it is most essential that we do everything possible to help your child survive in the water. Please make sure your child has his/her togs when your child has swimming that day.

School Attendance: Your Support is Needed

Do aim to have every one of your children attend school daily. This will most certainly help your child's learning significantly. Thanks for your support.

Unsupervised Children

There are so many unsupervised students at school after 3:00pm. The school accepts no responsibility for any child after school. If you are unable to care for your child outside of normal school hours, I strongly recommend that you approach the staff at SKIDs, which is our outside of school care team. There are generous subsidies for those who are entitled to these. Otherwise arrange to have your child picked up straight after school.

SKIDs are open from 7:00am until 8:30am and after school from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Their contact number is: 027 627 5001

Iosua Esera, Principal

2020 School Year

Term 1 03 February – Wednesday 08 April

Term 2 Tuesday 28 April – Thursday 02 July

Term 3 20 July-24 September

Term 4 12 October-18 December

Easter Holidays: 10-13 April (during school holidays)

Anzac Day Observance: Monday 27 April

Queen's Birthday Holiday: Monday 01 June

Labour Day Holiday: Monday 26 October

This Week:

Today: Reading Together Programme 3.30pm

Fri 28 Feb: Dawn blessing of new classrooms 5am

Next Week:

Tues 3 Mar: MOSA Cricket @ Mangere Centre Park

SWZ Y7&8 Boys Softball @ Aorere Park

Wed 4 Mar: Reading Together Programme 3.30pm

Fri 6 Mar: Y4-8 Swimming Comps; Inter-house tabloids

BOT News

- i. Mrs Ofa Katoa was voted to be the chairperson.
- ii. Dawn Blessing of the new classrooms on Friday 28 February.
- iii. The school will close on Friday 29 May, Monday 20 July and Friday 23 October for teachers' curriculum days.
- iv. Remodelling of the administration block was approved subject to Ministry of Education approval.
- v. Attendance to be closely monitored owing to concerns of some students' poor attendance.
- vi. The Annual Plan for the school was approved.
- vii. BOT members to attend the School Trustees Conference in Rotorua, and some members to attend local workshops for school trustees.

Breakfast Club

Please discourage your child from having pies on their way to school. If you are not able to provide your children breakfast, encourage them to have breakfast here. There is enough for everyone and it is much healthier.



We provide a breakfast menu that helps reverse the growth of obesity among our children.

Right: R3 enjoying a volleyball session on Tuesday. Manukau Volleyball Coaching has been providing lessons to our students.



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FREE Dance Classes in Traditional Tongan Performing Arts

Ideal for ages 8 - 18, but all ages are welcome to join and learn the traditional performing arts of Tonga (including: Tau'olunga, Tulafale, Ma'ulu'ulu, Lakalaka, Mako, Kailao, Soke, Taufakaniua, plus Drumming & Guitar workshops)



WHEN:
Every Thursday from 5 - 7 pm
(Excludes School & Public Holidays)

WHERE:
Otahuhu Town Hall
(10 High Street, Otahuhu)



Maloni is the son of the renowned Tongan poet Peni Tutu'ila who was commissioned by the late Queen Salote to choreograph her compositions

MORE INFO: Mobile: 021 2817 800 Email: AucklandTonganCommunity@gmail.com

Camp Payments

If you haven't already done so, please remember to pay for the camp. Payments can be made in cash, or preferably by EFTPOS or by online banking. (Just ask for the school account number at the office).

Sugarless School

Thanks for your support of this policy. Lollies and sweets are not allowed at the school. Sugary drinks and sweets brought to school will be discarded.

Keep us up to date:

Please let the office know of any changes to your contact details.

Water and Milk Only

Thanks for your support of this as we try to reduce the level of obesity among our students. We have so many students carrying too much weight for their age. With less sugar, carbohydrates and processed fat in their diet this will prolong the onset of diabetes and high blood pressure for our students.

Please provide your child with a water bottle as we have many fountains at the school to fill their bottles. Hydration is needed, as the temperatures remain high. Water is the best cleanser of the body.

School Wide Goals: IDENTITY: We decided as a team to start with identity to go with our topic for the term: *Welcome to Our World*. The children will be learning all aspects of themselves this term. Your support in this is essential. Goals:

- i. I am Samoan/Maori/Tongan/Fijian/Indian/Cook Island Maori/Niuean/etc
- ii. I am proud of who I am.



Left: Matua Chris Wiremu comes every Monday to teach the tamariki from the Rumaki and other Maori tamariki from Atea syndicate, mau rakau. Mau rakau will assist tamariki to learn endurance, well being and lift their physical stamina.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday to you...

28 Feb: Zoe R11

1 Mar: Vakamoelupe R7 and Billie Jean R18

2 Mar: Mele F. R7 and Neivi R5

3 Mar: Zacharia R15 and Vanya-Lee R17

4 Mar: Siunipa R13



Dates for rest of Term 1:

Tues 10 Mar: SWZ Y7&8 Girls Softball

Wed 11 Mar: Y7&8 Vaccines

Reading Together Programme 3.30pm

Thu 12 Mar: Whenua Disco (lunchtime)

Wed 18 Mar: Y8 School Leaders to Polyfest

Y7&8 Boys Interzone Softball

Ministry of Ed. PREP Programme in Sia Ua

Thur 19 Mar: Y7&8 Girls Interzone Softball

SWZ Y7&8 Boys and Girls Tag

Fri 20 Mar: School Athletics; Whenua Syndicate Trip

Tue 24 Mar: MOSA Softball @ Otahuhu College Field

BOT Meeting 4.30pm

Mon 30 Mar: Duffy Assembly 11.30am

Tue 31 Mar: Y7&8 Interzone Girls and Boys Tag

Wed 1 Apr: Reading Together Programme 3.30pm

Thu 2 Apr: Y7&8 Boys and Girls Interzone Swimming;

Mufti Day for Rumaki fundraising

Fri 3 Apr: William Pike Challenge Rock climbing Trip

Mon 6 Apr: Duffy Theatre Y1-Y6 11.30am

Wed 8 Apr: MOSA Swimming @ Moana-nui-a-kiwa;

Last day of term for students

Contact Details:

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



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