



# Sutton Park School Newsletter – 29 Apr. 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.**

## Welcome Back

A special welcome to the start of school under Level 3 of the lockdown. It is a very unusual return to school and a new beginning to the way learning is delivered. We started with the changes approved by the Board of Trustees and these changes are reviewed regularly and I will attempt to communicate these changes when they are made. Special welcome to our staff who have been working hard to provide for our students' learning under Level 4 of the lockdown.

## School for Staff and Students Only

Please be advised that the school is open to staff and students only. I encourage you to drop off your children at a safe distance from the school and allow them to walk to school while keeping their distance from others. The school is out of bounds to parents so do drop off your children and drive away. Make sure the children are inside the school compound **before** 9am, as the gates will be locked from 9am until 2:30pm.

## On-Line Learning

The lockdown has allowed staff to grow our on-line curriculum and it has been pleasing to see our capacity to provide learning on-line grow. I am pleased to see new opportunities provided for our children to learn from home. Staff will continue to put up learning projects and learning tasks for our children when they are not at school. There are learning projects and tasks for all students from Year 1 to Year 8.

Teachers will connect with their students at least once a week. The teacher will also find time to talk with parents about the children's progress this year.

## Learning Devices

Devices were delivered home for our children to use and we will continue to look at ways of providing devices for those of you who did not get one last week. As we did not have a device for every child, the priority went to our Year 5 to Year 8 students. If your family did get a device from school, please take good care of it.

## Monitoring of the Devices

Be advised that the use of these devices can be monitored from school, and teachers do know how the devices are being used. The teacher can disable any of these devices from school if it shows that it is used for other purposes than for their learning. When this happens the school will ask for the return of the device. I ask that you monitor how your child or children use the device provided.

## Learning Packs

These will be provided for Years 1-4 students and for Years 5-8 students who cannot access the internet at home. These are delivered or posted home this week.

Iosua Esera, Principal

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## New Enrolments

Owing to the increase in numbers, and the need to be safe for all our students and staff, the board approved that we will only enrol five years olds for the rest of the year. New enrolments will only be done at Level 2 of the lockdown.

## Learning Bubbles

Children returning to school are learning in bubbles. Students are put in to bubbles in the levels and in locations away from each other. So far there is a total of 4 bubbles: one each for Years 1-2, Years 3-4, Years 5-6 and Years 7-8. Teachers and Support Staff are rostered on to these bubbles throughout the week. If your child is returning she or he will have another teacher in charge for different days.

## Be vigilant

Thanks to those of you who continue to insist on good hygiene practices at home and this is necessary on the return to school. The essential personal protective gear that each student is to wear is a facemask. Children are expected to wash their hands with soap and water regularly, sanitise hard surfaces, keep their distance from others and not to share spit. It's pleasing to see students observing sneezing and coughing to the inside of their elbows.

## Students' Safety

The safest place for your child is your home bubble. If you can be at home and your child can learn from home then keep your child home. The teachers will try and connect with students throughout the week. If your child is at school, please be very insistent on what they have to wear and do to be safe on the way to and from school, and while at school. Thanks for your anticipated support.

## Food and Water

These are to be brought from home. The canteen, breakfast club, and lunchtime club are all closed. Children are to bring a drink bottle and they can be filled at school. The school fountains have been turned off to minimise the likelihood of students sharing any spit.

## Value for the Term: DIVERSITY

Please share with your children what DIVERSITY looks like, sounds like and feels like at your homes. The school will start from looking at individual strengths and what students are good at. If you are able to have conversations at home and affirm what your children are good at, that is an ideal start. Thanks in anticipation of your support.

## Birthdays during lockdown:

Quinella R24, Pelenaise R8, Ilaisaane R7, Moses R9A, Isamu R13B, Jayken R16, Setetaia R9A, Amelia R9A, Lucky R13A, Manase R5, Sione R8, Costner R20, Matea R14, Losaline R6B, Atulami R24, Ngaluafe R8, Talita R6B, Lewis R11A, Saif R20, Eztarahmarie R3, Riana R21, Alex R16, Yosh-Bert R3, Fatafehi R6B, Jeziah R10, Fotofili R13, Jae R24, Quanya R21, Martina R8, Mele R9A, Lafaele R5, Selaima R14, Mele R5, Freedym R10, Reginald R25, Viyana R13, Charles R7, Sione R9A, Kolani R11A, Lennox R13, Valu R11, Nina R10, Angel R9A, Catherine R11A, Esther R14, Ketesemane R17 and Noel R14

**Today:** Kelesita R8, Lilly-Anne R14, Amymatilda R17 and Kenoni R9

**Tomorrow:** Alifeleti R9A and Akosita R7





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