



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 17 June 2020

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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 e mauri, Xin chào.

We Need to be Most Grateful

We had our first full school assembly this week and it was great to have our whanau back together under one roof. Having our school assembly on 'zoom' was slowly running out of appeal, so we were all pleased to get back to normal. We have to be most grateful to be back together without any heart-ache over any loss of life. We need to congratulate each other for our combined effort to keep the deadly impact of Covid19 at bay. The majority of our students are back this week.

A Lot To Catch Up On

Although our children did better than expected under lockdown, the close monitoring of their learning was not done during lockdown. Our children are a step back from where we expect them to be at this time of the year. Teachers are keeping a close eye on their programmes, the needs of our students, and pushing them along. Good attendance is critical for all our students for the rest of the year. Please support your child by making sure she or he is at school daily and on time for the rest of the year.

As we look to 2021 we are mindful of our Year 8 students moving on, and they have much more to achieve to be ready for college. As many of our Year 8 children have catching up to do, insist as much as you can that they are at school daily.

Mid-Year Reports

Please expect your child to bring a written report home on Thursday 2 July. The lockdown has delayed our reports by a week. This will be your child's first written report for the year, and there will be an opportunity early next term to discuss some issues from the report.

A Safe Community

It was very disappointing to hear from our school constable Mr Mo'unga Kaifa that there are secondary school students in our area involved in organised out-of-school fights. It was sad to hear that a student at De la Salle was seriously hurt last week during one of these organised fights. We have a few ex-students currently at De la Salle, and they need to be in a safe environment. Those who were responsible for the stabbing are from another college.

We have students in all the local colleges, so please do speak with your children about being safe out in our community. They have the responsibility and the ability to make our community safe for everyone. Do be vigilant in knowing where your teenage children are at all times.

One of our school goals has been, is and will always be: *To make Sutton Park School a safe school for all.* We talk regularly to our children to make our school and community a safe place. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Iosua Esera, Principal

Samoan Speech Contest

This is our first interschool speech contest for 2020. We are entering contestants in the Year 5 and Year 6 contest to be hosted at our school, and the Year 7 and 8 contests, to be at Henderson Intermediate School. Both contests will be on-line, so only the judges will be at any of these venues. The Years 5 and 6 will be on Wednesday 24 June and the Years 7 and 8 on Thursday 25 June.

Wellbeing Wednesday

The school will close for all staff from 3:15pm every Wednesday until the end of the term. The staff are not to take any work home, but to use this time to be with their children and loved ones.

SKiDS

We offer this service for parents who are at work early or are not able to pick up their children straight after school. There are subsidies to help cover the cost. To enrol or for more info. call Ajneeta 027 627 5001 or 0800 543 922

Traffic Safety

Thank you for your consideration when driving at the front of the school. As we now return to having the same starting and finishing time, we have more pedestrians at the front of the school before 9am and at 3pm. Please continue to be mindful of our children's safety when you drop off or pick up your children. Please do not park on the yellow lines or in front of the gate. Please be advised that you can be fined for any parking infringement.

There is some development on Farmer Street and there is a lot of traffic at the corner of Vine Street and Farmer Street. Do exercise real caution when you drive to and from school. I again ask that you drop off and pick up your children at the dead end of Fleming Street and Sutton Avenue. This will ease the traffic congestion at the front of the school.

Condolences

Our prayers are with Mrs Apitanga Mafi for the loss of a dear brother last week. Some of our staff and board members went to pay our respects last Sunday. Do remember her in your prayers. Our thoughts are also with the Lovo, Takai and Pritchard families with the loss of their father/grandfather recently.

Birthdays this week:

17 June: Mele F R6, Jayne R15
18 June: Bronwin R9 and Chloe R20
19 June: Reuel R11 and Michelle R6B
20 June: L'amor R3
21 June: Tiana R12
22 June: Horowai R25 and Meliel R17
23 June: Sitiveni R6 and Paea R8



Welcome to our new students: Aaron R13B, Suliasi R13A, Kingston R13A and Rhickarn R25



Above: R9 students learning in class with their PPE.

NZ UNIFORMS

(Uniform providers for Y7 & Y8)

We hope your transition back to a new school routine and our move to Alert Level 1 has gone well for you. It is certainly great to have our stores back to their full time trading hours.

Your Store - <https://www.nzuniforms.com/pages/contact-us.htm>

Customer Service - 04 282 1199

or customerservice@nzuniforms.com

Tamara Grover - Ph 027 4661061

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or ceo@nzuniforms.com

Sometimes families may want to buy their child multiple items at once but find their budget doesn't allow for that. We are very proud to offer the Zip method of payment that allows families the opportunity to buy everything they need when they need it, but make payment over 4 interest free payments.



Your families just need to sign up for a Zip account, either before they come in or while they are in store, and we do the rest. If you think your families may benefit from this they can find out more and join via our website -

<https://www.nzuniforms.com/pages/zip-landing.htm>

Uniform Club

We have recently received a number of new enquiries from families wanting to join our Uniform Club. Our Uniform Club allows parents to invest a small amount weekly, fortnightly or monthly into their Uniform Club account and then use that to lighten the load at Back to School time or when they need to.

THE UNIFORM SHOPPE

(Uniforms providers for Y1-Y6)

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Manukau, Auckland 2104
New Zealand

☎ 09-267 6063

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Below: Kenoni R9 with a coronavirus model.



Value for the Term:

DIVERSITY

Please share with your children what DIVERSITY looks like, sounds, 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 regular conversations at home and affirm what your children are good at, that will develop their confidence. The teachers will have conversation in affirming what others in the class are good at.

Goals for the Week

1. I am good at....
2. My friend is good at....



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