



# Sutton Park School Newsletter –14 Oct. 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.**

## Week 1 - Term 4

Welcome back to Term 4 everyone, and I hope that everyone, including the staff, have had a restful break.

Mr Esera will be on leave this term (Term 4), we wish him all the best for the term. I, Mr Lemanu, will be Acting Principal for this term and if there are any concerns please come in and see me.

As you know, we are in Level 1 now and it is safe for your children to attend school. We will ensure that our teachers carry on with our hygiene practices and remind our children about the importance of washing their hands, coughing into their elbow and not sharing drinks. We have attached a letter for you all to read regarding our move down to Alert Level 1. If you visit our School website we have the letter in the different Pasifika languages. Here is the link:

<https://www.suttonpark.school.nz/principal-messages/>

Term 4 is an important term for us all. We have so many things happening this term so refer to our upcoming events as well as our Roadside board for any updates.

It was great to see a lot of students attend our 1st day back for Term 4. Well done and keep it up.

Check out our two stars talking about Covid-19 Level 1.

Well done Chelcie R15 and Talita R6. You can check them out on our Facebook page, or on these links:

<https://youtu.be/J5udUKLF40E>

<https://youtu.be/bN4rY4RTQEO>

## AUT student teachers

Welcome to our student teachers; Mafi and Gharpreet, from AUT, who will be with us for 4 weeks. We hope you will enjoy your experience here at Sutton Park school.

## Assessment weeks

Assessments will take place in Weeks 3 and 4. These are important weeks for your child, where we can evaluate their learning, so please ensure your child is ready for their assessments, by having a good sleep and being at school on time.

## Rehu Tahi Speech Competition

All the best to our Years 5 & 6 and Years 7 & 8 speech finalists who will be representing our school at the Rehu Tahi speech competitions at Mangere East School on Thursday 9.30am-11am. We know that you will represent Sutton Park school well.

## Chrome-books

If your child has not returned their chrome-book to school please ensure that they do so as it is part of their learning in the classroom. Thank you to all those students who have been working from home.

## Thank you

A big 'Thank you' to our school neighbours for looking after our school during the two week holidays.

Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Acting Principal

## Term 4 Dates

### This week and next

Thursday 15 Oct: Y5-Y8 Speech Comp at Mangere East Primary

Friday 16 Oct: Pink Shirt Day – gold coin donation

### Week 2

Monday 19 Oct: Niuean Language Week begins

Y7&8 Girl's Volleyball @ Allan Brewster Centre

Tuesday 20 Oct: MOSA Cross country (save day Thursday 22 Oct)

Wed. 21 Oct: Rumaki whanau hui 4pm

Thursday 22 Oct: Y7&8 Boy's Volleyball @ Allan Brewster Centre

### Week 3 – Assessment week

Monday 26 Oct: Labour Day - **School closed**

Tuesday 27 Oct- BOT meeting 4.30pm

Wed. 28 Oct: Community Forum

Friday 30 Oct: Mufti Day & Road Patrol training 9.30am-12pm

### Week 4 - Assessment week

Tuesday 3 Nov: Camp meeting for Year 6 & 7 parents @ 5pm

Friday 6 Nov: Diwali Day

## Covid19 Support

Warm Pasifika greetings, it has been a very challenging time for us all during Covid-19 and as a school we would like to reach out to you all to let you know we are all in this together. Therefore, if you are needing any support with food, school uniform, WINZ entitlements, please email our Awhina team at:

[awhimaiawhiatu@suttonpark.school.nz](mailto:awhimaiawhiatu@suttonpark.school.nz) or alternatively you can send a text to 021-02625696.

## Tuckshop

The tuckshop is closed until further notice. Please remember to provide your child with lunch, however if it is not possible, there is provision at school for those who need it.

## Talanoa Ako

Congratulations to the Talanoa Ako 2020 parents who completed the 10-week programme. The prizegiving evening was an absolute success.



Dear parents and caregivers,

Thank you for your ongoing support, as we continue to unite against COVID-19.

Our move down to Alert Level 1 this week provides all of us with certainty that it is safe for all children and young people to physically attend school. If your children are returning to classes for the first time in a while, they will be excited to see their friends and teachers, and our teachers will look after them if they are also a little anxious.

Your children's learning, health and wellbeing is important to us and it will be good for them to get back into a more normal routine.

Regularly attending school really matters for your children's future and I am happy to talk about any challenges you have or any feelings of anxiousness in ensuring your child/children are back at school during Term 4.

I assure you we will continue to follow all appropriate health measures at school including maintaining cleaning and disinfecting practices and encouraging good hygiene standards. We will also continue to remind people to stay home if they are unwell and to seek medical advice.

We will endeavour to make the children feel safe and welcomed within our wider school whānau.

Thank you for being part of our school community and giving us the opportunity to teach and look after your children.



Iosua Esera, Principal

## **Birthdays this week and next:**

15 Oct: Melnie R10 and Tilomai R13

16 Oct: William R5

17 Oct: Angela R21 and Marilyn R6

18 Oct: Viliami R8

19 Oct: Sera R13

20 Oct: Tautinoga R7

21 Oct: Isikeli R11A, Mele Lua R11A and Thomas R3

## **Welcome to our new students:**

Josiah R13A, Manisela R13B, Datsun R13B and Chelsea R18



## **Reminders**

If you need to collect your child before 3pm, you will need to go to the office 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 made contact with the school to let us know a reason.

You need to let the school know if your child is away for any reason, and a medical certificate is required if they are absent due to sickness or injury for three days or more.

Please let the office know if you have changed your address or contact details.

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

## **Hearing and Vision Tests**

Unfortunately due to the two Covid-19 lockdowns in Auckland the planned visit to SPS will be rescheduled to 2021. We will ensure that the students who were due to be screened this year will be included in the 2021 visit.

Counties Manukau Public Health service are committed to the health and wellbeing of all our community. If you have any children who have any vision and/or hearing concerns please refer to your school nurse.

Alternatively you can visit your GP; it is free for children under 13 years.

## **Pink Shirt Day - Friday 16 October**

By celebrating Pink Shirt Day and raising money to support the kaupapa, your school/kura will be part of a powerful movement to spread aroha and kindness and end bullying. Every dollar raised will help us to provide free Pink Shirt Day activities, resources, merchandise and workshops to help make our schools safe and inclusive for everyone.



*Speak UP*  
**STAND TOGETHER  
STOP BULLYING**

KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA

JOIN THE MOVEMENT:

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