



# Sutton Park School Newsletter – 17 Feb. 2021

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**Nga mihi, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Kia Orana, Bula,  
Namaste, Taloha ni, Fakalofa lahi atu, Sabiadee, Ola,  
Bonjour, Ni hao, Welcome, Konichi wa, Noa'ia, Xin chào.**

## **Term 1 Week 3 Meet and Greet**

What a wonderful turn out it was. It was great to see many of you at our first community gathering for the year. I hope many of you who were here made the best of the opportunity to network with each other and with your child's teachers. Your child's teacher is your first point of call if you have any matters you wish to discuss concerning your child.

Thanks to those of you who attended, and I am pleased we had this last week before the current level 3 lockdown. For those who were not able to attend, there will be another opportunity later this term for you to meet your child's teacher.

## **Leadership Camp**

This had to be postponed because of the change in lockdown level. We have rebooked for the first week of Term 2. It was pleasing to know that many of our Years 7-8 students were booked to attend, had it gone ahead. However, there were still students who had reasons not to attend.

The Leadership Camp is a very important part of our Years 7-8 curriculum, so I expect every child to attend the camp next term. If you are unable to send your child, please talk with me.

If you have your own valid reasons for your child not to take part in this leadership programme, I invite you to revisit your decision of enrolling your child at Sutton Park School. There are schools in the area with programmes that may suit your Year 7-8 child.

## **Chromebooks**

Parents are to sign the contract for using these. Our students did very well last year in looking after and using them well for their learning. I expect no less from our senior students. The Chromebooks can be used by younger ones at home so long as they are supervised by an older sibling.

We are short of chargers as some families did not return charges from last year. If you have any at home that belong to the school, please return it to your child's teacher, when your child returns to school.

Parents of Year 6 students picked up Chromebooks yesterday. Parents of Atea students are doing so today. It was also very pleasing to see so many parents picking up Learning Packs and Chromebooks today.

I would like to acknowledge the commitment of our teachers in getting these prepared at short notice. There will be others here today to continue to hand out Learning Packs and Chromebooks.

## **Communication**

The staff and I will continue to provide updates that will be on our school website and facebook. Our roadside screen will be updated daily with any new information. There will also be notices in Tongan, Samoan, and reo Maori on community radios.

**Iosua Esera – Principal**

## **LOCKDOWN: Please note what is expected at each level**

### **Level 3 Lockdown**

- Students who are unwell to stay home and get a Covid test. Wait for the results before returning to school.
- Students who can be supervised and cared for to stay home.
- Students attending school to wear a mask.
- Hand washing, coughing and sanitising etiquette to be followed.
- Learning packs and devices will be provided for students to use for learning at home.
- Sutton Park School opens only for staff and students. All outside visits will be by appointment.
- There will be contact tracing protocols when visiting the school.
- The school gates will be locked from 9:00am until after school.

### **Level 2 Lockdown**

The school is open to all students except those who are unwell.

- All students to attend school except those who are unwell or awaiting results of a Covid test.
- Students attending school to wear a mask.
- Hand washing, coughing and sanitising etiquette to be followed.
- On-line learning provisions for students at home.
- Sutton Park School opens only for staff and students. All outside visits will be by appointment.
- Students will be learning in bubbles.
- There will be contact tracing protocols when visiting the school.
- The school gates will be locked from 9:00am until after school.

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### **School Value: Respect**

Please speak with your children at home what this means to you and your family. They are expected to:

- i. Say PLEASE.
- ii. Say THANK YOU.
- iii. Let others go first.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

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### **Condolences**

Our sincere condolences to Mrs Marietta Gomes who lost a beloved sister in Sri Lanka last week. Mrs Gomes has been a committed servant of Sutton Park School for so many years. Please remember her in your prayers while she grieves the loss of her sister.



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