



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 26 May 2021

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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.

Welcome to Term 2 Week 4 Community Celebration

What a celebration that was. It was standing room only with many having to stand outside as the numbers were much more than we anticipated. Thank you so much for your presence. I know that many of you put aside other family and community events to be here. We are looking forward to the community celebration next term. So please pencil in Wednesday 11 August for the next Sutton Park School Community Celebration!

I would like to acknowledge the hard work from Mrs Tuaepepe and Mr Lemanu in putting this together. Of course it would not have been as successful if it were not for the contribution from our staff and students. Our students again made us enormously proud and I am sure many of you were proud too.

Samoan Speech Contest

I was very proud of those who got up and spoke in this contest last week. It is difficult for anyone to speak in front of an audience, so it was pleasing to see many of our students having a go. The top two of the Year 5, 6, 7 and Year 8 students will represent our school in the Auckland speech contests. The Years 5-6 competition will be at Otahuhu Primary on Wednesday 16 June, and the Years 7-8 competition will be at Viscount School. All the speeches will be on-line, so the students will have their speeches pre-recorded in the near future and before the dates for the contests above.

Zero Waste Visits

All our students have been given the opportunity to visit the Auckland Council rubbish management site in Henderson. This is part of the programme to grow our students awareness of the rubbish we generate across Auckland. The aim for students to be acutely aware of the problem this can cause to our environment, and to be mindful how to manage their own rubbish at home, at school and in the community. Please ask them what they have learnt and how to best manage your rubbish at home and we will do the same at school.

Pacific Youth Fono

We are hosting this tonight to get Pacific Youths' voice into the Aotearoa New Zealand history. This will be part of learning in every school in the country starting next year. Year 7 and 8 students and their parents are encouraged to attend. The fono starts at 5:30pm and finishes at 7:30pm and it will be in our school hall.

Mid Term Break

The school closes from Friday 4 June until Tuesday 8 June. The school will open as usual on Wednesday 9 June. Enjoy the mid-term break with you children.

Mr Iosua Esera, Principal

Dates for Term 2

This week:

Tonight : Pacific Youth Fono 5.30pm in hall
Thurs. 27 May : Year 5-8 Samoan speech competition
: Zero Waste Trip for Rooms 18, 14 and 4

Friday 28 May : Positive Puberty talk Year 7/8 boys and girls

Next week: Samoan Language Week

Tues. 1 June: Y5&6 Rugby League at Norana Park
Y7&8 Boy's Soccer at Barry Curtis Park
Thurs. 3 June: Final assembly for Samoan Language Week

Friday 4 June: Mid term Break Starts- **school closed**

Week 6: Begins Wednesday 9 June

Wed. 9 June: Pedal Power Bike Programme (Atea)
Thur. 10 June: Pedal Power Bike Programme (Atea)
Friday 11 June: Pedal Power Bike Programme (Atea)
APPA Choir Rehearsal 9.15am-12.30pm

Tech21 Summit

Ten of our students joined many of their peers in the opening of Tech week on Monday. The event was at the Vodafone Events Centre in Manukau.

Nina R10, left, and Nive R15, right, with Alexia Hilbertidou at the Tech21 Summit on Monday. Alexia Hilbertidou is the founder of GirlBoss New Zealand.



(To find out more check: <https://www.girlboss.nz/>)

Tongan Parents' and Teachers' Meeting

There was a tremendous turnout of parents and teachers for this meeting on Monday night. It is pleasing to see the interest there is to maintain the Tongan language among our students and I would like to commend many of you for your on-going support. I would also like to acknowledge the commitment from our staff.

There is a lot of work in the background to provide support for teachers and parents on bilingual education. Mrs Sulieta Pau'uvala is being employed to provide support and liaison between Akoteu and primary schools. Thanks to Mrs Pau'uvala, Mr and Mrs McCaffery and their part in the meeting as well as support for Tongan bilingual units.

Samoan Language Week –children to wear traditional Samoan costumes during the week if they can.

Our students are looking forward to celebrating Samoan Language Week starting next Monday. It will be a week of fun activities throughout. If you are able to join in any of the activities planned, please do so. The programme is:
Monday: School Assembly, Masina Va'aia song practice in hall
Tuesday: Arts and Crafts

Wednesday: Games and rehearsals for Thursday
Thursday: Whole school celebration in Hall 9.20am

Please be advised that our school launch on Monday will be streamed live. If you do not wish your child to be on any of this on Monday, do let your child's teacher know this week.

Attempted Abduction

A stranger attempted to abduct one of our young boys at the front of the school on Monday after school. Investigations are still continuing to identify the man responsible. The person was in his thirties and the language he spoke suggests he is Samoan. He was driving a white Corolla station wagon.

Do make sure your children are regularly reminded not to accept any rides or offers from strangers. I would like to acknowledge the role Mr Woods and some of our senior students played. This could have been a devastating outcome if it was not for their vigilance.

Traffic Safety

Thanks to many of you now using Fleming Street and Sutton Avenue to drop off and pick up your children. This greatly reduces the traffic congestion at the front of the school, both before and after school. Every little gesture counts towards keeping our students safe.

Images from the Zero Waste Trips



The Sutton Park School Y&6 Netball teams which competed last week at the David Lange Netball Courts in Mangere.



Pink Shirt Day

Well done, we raised \$439.10. This money will be given to Starship Hospital to support their work.



Far left: Daniella R11, and left, Yamina R18 and Monei R21, supporting the Pink Shirt Day Appeal.

Birthdays this last week and next:

26 May: Amitola R6
27 May: Kato R7
28 May: Ameliah R14
29 May: Penani R16, Noela R16 and Olivia R9
30 May: Benjamin R6
31 May: Moroni: R11, William R6B, Jonathan R18 and Alosi R20
01 June: Miyah R13A



School Value

The school value for the whole term is IDENTITY. Please support your children at home in knowing who they are.

Children are to write 10 statements starting with 'I am...' about themselves. Please help and affirm your child with her / his statements. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

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.

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

Mobile phones: if your child brings a mobile phone to school it must be taken to the office during school hours for safekeeping and collected again at home time.

Found Ring

An engagement ring was found in the school grounds on Friday afternoon. If you think it is yours, please contact the school office.

Awhina Group

This group continues with the main purpose of supporting our students and families with the resources at our disposal. Please email this group when you need any support. The email address is: awhimaiawhiatu@suttonpark.school.nz



Skids Sutton Park

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Welcome to **Skids Sutton Park**, located on the school grounds in Room 13. We offer affordable out of school care to primary school children.

We offer cooking, technology, active sports, art and craft, music and drama in a safe environment. And many more fun activities-built around themes each week.

We cater Before school care, After school care and holiday Programme. Our environment is vibrant and fun, where safety is our number 1 priority.

WE CARE WHEN YOU CAN'T BE THERE!!

Parent that are working partime or fulltime/studying or receiving Child Disability Allowance and sickness benefit can qualify for WINZ subsidies (conditions apply).

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