



# Sutton Park School Newsletter – 5 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 1

We had a powhiri on Monday to welcome Ms Vaoga, who is teaching in Masina Va'aia on a fixed term position until the end of the year. We also welcomed our new support staff: Ms Ah Chong, Ms Taufahema, Ms Fatai, Mrs Suka, Ms Fa'afou and Mrs Williams. I am very pleased to have these new members of staff starting at Sutton Park School.

We also welcomed three student teachers who will be here for a month: Ms Julie Lesoa, Ms Xion Tagavaitau, Ms Porsha Sagote and Ms Tanesa Siave. Porsha and Tanesa are with our Years 7 and 8 at camp. Ms Lesoa is with Mr Khan in R21, and Ms Tagavaitau is with Mrs Ronald in R13B. I am pleased to have student teachers at school again as they bring new perspectives and youthfulness.

New students and their families were also welcomed at the powhiri. I was proud to see our Year 6 students step up to take the lead at the powhiri, as the seniors are at camp. I would like to congratulate Ohana and Miah Donna who did the karanga, Fakaanga (*photo at bottom of page*), Melevesi, Tana and Angela for their courage and speeches. Well done to you all as you made us feel so proud.

Welcome to our staff and students, and a special welcome for Mrs Ne'emias who has been on sick leave for three terms. We have much to be grateful for that we are all safely back together again.

## Leadership Camp (*photos on next page*)

It was pleasing to see our Year 7 and Year 8 students turned up excited about going to their leadership camp. It is an opportunity to:

- i. Show their self-management skills
- ii. Live our school values and core culture for the week
- iii. Be with others and get to know each other better
- iv. Make independent decisions

It is an important part of learning at Sutton Park and I would like to congratulate those of you who have supported your children to attend.

Parents are most welcome to join them for **supper tonight**, 7pm Wednesday, at camp. Please inform Mrs Lakokiperitania if you are attending. It will be a good night out especially if it is a fine evening.

There will be a camp report at our community meeting on Wednesday 19 May, starting 6pm.

Mr Iosua Esera, Principal



## Dates for Term 2

### This week:

Thurs. 6 May: Masina Va'aia parents' meeting in R17 - 4.30pm  
Friday 7 May: Y7 & 8 Students return from camp

### Next week: Rotuman Language Week

Tues. 11 May: Zero Waste Trip for Rooms 18, 14 and 4  
Wed. 12 May: Zero Waste Trip for Rooms 9a and 7  
Thur. 13 May: Zero Waste Trip for Rooms 13A, 13B, 5 and 3 (Y1-4 students)  
Friday 14 May: Zero Waste Trip for Rooms 8, 11 and 11A

### Week 3:

Tues. 18 May: Zero Waste Trip for Rooms 6, 6B and half of 25  
: MOSA Netball (Y5&6) @ David Lange Park  
Wed. 19 May: Zero Waste Trip for Rooms 17, 20 and 24  
: Positive Puberty talk Year 5/6 boys & girls  
: Freshwater Ed. programme Rms 11A/9/8  
: Sia Ua Tongan parents meeting @ 4:30pm  
: Community Talanoa Evening 6pm  
Thurs. 20 May: Zero Waste Trip for Rooms 21, 12 and half R25  
: Samoan speech competition for Masina Va'aia  
9:30 - 3:00pm  
: Freshwater Ed. programme Rms 11A/9/8  
: Positive Puberty talk Year 7/8 boys and girls  
: Rumaki hui with whanau @ 4:30pm  
Friday 21 May: Pink Shirt Day – wear pink and bring a gold coin  
Donation  
: Zero Waste Trip for Rooms 13, 16 and half R15

## Property Work

Our administration block is having a face-lift. The office staff and senior management are in different locations at the school. It is a short-term inconvenience for a better reception area for our parents and community. The temporary office is within the Sia Ua Block (left of the car park), the Office Manager's den is beside Mr Woods' office and senior management (Mr Esera, Mr Lemanu and Mrs Tuaoepepe) are in the old Room 11.

## School Attendance

Our students' attendance will continue to be monitored and we will acknowledge those with the best attendance at our community celebration on Wednesday 19 May. Good attendance is critical to learning and I would like to acknowledge the students and parents who consistently come to school throughout the year.

## Communication Channels

Please use email or text. There will also be regular updates on our roadside screen. Apologies to those who have rung and received no replies as our phone system was down on Monday. The telecommunication technician has been and we now have a working phone in the temporary office. Thank you for your patience.

## Community Celebration

Come and join our students celebrating some of their achievements and talents. This will be on Wednesday 19 May starting at 6:00pm in our school hall. If you are able to come pleased do, for you will not be disappointed.

## New SWiS

We have a new Social Worker appointed at our school. Rebecca Wang will be here on Mondays, Tuesdays and sometimes on Wednesdays.

## McAuley High School

We have some prospectuses for McAuley High School, a Catholic School for Girls. Please collect one from the office if you are interested.

### Photos from the Leadership Camp at Chosen Valley



## Birthdays this last week and next:

- 1 May: Sanipepa R4
- 2 May: Ferila R15
- 3 May: Teio R25
- 4 May: Litia R9A
- 6 May: Atelaite R7, Jane R7, Brandon R9A, Fagamanu R21 and Jasleen R11
- 10 May: Etisoni R8 and Sophie-Maree R6
- 11 May: Ethan R17



## School Value

The school value for the whole term is IDENTITY. Please support your children at home in knowing who they are. At the start of the term, our students are to know how to complete and say these statements:

- i. I am *(the student's full name)*.
- ii. I am *(Maori, Tongan, Samoan, Niuean, a Cook Islander, Fijian, Indian, Tongan-Maori, etc...)*
- iii. I am proud of who I am.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

## 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](mailto:awhimaiawhiatu@suttonpark.school.nz)

## 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.

## Payments

Please hold any payments owing to the school until we are back in the administration block.

## Youth Voices

An opportunity for our past students to have their voices heard. There is youth zoom sponsored by the government to hear their voices.

**When:** tonight at 6:00pm

**Where:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZwtduyurzMvGtbzziN5fwf4w7FHKyMXoZ3>

## Traffic Safety

Our children are too precious to be maimed or killed on the road. PLEASE be mindful of...

- i. your speed when driving in front of the school
- ii. where you drop off and pick up your children
- iii. not parking on yellow lines



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