



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 11 May 2022

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Nga mihi, malo e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, bula, namaste, talofa ni, Fakalofa lahi atu, sabiadee, ola, bonjour, ni hao, welcome, konichi wa.

Welcome to Term 2, Week 1
Concept: We Learn to Serve
Values: Perseverance and Excellence



Noa'ia e Mauri

It has been a wonderful week with the celebration of Rotuman Language week. As always, the opportunity to learn some words, phrases and aspects of Rotuman culture, is appreciated. I would like to thank and acknowledge the leadership of Mrs Lakokiperitania and Mr Katafono. We are especially proud of the leadership from some of our students. The finale is on Friday and I am sure our students are looking forward to it.

Attendance

We are as prepared as we can be to have our students back at school. Please let your child's teacher know, or the Team Leader for the age level your child is, or one of the Deputy Principals, if you need any support in getting your child to school. You are most welcome to speak with me if you think it appropriate. You are also most welcome to speak with Mrs Tuaoepe if any other support is needed for you and your family. Please regard your child's school attendance as a priority.

Learning Never Stops

It is good for our students to know that learning is for life and teachers need to continue to learn to be better at what they do. Today has been a busy day of learning for staff:

1. Mrs Taufalele, with two teachers from Sia Ua and Mrs Ne'emia, with two teachers from Masina Va'aia, joined many teachers from bilingual units of other schools to learn more on how to best make students truly bilingual. This project is for the whole year and continues in to next year.
2. Mrs Tuaoepe and Whaea Molly were with many teachers from other schools in Mangere, to learn more about the local history from a Maori perspective. This was at Makaurau Marae.
3. I am in Hokianga for three days with principals from Auckland, Wellington and the South Island for professional conversations on school leadership best suited for Pacific Island students. This included a visit to Te Tiriti o Waitangi grounds. A real privilege to learn more about Te Tiriti o Waitangi and how to best honour it in education.

Masina Va'aia Parents' Meeting

It was great to see so many parents at this meeting and the conversation was very productive. It was a good opportunity to revisit our bilingual programme, sharing options we can collectively put in to place. The teachers and students will continue to look at changes that can be made and a draft proposal will be discussed further in the first meeting of parents in Term 3. Any changes, or new plans of preferred practices will be discussed and approved at this meeting. Many thanks to all those parents who were at the meeting. Fa'afetai le saili malō.

Please note these dates on your family calendar:

Term 2: Monday 2 May - Wednesday 6 July

This Week-2:

Friday 13 May: Finale of Rotuman Language Week

Week 3:

Mon. 16 May: Y8 Gardasil9 Dose 1 & Boostrix Y7

Tues. 17 May: MOSA netball @ David Lange Park

Wed. 18 May: Samoan Talanoa Ako dinner/graduation 4.30pm hall

Thurs. 19 May: SPS Samoan Speech competitions

Friday 20 May: Pink Shirt Day (gold coin donation)

Prevention and Protection is Best

Our students are expected to wear masks inside, and masks are provided. I continue to ask that you inform the school office if any of your family tests positive for Covid 19, and follow Ministry of Health Guidelines. Again, the Board of Trustees and I encourage you to consider full vaccination for your children. As another variant is heading our way and while omicron and delta are still with us, we cannot take risks with our children's lives. Our revised guidelines will be uploaded on to our school website when the Board of Trustee ratifies the changes. The status quo remains until then.

Science Roadshow at Sutton Park School

We had the Science Roadshow in this week for our Year 5-8 students and they enjoyed working through the different science activities/tasks on the day. We may have some scientists from our school in the near future! Thank you to our year 7 and 8 'Explainers' who did an excellent job.

Below and right: scenes from the



Science Roadshow yesterday.

Traffic Safety

Thanks so much to many of you for your consideration. Your considered approach allows for safe management of students to cross the pedestrian crossing safely. Our students' lives are precious and your part in keeping them safe is critical.

Fakaauae lahi, kia orana, fakafetai, vinaka vaka levu, ka rawe, malō, fa'afetai tele lava, falamalō lahi, and thanks for your anticipated support at home.

Iosua Esera - Principal



Mangere East Library during Term 2

- **On Saturday mornings** we are starting up our very own FREE Brunch club for kids. Children are welcome to come along for Brunch and some craft activities. Each week we will be making some scrumptious food for the children to enjoy. The Kids Brunch club will be starting at 10.30 am every Saturday morning.
- **Thursday 19 May** we will be holding an Open Mic Night from 5pm until 7pm. This is a FREE event and we are looking for teenagers 13 years and upward, who might be keen to perform an item on the night. If your students have older siblings who will be keen to join in, they can register by contacting Mangere East Library. There are great prizes to be won. We also welcome people to come along for the evening, sit and relax and enjoy all the local talent.
- **Wednesday afternoons** from 3.30 to 4pm we run a FREE Ukulele class for beginners. Children are welcome to come along and learn to play the ukulele. They can bring their own ukulele or use one of ours. We have a limited number of ukuleles so first in first served.
- **Tuesday mornings** our regular Wriggle and Rhyme sessions, active movement to music, continue throughout the term. Starting at 11 am each week, this session is aimed at babies from birth to two years.
- **Friday mornings is Wiggle Jiggle**, another music session for preschool children fun and movement to music.
- **Monday morning** from 10am until 12.30 we have a JP available to sign documents etc.

These are just a few of the activities running in Mangere East Library this term. For more info check out the website:

www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz



Mangere East Library
SATURDAY KIDS' BRUNCH CLUB
10.30AM
JOIN US!
FREE YUMMY FOOD | PLAY GAMES | MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Broken Chromebooks

If you have received a letter about a broken Chromebook payments can be made in cash, by EFTPoS, or via internet banking. Please ask at the office for our account details.

Values for the Term: *Perseverance and Excellence*

Our students are asked to:

- find a way to solve a problem and never give up
- be at her/his excellent best, always.

Parents, please have a conversation at home with your children about Perseverance and Excellence, what these qualities may look like in the home, school and community environments.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Awhina Group

The Awhina Group, is still in operation to help support our students and families when in need. Please make contact if you need any assistance: awhimaiawhiatu@suttonpark.school.nz

Birthdays for this week and next:

Today: Ethan R16

Tomorrow: Harlan R11 & Ethan R25

Saturday: Samantha R11A, Eltiyan R16 and LJ R15



Welcome to our new students:

We hope your learning journey at SPS leads to great things!
Tony R11A and Frank R13A

William Pike Challenge Payments

If your child is involved in the William Pike Challenge this year, please contact the office to arrange payment. EFTPoS, online, or part-payment plans all available.

Leadership Camp Payments

If your Y7 or Y8 child went to camp earlier in the year, and you have not already paid the fee, please do so. Contact the office for info. regarding online payments, or to arrange part payments. EFTPoS is also available in the office.

Participants wanted!!
Have your say on throat & skin swabs



Want to know what happens when your throat or skin is swabbed? we want your thoughts and opinions on how throat swabs are treated

You may qualify if you

- Self identify as Māori, Cook Island Māori, Tongan or Samoan
- Are aged 16 and Over
- live in the Auckland region

Your participation will involve

- Attending a 1 hour workshop on zoom
- Answering questions and participating in conversations about the handling of throat & skin swab samples

Benefits for participating

- Your answers will help inform new guidelines in labs working with human material
- \$40 Supermarket Voucher



If you are interested and want further information please contact our Research Assistant Tira Phillipson-Puna

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