



# Sutton Park School Newsletter – 18 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 3**      **Concept: We Learn to Serve**  
**Values: Perseverance and Excellence**

## Fai'akse'ea

Many thanks to Mrs Lakokiperitania and Mr Katafono for their leadership and organisation. In New Zealand, Rotuman is the language with the least number of speakers, so we are privileged to have two Rotuman speakers in our midst, giving us an opportunity to celebrate it. I would also like to acknowledge the support from our staff and students during Rotuman language Week. Fai'akse'ea.

## Attendance

Thank you to the majority of families for your efforts in getting our children back to school. I am pleased to report a higher-than-expected return of our students. We have averaged around 96% since the start of the term. If there is any way that the school and I can help you to get your child to school, do let me know. Our Awhina Group is also there to assist if you prefer to speak to Mrs Tuaepepe. Keep up the good work.

## Graduation Ceremony

There is a graduation ceremony tonight to celebrate the efforts of the many parents of Masina Va'aia who attended Talanoa Ako: learning about the value of bilingual education, language maintenance and acquisition, the New Zealand Curriculum, how New Zealand schools work, and how to best advocate for their children's learning.

In any endeavour, knowing the lie of the land and some basic rules is critical. I am looking forward to celebrating these successes that can transform to learning success for their students.

Tatou 'ae'ae sia manu ua ūlu, ma patiapatia lo outou ōloōloia  
ona o le naunau ia ola manuia fanau.

## Prevention and Protection is Best

Thanks again for your efforts to prevent the entry of covid19, delta or omicron into our school. Thanks for letting us know, and keeping your child home if they are unwell. There is still support for our community to continue to be vaccinated. I urge you to make the best of the opportunity to vaccinate your children. There is a vaccination drive at Mangere Town Centre this Saturday. Please give that some serious thought.

## Traffic Safety

Thank you again and again for your consideration. Your considered approach allows for safe management of students to cross the pedestrian crossing. Our students' lives are precious and your part in keeping them safe is critical. Thanks, also, to the wonderful commitment from our Travelwise Student Leaders.

Fakaaue 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**

**Term 2: Monday 2 May - Wednesday 6 July**

## This Week-3:

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)

## Week 4:

Tues. 24 May: Y7&8 Girls' Soccer @ Barry Curtis Park

BoT Meeting @ 4.30pm

Thurs. 26 May: Sia Ua Parents' meeting

Friday 27 May: Superhero Assembly 9.15am with Nanogirl

## A few days up north

I had the privilege of joining other principals from around the country at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, Hokianga and Kohukohu last week. The opportunity to learn more about that area, its history and Te Tiriti o Waitangi was a privilege. History is mixed with sadness and hopefulness but it's a great position to be in when we wish to go forward together. The opportunity to ensure our children will go forward proud of who they are, able to speak their heritage language as well as other languages, is a great position to prepare our children for. Their heritage language will define them in the future.

It was sad to hear of the Pacific and Maori principals' grievances, because they could not speak their heritage languages. This was, for almost all Pacific principals at the hui, the choice their parents' thought was best for them. The opportunity to retain Maori was not an option for many principals with Maori ancestry at the hui. The reo was not part of many Maori families and communities. Sutton Park School aims to change that for all our students.

## Samoan Speeches

A big thank you to the parents who have helped prepare their children to take part in these speaking opportunities. Speaking publicly is very much a part of being Samoan and the opportunity to prepare our children to do that, is welcome. The children will naturally be nervous. Good preparation and tons of encouragement go a long way to a good outcome. The Year 5 to Year 8 will be having their speeches delivered tomorrow morning. Parents are most welcome to attend.

The top two in each year group will be entered to compete in the interschool Samoan speech contests in June. The Years 5-6 interschool speech contest will be at Otahuhu Primary on Thursday 16 June. Our school will host the Years 7-8 speech contest on Friday 17 June. The top five from these contests will compete in the national contest. The national speech final will be in Christchurch on Thursday 4 August.

Good luck to all our children taking part. Ia fa'againa le fanau e matua ma faiaoga moe ālaāla, ma le mana o le Atua fetalai.

## Borders Opening Up

It is great to see some of our staff excited about the borders opening up and the likelihood of seeing loved-ones they have not seen for two to three years. Travel to Tonga, Samoa, Rarotonga, Fiji and Niue is probable before Christmas. To be fully vaccinated and be securely protected against any form of the virus is critical. I hope our children will be able to reconnect with their relatives they have not seen for some time.

## 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](http://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz)



**MĀNGERE EAST LIBRARY**  
**Ukulele Kids Club**  
**FOR BEGINNERS!**  
**Ages: 7-12 years old**  
**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
**STARTING**  
**20 APRIL | 3.30 PM**  
**REGISTER NOW**  
@ Mangere East Library  
Places are limited >>>  
\*Ukulele and light snacks provided\*

## MOSA Netball (Y5 & Y6)

Yesterday, three teams represented our school at the David Lange Netball Courts, in Mangere.

The results were: Y5 Girls -8<sup>th</sup>, Y6 Girls- 7<sup>th</sup> and Boys- 6<sup>th</sup>  
Really awesome results, especially with 44 teams that entered the tournament.



Above: left to right are Char Jane R21, Annabel R13 and Rickyanne R13, with Monei R12, standing.

## Values for the Term: *Perseverance and Excellence*

Our students are asked to:

- be respectful of others,
- be at her/his excellent best, *always*
- never give up.

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

## Birthdays for this week and next:

Today: Michael R13

Tomorrow: Aukuso R21, Kalolaine R6B  
and Cole R20

Friday: Aisea R24 and Aishani R25

Saturday: Penisimani R9, Lianna R12  
and David R1

Sunday: Mohammed R24 and Rhickarn R12

Monday: Folau R6 and Rose R12

**Welcome to our new student:** Lavinia R13A

We hope your learning journey at SPS leads to great things!



## William Pike Challenge & Leadership Camp Payments

If your child is involved in the William Pike Challenge this year, or went to camp earlier in the year, and you have not already paid the fees, please contact the office to arrange payment. EFTPoS, online, or part-payment plans all available.

## Chromebook Payments

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.



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