



# Sutton Park School Newsletter – 22 June 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 8**      **Concept: *We Learn to Serve***  
**Values: *Perseverance and Excellence***

### Matariki Day

Nga mihi mo te tau hou o Aotearoa. It is Aotearoa's new year and our students are celebrating it with the focus on looking ahead and to dream. Children are asked to dream big for themselves, write their dreams on paper, pin or stick their dreams on to their kites and fly their kites, this Thursday. I ask that you have conversation with your children and ask them of their dreams for themselves. Do support them in framing their dreams, and encourage them to dream big for themselves and what they hope to be in the next ten, twenty or thirty years.

Those of you with stories around Mata Ariki, Mata Ali'i or Mata Alike, do share them with your children. It is often associated with planting yams, or in association with some fish stock becoming more plentiful, or marine life flourishing in the Pacific. Make use of the opportunity to share those stories.

Many classes are putting kites together this week and any support in putting your child's kite together is appreciated. Many classes had Matariki celebrations today and all the kites will be flown tomorrow. You are most welcome to be a part of any project planned this week.

### Matariki Holiday

The school closes this Friday for Matariki Day and will re-open on Monday 27 June as usual. I hope many of you will have some quality time with your children on this day and the weekend as well.



### Interschool Sports

Our students continue to make me and the staff feel very proud from their efforts. Most important of all has been their attitude and behaviour exhibited on the day. The feedback on our students' efforts in the Years 7-8 boys' rugby and the Years 5-6 hockey was most pleasing. I would like to acknowledge all those students who participated and our staff who prepared our students. The Y5&6 Girls' Hockey placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and the boys placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Right: the girls' Y5 & 6 hockey team.



**Iosua Esera - Principal**

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

### This Week-8

Friday 24 June: Matariki Public Holiday – school closed

### Next Week-9:

Tues. 28 June: Community Clean-Up

Thur. 30 June: William Pike Rock Climbing Trip

### Week 10:

Tues. 5 July: Y7&8 Girls' Hockey

School reports to go home

Wed. 6 July: Last day of term for students

### Kids Can

I would like to acknowledge the ongoing support from Kids Can for supplying the weather proof jackets and shoes for our students to wear. We are managing these resources the best we can. Many of our students have been given either a weather proof jacket or a pair of shoes and we ask that if your child has been offered any of these, that they are well looked after. Kids Can also supports us with the breakfast that we provide for our students Tuesday-Friday mornings. Kids Can are doing their fundraising at the moment and the financial support from their donors allows Kids Can to support schools.

If you are able to support them in any way, do visit their website: [15for15.org.nz](http://15for15.org.nz) Thanks, in anticipation if you can.

### Get on Board

We are putting plans together for the election of the Board of Trustees. Sutton Park School is blessed to have had a steady and an effective board for the last eight years. There will be regular information in our newsletter, website and on the roadside screen. The Board makes decisions and policies to meet the needs of our students and community. Their role in keeping our students' learning and safety a priority is critical. The important events leading to the election will be on our newsletter, website and roadside screen. Do think seriously about 'getting on board.'

### Traffic Safety

Thanks for your consideration when driving at the front of the school. With the winter months, it is tempting to park on the yellow lines or double park awaiting your child. Thanks for being safety conscious for our children.

### Interschool Fagasa Samoan Speech Contest

Congratulations to those who represented our school in the first Samoan speech contest for the year. We entered two speakers in all the year levels of the competition and there were speakers from across the wider Auckland region – forty-one in total.

**Results:** Y5 Jesmaine 4<sup>th</sup>; Y6 Opetai 2<sup>nd</sup>;  
Y7 Charisa 1<sup>st</sup>; Y8 Evalda 1<sup>st</sup> and Melody 4<sup>th</sup>

### Dental Van

We have the dental van here until the last day of term (July 6) to check our children's teeth. I would like as many children as possible to have their teeth checked. Do make sure your child/children is/are at school. The dental nurses will be busy as we only have a few weeks. Our children need a lot of information and support to maintain good oral health and sparkling teeth.



## Norovirus

### Prevention

Careful handwashing and surface cleaning is important to stop the spread of the virus:

- Remember
- the importance of good hand hygiene.
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- Make sure bathroom facilities are
- properly equipped with soap and
- paper towels, or clean, dry, hand
- towels.
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- Make sure the right cleaning products
- are used in the right way. For
- example, **alcohol-based hand**
- **sanitising gel does not completely**
- **inactivate norovirus.** The faeces and vomit of people with norovirus are infectious.



### Treatment:

- There is no specific treatment or vaccination for
- norovirus. It is not treated with antibiotics because
- it is caused by a virus, not bacteria.
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- Dehydration is the main cause of serious illness
- from norovirus, so it's important to drink extra fluid
- and rest to aid recovery. Children and older adults
- are especially at risk from dehydration.



## 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: [awhimaiahiaatu@suttonpark.school.nz](mailto:awhimaiahiaatu@suttonpark.school.nz)

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

Goals for week. Our students are asked to practise:

- I will listen to others.
- I will be able to paraphrase what the speaker said.
- I will know how the speaker feels.

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.

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

## Birthdays for this week and next:

Today: Meliel R21 and Guadalupe R17

Tomorrow: Sitiveni R9A

Friday: Mateni R15, Dayton R1 and Tamanea R13A

Saturday: Athena R24 and Paulo R16

Sunday: Aryyell R10, Longolongo R6, Omeka R17 and Liurina R16

Monday: Deylaud R15

## Welcome to our new students:

Krishav R13A and Ezekiel R18

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.

## Broken Chromebooks

Please ensure your child looks after their chromebook! We have had many damaged and it is costly to have them repaired. If you have received a letter asking for payment to cover the cost of a damaged chromebook, payments can be made by cash or EFTPoS in the office, or via online banking.

## Breakfast Club



This happens Tuesday-Friday mornings 8.15am - 8.45am, in the tech block. Start the day with a healthy breakfast of weet-bix, toast, milo and fruit.

## Rapid Antigen Tests

Please use these to test your children suspected of having covid. If you need any and you know how to administer these tests, please contact the school office. Students, staff and parents tested positive are to self-isolate at home for seven days. As winter related ailments increase, so is the likelihood of covid. Let us protect ourselves to protect others in our families and school.

## Child Care

If you have to work early or/and late into the afternoon, please make good use of our before and after school care provision. This is provided by SKiDs at reasonable cost. You may be eligible for financial support. The school cannot guarantee your child's safety if she/he is dropped off before 8am and picked up after 3:30pm. To register or make inquiries please contact Ajneeta: 027 627 5001



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