



# Sutton Park School Newsletter – 17 Aug. 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 3, Week 4**

**Concept: *We Learn, We Value, We Appreciate***

**Values: Diversity & Respect**

## **Outdoor Learning Experiences**

### **i. Swimming**

Our students continue to enjoy the opportunity to learn how to swim. Thanks to parents for their support in making sure the students come to school with their togs and a towel. Naming your child's clothes and uniform will help keep any items from being misplaced. Many thanks to Mr Katafono for organising this and the staff for their co-operation.

### **ii. Interschool Sports**

Our students continue to make us proud with their collective attitude and effort when taking part in these interschool sports. I was most proud of the feedback on our Years 7-8 netball girls last week.

### **iii. All Black Experience**

I am pleased that our Years 7-8 will have this opportunity on Friday. As communicated to our teachers, I would like every attempt made for all our students to have this opportunity. I thank you parents for your anticipated support. It's an opportunity to frame and chase dreams.

### **iv. Snow Trip**

It is wonderful to restart this William Pike Challenge trip after a three year lapse because of Covid19. It is a privilege for some of our Y7 students to be a part of this programme. Again I would encourage every student in the William Pike group to experience this adventure. This trip is scheduled for the week starting Monday 29 August.

### **v. Official Launch of Tongan Language Week**

I accepted the invitation for our Years 7-8 Sia Ua students to attend the official launch of Tongan Language Week on Sunday 4 September. This will be at Otahuhu College starting at 4:00pm. Our students will have a special part in the launch and are preparing for it. This is the first for Tongan Language Week and it is a privilege to be invited.

## **Community Meeting**

Many thanks to those of you who were part of our community hui on-line. It was another opportunity to have a conversation on things that are critical to our students achieving success at school.

**Iosua Esera – Principal**



## **Term 3- Week 4**

Mon. 15 Aug: Community Swimming for Moana and Y7

Tues. 16 Aug: Community Swimming for Aorangi

Thurs. 18 Aug: Leaders in Training Session in hall 9.30-11am

Friday 19 Aug: All Black Experience trip for Atea Syndicate

## **Week 5**

Mon. 22 Aug: Community Swimming for Moana and Y7

Tues. 23 Aug: Community Swimming for Aorangi

: BoT meeting 4.30pm

Wed. 24 Aug: Aorangi English Speech Competition

: MOSA Y5&6 Rippa Rugby

: Talanoa Ako parents' meeting Samoan/Tongan

Thurs. 25 Aug: Leaders in Training Session in hall 9.30-11am

: Y7&8 League

: Y5-8 in school Tongan speech competition

Friday 26 Aug: Atea Speech finals in the hall

: Wear Yellow for 'Daffodil Day'- Gold coin donation

## **Launch of Samoan and Tongan Language Hubs**

We are hosting many school principals and teachers at school this evening to launch the on-line Samoan and Tongan resources for learning. There are also Ministry officials, and friends of Sutton Park School in Dr Melenaite Taumoefolau, and Tofilau Siliva Gaugatao of Auckland University attending this ceremony. The launch starts at 5pm with a devotional service co-conducted by Reverend Victor Pouesi and Taniela Fangai'uiha.

I would like to acknowledge the leadership of Mrs Taufalele, Ms Paea and Mrs Mo'ungatonga who put together the resources for Lea Fakatonga, and Mrs Sapi Ne'emias and Mr Vaitimu Togi Lemanu of Sutton Park, Mrs Malō Sepuloni of Mangere East and Ms Semeatu Iosefa of Robertson Road, who put together the resources for Gagana Samoa. Malō le galue.

## **New Classes**

We have to establish two new classes because of the increase in the number of new entrants. There is a new class in Masina Va'aia; the Samoan Bilingual and another in the English medium. Parents of those selected for the new classes have been informed, and the new classes start next week. Ms Jia will be the teacher in the English medium class, R13B, while Mrs Tuaepepe and Ms Silva will team teach in the new class in Masina Va'aia.

## **Class Affirmation**

The school started its class affirmation programme last week. The staff reported the students appreciated being affirmed. The classes drawn for this week are: R1, R20, R16 and R11A. Last week's winners were: R13A, R6, R9A and R11

*Right: R11 enjoying their prize in the hall last week.*



## Birthdays for this week and next...

Today: Chace R12  
 Tomorrow: George R8  
 Friday: Otutoa R9  
 Saturday: Terai R13 and Nivania R16  
 Sunday: Sione M R8, Amanaki R25 and Selena R15  
 Monday: Vance R13A  
 Tuesday: Hausia R11A, Elizabeth R6 and Pita R8



## Welcome to these new students...

Sinai R4 and Tapea R21  
 We hope your learning journey at SPS leads to great things!

## Covid Cases

The number of cases nationally continues to climb, the number of those in Intensive Care increases and we continue to receive alerts from the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Pacific People about the need to be cautious. Our school continues to wear masks, keep social distances and take precautions to avoid any spike. If you have a case at home.....

- i. self-isolate for seven (7) days.
- ii. children to return to school after day seven (7), subject to a negative test result.

## Virus Alert

We have had an increase in the number students with bad coughs at school. If your child has a cough, please keep him or her at home until the cough is subsided or best still, gone completely. There are winter related viruses abound and we need to continue to be vigilant.

If you require some RAT kits, we have some available.

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

## Free Dinners

Every Tuesday at the Metro Theatre, Massey Rd, Mangere East. Kai and music from 5.30pm. Dine in. All welcome.

## Interschool Sports



Above: The Y7 Boys' Netball Team

The Y5 & Y6 Boys' Soccer Teams went to Walter Massey Park yesterday. The Y5 team drew two games and won one (2-0), unfortunately, the Y6 team didn't do so well.

## Enrolments for 2023

### Year 8 students

I would like to ask that parents start having conversations with their Year 8 children about colleges they would like to attend. As school zones are being closely guarded, parents with Year 8 children need to start the process of enrolling students for 2023.

### New Entrants

If you have any pre-schoolers who are turning five and will be at school early 2023, please enrol them as soon as you can. If you have members of your family and community with a pre-schooler starting school before March 2023, please encourage them to enrol as soon as possible. For those who wish to enrol in Sia Ua, Masina Va'aia or the Rumaki, early pre-enrolment will guarantee a placing in these parts of the school.

## School Grounds

A reminder that parents and caregivers are to report to the office if collecting a child early and to wait at the gate after school. Please **do not** go to the classrooms.

Below: R3 and R16 having their swimming lesson last week



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