



# Sutton Park School Newsletter – 24 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 5**

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

**Values: Diversity & Respect**

**Launch of On-Line Resources for Lea Faka Tonga and Gagana Samoa**



What a great night of celebration this was. Last Wednesday night we hosted Samoan and Tongan teachers, principals from schools in South and West Auckland and officials from the Ministry of Education. It was great to have academic friends of our school present. It was an important occasion in valuing, learning and maintaining these languages among the younger generations. It was an occasion we can all be proud of. Our staff did us proud in getting the hall decked up, and running the whole programme that evening.

## Community Hui

Congratulations to these parents who each won a grocery voucher: Losili Talisa - parent from Room 7 and Keiti Taufa - parent from Room 11.

## Talanoa Ako

This is an information programme for Tongan and Samoan parents delivered in Tongan for Tongan parents and in Samoan for Samoan parents. The purpose of the programme is for parents to:

- i. understand the schooling system
- ii. understand the curriculum
- iii. understand the value of speaking Tongan for Tongan students and Samoan for Samoan students
- iv. understand the Ministry of Education aspirations for education
- v. best support the children to be successful in education

This programme starts this afternoon at 4.30pm and there are ten sessions for the programme. The programme finishes at the end of the year. There will be affirmation for parents who attend all the ten sessions. I look forward to meeting many of you this afternoon.

## Class Affirmation

Congratulation to these classes selected to have special treats this Friday afternoon: R18, R6B, R13 and R9.

**Iosua Esera – Principal**

## Term 3- Week 5

Today: BoT meeting 4.30pm, Talanoa Ako @ 4.30pm

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

: Y7&8 Boys' League @ Norana Park

: Y5-8 in school Tongan speech competition

Friday 26 Aug: Atea Speech finals in the hall

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

: Return any photo request forms for PhotoLife

## Week 6

Mon. 29 Aug: Community Swimming for Moana and Y7

: Class Photos

: William Pike Snow Trip

Tues. 30 Aug: Community Swimming for Aorangi

: Whenua Speeches in hall at 9am

Wed. 31 Aug: William Pike return

: Rumaki Reo Speeches

: Talanoa Ako parents' fono

Thurs. 1 Sept: Moana speeches at 9.30am

: LIT session in hall 9.30-11am

Sun. 4 Sept: Tongan Language Week Launch at Otahuhu College

## New Classes

Owing to the increase in the number of students at Years 0-1, there were two new classes that started this week. One in Masina Va'aia and one in the mainstream. Mrs Tuaopepe and Miss Silva are the teachers in the Masina Va'aia and Ms Jia in the mainstream. Parents of students relocated to these classes were notified.

These new classes will ease the number in the Junior rooms in these two parts of the school.

## Outdoor Learning Experiences

### i. Swimming

Our students continue to enjoy the opportunity to learn how to swim. Thanks to the parents for their support in making sure the students come to school with togs, towels and a change of clothes as needed. Many thanks to Mr Katafono for organising this and the staff for their co-operation.

### ii. All Black Experience

Our Years 7-8 enjoyed their visit to the All Black experience last Friday. *See over for some student feedback.*

### iii. Snow Trip (William Pike Challenge)

I was pleased to find out that all the parents and caregivers of students who are going were at the meeting. I am excited for our students to have this experience and they will report to our community in the future. Their written comments will be in our newsletter the following Wednesday. This trip departs on Monday 29 August and will return on Wednesday 31 August.

### iv. Launch of Tongan Language Week

This will be Sunday 4 September at Otahuhu College starting at 4:00pm. Our Y7&8 Sia Ua students and all Sia Ua staff will leave Sutton Park School by bus and the bus leaves the school at 3.30pm.

## Photos

Next Monday 29 August, PhotoLife will be here to take class photos. Please make sure your children are in correct uniform, with tidy hair. A request form for an individual photo will come home today and needs to be returned to school by Friday 26 August. Ask at the office if you want to request a family/sibling portrait.



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## Birthdays for this week and next...

Today: Konileti R8, Viliami R5 and Molisi R5  
Tomorrow: Heamoni R7, Luisa R9A and Kata R6  
Friday: Maata R25 and Chelsea R17  
Saturday: Jordann R11A, Blessing R18 and  
Meleane R9



Monday: Falemasiva R9

Tuesday: Fane R9A and Christa R13B

## Welcome to this new student...

Serenity R13A

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.

**School Gardens** – these are beginning to grow well and we hope to harvest the vegetables at the end of this term, or early next term, to enjoy salads, soups or boil-ups!



## 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.

## 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)

## All Black Experience Student Feedback

I'm Taivero from Room 10, and I would like to Thank you for giving us this Opportunity to visit The All Blacks Experience, we had a Fun and Thrilling time, and we've learned a LOT about The All Blacks, Their Players, Their History, and the Games History, we were all so stoked to be there and we were very happy to go, but overall, I can say that The All Blacks Experience was amazing.

Casual fans or rugby fanatics. Come to the All Black experience and feel what it's like to pass a rugby ball to an All Black player. Learn how to play rugby and have some fun. If you attend the All Blacks experience, many fun activities await for you. You will be playing lineouts with family and trainees, and also learning how to do fun kicks and traditional formings. If you don't know what a scrum is or how to form the kicking inside. They come and release all your mind energy and learn from the best!!!. Tilomai R11A

Dear Mr. Esera, thank you for letting us go to the All Blacks experience. We all had fun and it was so cool to see what the All Blacks locker and haka look like and the best part of all was seeing how many wins the All Blacks won since the All Blacks and rugby was created. All the rugby games were so cool I wanted to stay there longer but I hope you get this message and thank you very much for letting us take a long trip to the All Black experience. Lennox Rm10

Morning Mr Esera,

I would like to thank you for letting us go and have fun at The All Blacks Experience as all the area was having so much fun we all suggested that you should go and check it out . We had so much fun, hopefully next time we get to go somewhere else and have some fun. Thank you, Amelia R10

What did you learn at the All Blacks Experience? I learnt that all things are possible, you just have to have faith and believe in yourself. Pamela R8

I really enjoyed the club room. I loved that room because players were talking about how they told their parents about making it into the team. I felt so bad for the players who didn't get a chance to tell their parents or grandparents. 'Ofa F. R8

I learnt that, in the All Blacks Experience there is a dark/quiet room where the All Blacks go into with a stone that they carry around with them to think, focus and concentrate before their game. Caroline R8

## 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.



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