



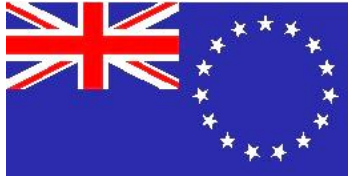
Sutton Park School Newsletter – 3 Aug. 2022

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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 2
Concept: *We Learn, We Value, We Appreciate*
Values: Diversity & Respect



Cook Island Language Week

Atuitui'ia au ki te Oneone o Toku 'Ui Tupuna
Connect me to the Soil of my Ancestors

This is the theme of Te wiki o te Reo Kuki Airani. We launched the celebration of Cook Island language, at school on Monday. It was pleasing to have this done at a face-to-face assembly outside. I was proud to see our Cook Island student leaders and others lead our school assembly. Students of Cook Island ancestry and those selected have a planned programme in Cook Island culture throughout the week. I am grateful to Mrs Ma'ara Williams and Ms Benita Leolahi for organising the programme for our Cook Island tamaiti. We currently have fifty-five (55) students of Cook Island ancestry on our roll. Students of Cook Island descent are encouraged to wear their traditional clothes during the week.

All our students across the school are encouraged to learn a word a day. Our finale will be on Friday and this will be on-line. You will be informed via text on when and how to access this. There is a special morning tea for our Cook Island students tomorrow, and one for the staff on Friday.

3 Way Conversations www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Use Event Code: **8r38j**

These start today and will continue tomorrow. Our students, namely our Year 7 and 8's have been preparing to report to their parents on their learning. Our students are to attend each three-way conversation, and I hope our younger ones will be able to share their success at school with their parents. I would like to acknowledge all the parents who were able to share their children's learning success with their children's teacher.

My apologies for the early closure of the school for today and tomorrow for the three-way conversations. This is an inconvenience for many of you who had to make arrangements with your employers so that you can be part of these conversations.

If you were unable to book a time with your child and her/his teacher, please plan another time that suits you. It is preferred that this is done by the end of next week. Our students cannot help but improve with the support we can collectively offer.

Extra Swimming

It is great to provide a special swimming programme for our students. Many found it a challenge, but our students were up for it. There may be more Commonwealth and Olympic swimmers in our midst (*see over*). I would like to acknowledge the organisation from Mr Katafono and teachers involved in making this possible for our Moana, Aorangi and Y7 students.

Iosua Esera – Principal

Term 3- Monday 25 July – Thursday 29 Sept.

Week 2- Cook Island Language Week

Today 3 Aug: 3 Way Conversations- school finishes 2pm

Thur. 4 Aug: 3 Way Conversations- school finishes 2pm
: Leadership in Training Session

Friday 5 Aug: BoT nominations close

Week 3

Mon. 8 Aug: Community Swimming for Moana and Y7

Tues. 9 Aug: Community Swimming for Aorangi
: Y5&6 boys' soccer @ Walter Massey Park
: Y7&8 girls' netball

Wed. 10 Aug: Community Hui 6pm - online

Thurs. 11 Aug: Y5&6 girls' soccer @ Walter Massey Park

Get on Board

The role of the Board of Trustees, and why it is important to be on the board is one of the two focuses for our online community meeting next week. The role of the Board of Trustees is critical in gaining learning success for our students. The governance and stewardship role of the board is so important to the success of our school. *Nominations close on Friday 5 August.*

Protection from Covid19 and other viruses

The Board of Trustees at its meeting last week decided in favour of retaining our Orange Setting until the BOT meets next. The most important of these protocols are:

- i. Students and staff are required to wear masks indoors.
- ii. Staff and students twelve and over are to be fully vaccinated.
- iii. Visitors to the school including parents are to be fully vaccinated.
- iv. Visitors to the school, including parents are to report to the office.

The Orange Setting requirements are on our school website.

Covid Cases

Thank you for notifying the school when there is a positive case at home. Families with a positive covid19 case need to:

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

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

Leadership

We continue to invest in our students to become better leaders. The second workshop for our current leaders is held tomorrow in our school hall. The session is facilitated by **Leadership in Training** from Good Seeds Trust. It is great to have a youth's perspective of leadership capabilities needed out there. I am excited about the activities planned for our senior students to continue to grow as leaders of the future.

Science Van

We had this visit this morning, with the aim of promoting science learning among our younger students (Y1-Y4). I believe we have many budding scientists in our midst and I am sure the van will provide extra incentive to explore and learn more in this field.

Birthdays for this week and next...

Today: George R24 and Jesmaine R16

Tomorrow: Anuanu R9

Monday: Teresa R7

Tuesday: Viola R6

Welcome to these new students...

Mercy R13A, Mhalyah R13A, Jennar R18,

Maryjane R16 and Emily R17A

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



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

Free Dinners

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

Term 1 2022

Students	90-100% student population.	80-90% student population.	70-80% student population.	0-70% student population.
Maori students	82% of the time	14% of the time	1.8% of the time	1.8% of the time
Pacific Students	84% of the time	13% of the time	2% of the time	1% of the time
Others	80% of the time	15% of the time	0% of the time	5% of the time
All Students	83% of the time	13% of the time	2% of the time	2% of the time

Attendance

The table above is a visual report on our students' attendance for last term from the Ministry of Education. Our attendance data is logged daily and can be accessed by the Ministry of Education to construct national data tables of attendance. The table can be challenging and difficult to fathom, but it shows the percentage of students and the level of attendance achieved.

The report suggests that our school's attendance compares most favourably against other schools nationally. Our own data suggests that the attendance in the Samoan bilingual unit, the Tongan bilingual unit and the Rumaki was better than expected. The attendance levels of students in these parts of the school was positive.

Our students learn best from each other and when with each other. Being at school is preferred. Special congratulations to parents of students who continue to attend school daily. Congratulations to our students as well for their resilience and persistence. If the school can help you get your children to school, please let your child's teacher, Mrs Tautaiolfua, Mrs Tuaoepe or myself know.

Bad Jelly the Witch

Last Friday, Moana syndicate went to the Mangere Arts Centre to enjoy the show "Bad Jelly the Witch". (photos right)

Here is some feedback from R6:

'I was so excited well before the show began!! I felt very happy and I got to laugh so much with my friends. Their costumes were very, very cool and I wish that I can go again!' - Kata

'That was the best show I have ever watched - it made me laugh until I cried!' - Elizabeth

'I didn't know the live show can be so much fun - it is my first time. Thank you for the free tickets!' - Lesieli

Acknowledging Tupou's Achievements!

We all stood up at our school assembly to acknowledge the achievement of one of our former students: Tupou Neiufi.

We are all enormously proud of her and her achievement in gaining the silver medal in back-stroke at the Commonwealth Games. Our students are sending some congratulatory messages to her in the languages of our school. May she be an inspiration to our students and encourage our students to chase their dreams and reach for the stars.





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