

Sutton Park School Newsletter - 19 Oct. 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 4, Week 1 Values: Excellence & Perseverance Concept: Celebrate Good Times

Welcome Back

I would like to welcome back our students and staff to the start of the final term of the year. It is wonderful to see everyone return ready for the final term of 2022. I would like to also welcome new students and their families to the Sutton Park School whanau: Jarell R13A, Ngatuaine R10, Carleine R25, and Jesta R16.



Fakatūleva e Vagahau Niue mo e Tau Aga Fakamotu ma e Tau Atuhau. Sustain Niue Language and Culture for Future Generations.

Vagahau Niue is one of the most endangered languages of the Pacific. This is due to having only a few speakers of the language both in New Zealand and in Niue. It is our collective responsibility to revitalise this language. Vagahau Niue is the heritage language of twenty two of our students, three staff members and two members of the Board of Trustees. I am pleased that our students will have the opportunity to learn some words and phrases in Vagahau Niue this week.

Vagahau Niue is therefore celebrated and learnt at Sutton Park this week. We launched the beginning of Niuean Language week at school on Monday at our



school assembly and I was very proud the role our students played in the opening of Niuean Language Week. The final assembly is on Thursday and I hope many of our Niuean parents and grandparents will join us.

Talanoa Ako

I am looking forward to the start of this project for our Tongan and Samoan parents. There are five more sessions for this project and all will be done this term. Congratulations to those parents who have been part of this and I am looking forward to the final graduation celebration with those of you who are and have been part of this project.

Do continue to invite others to be part of this 'talanoa' as there is always something to share and learn. I look forward to sharing with many of you this Wednesday. The talanoa starts at 4:00pm with a little get together and a small meal together.



Iosua Esera – Principal

Term 4 Dates (see next page for 2023 Term dates)

It is looking a very busy term and here are the dates for approved events at the school. Please note these dates on your family calendar so that you are able to be a part of these events.

Week 1 - Niuen Language Week

Today 19 Oct: Talanoa Ako @ 4.30pm

Thur. 20 Oct: LIT school leaders session in Skids room 9.30-11am

Friday 21 Oct: BoT Holiday - School closed

Week 2

Mon. 24 Oct: Labour Day - School closed

Tues. 25 Oct: Y5&6 Cross Country @ Memorial Grounds, Otahuhu

: BoT meeting 4.30pm

Wed. 26 Oct: Y7&8 Girls' Volleyball; Talanoa Ako @ 4.30pm Thur. 27 Oct: Y7&8 Boys' Volleyball; Aorangi Science Show

Friday 28 Oct: Diwali Day at SPS

Congratulations to Mele

Mele Hufanga was selected for the New Zealand Women's Rugby League team, the Kiwi Ferns, and will be competing in the Women's World Cup in England. Mele is a member of our Kiwi Can staff and has been at Sutton Park for a few years. We wish Mele and the New Zealand team the very best.



Virus Prevention

We will ease our approach, but continue to focus on prevention of infection for our students and therefore:

- i. Our students and staff are to wear masks indoors
- ii. Visitors to the school will also be expected to wear masks
- iii. Any student or staff who test positive are to be at home until tested negative

The Board of Trustees have put these rules in place to protect our student and staffs' welfare and we rely on you to respect the school's position.

If you require any RATs kits, we have some available.

Value for the Term: Excellence

Excellence is one of our school values for this final term. It is important that our children internalise aspects of Excellence as a value. As we plan to for the end of the year, there are a lot of things that will challenge and push our students, and they need to be the best they can be. The specific goal for the start of this term is:

i. I will be the best that I can be, always.

Do have a conversation with your children at home as to what this can look like both at home and in the community. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Photolife

If you had an individual or sibling photo taken last term, you will have been emailed your child's unique Key Code to go online to view and purchase 2022 School Photos. Keep an eye on your trash / spam folder. *FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES Midnight Sunday 23rd OCTOBER * The class photos are still being processed and you will be notified when these are ready for viewing/purchasing.

School Closure

The school closes on **Friday as well as Monday for Labour Day**. The school will restart back on Tuesday 25 October.

Parent Queries - Please contact: enquiries@photolife.co.nz



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Enrolments for 2023 - New Entrants

If you have any pre-schoolers who are turning five and will be at school early 2023, please enrol her or him as soon as you can. If you have members of your family and community with pre-schoolers 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 preenrolment will guarantee a placing in these parts of the school.

Intermediates

There is **no vacancy** in both Sia Ua and Masina Va'aia for Years 7-8 this year. The intermediate roll in both the Tongan and Samoa bilingual units is full. There is only space in Years 1-6.

2023 School Year

These are our Term dates for next year for your information. Changes will only be through extreme circumstances.

Term 1: Start Date: Tuesday 31 January End Date: Wednesday 5 April Waitangi Day- Monday 6 February

Good Friday- 7 April, Easter Monday 10 April

Term 2: Start Date: Monday 24 April End Date: Friday 30 June ANZAC Day-Tuesday 25 April King's Birthday- Monday 5 June Term 3: Start Date: Monday 17 July

End Date: Friday 22 September

Matariki -Friday 14 July

Term 4: Start Date: Monday 9 October End Date: Friday 15 December



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

Birthdays for this week and next

Today: Elisepa R1, Emily R17A and Sanipepa R6B

Tomorrow: Tautinoga R9 and Lavinia R13B

Friday: Te Kohu-i-Waihape R3 Saturday: Joseph R14 Sunday: Olivia R10 Monday: Sapate R9A





Sugarless School

Our aim is to avoid obesity and associated health conditions for our children. Please ensure your child does not bring sweets, chewing gum, fizzy or sugary drinks to school. We are a plain milk and water only school. Any drinks/sweets that are brought to school will be disposed of.



Reminder

If your child is absent for any reason please let the office know. For 3 or more days sickness/injury a medical certificate will be required. You can email, phone or use the school website to notify us. If you have changed your phone number, please update us with your



If you are interested please do not hesitate to contact me, Ita Tanielu Phone (09 261-8040) | Extn (41) 8049, for a registration form. This term will be FREE, no fees included, first in first served!

