



# Sutton Park School Newsletter – 30 Nov. 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 7 Values: Excellence & Perseverance**  
**Concept: Celebrate Good Times**

Greeting to you all, we are ever so close to the end of the school year, seeing Christmas is just around the corner and the festive season preparations are starting to be put up. It is Week 7 already. So many things have happened the last few weeks. I want to say a big thank you to all our students who performed at the Beatz of Mangere cultural festival last week. I was extremely proud of all our students and their performances were 'top notch'. It was also lovely to see Mr Esera supporting the festival. This week we have the Years 5-8 Counties Manukau sports tournament and this is a 3 day event, finishing tomorrow. Primary and Intermediate schools from all around South Auckland are participating in this tournament being held at Bruce Pulman Park, Takanini. Well done to all our athletes, we look forward to the results.

## The Beatz Of Mangere

This was a few years in the pipeline and planning. To see it finally in action was an event to behold. Mangere youths deserve this day to celebrate the cultural richness there is in Mangere and the strength of our community. There was colour, laughter and vibrancy abound on the day. Needless to say our students were visible, audible and one cannot help but recognise Sutton Park School.

Our students performed with pride and enjoyment, and our school had the most items on the day. I would like to acknowledge all our students who performed. They did themselves and our school very proud. I would also like to thank our staff involved in getting our students prepared for the day.

## Annual Cultural Extravaganza

**When: Friday 9 December**  
**Where: Sutton Park School**  
**Time: 4pm**

I am looking forward to our early Christmas celebrations at Sutton Park and another opportunity to showcase our students and their talents. It will be an evening of fun, getting together and fine dining. Do invite your family members, neighbours and friends. Our students always perform better when mum, dad and their relatives are in the audience, and they will not disappoint you. Come prepared for a fun event.

To book a stall space for \$20, please email Mr Katafono:  
[tkatafono@suttonpark.school.nz](mailto:tkatafono@suttonpark.school.nz)

**Togi Lemanu – Deputy Principal**



Above: Students enjoying their time at Rainbows End last Wednesday.

## Important events / dates to the end of the school year:

### Week 7

Thurs. 1 Dec: Counties Manukau Sports Y5-Y8

### Week 8

Mon. 5 Dec: Aorangi Syndicate trip to Mt Albert Pools (\$5)

: Whenua Syndicate fun day at school

Tues. 6 Dec: Community Clean-up

: Rumaki Prizegiving & end of year outing

: William Pike Challenge Kayaking Trip

Wed. 7 Dec: Masina Va'aia Prizegiving 9.30am

: Sports Prizegiving (afternoon)

Thur. 8 Dec: Sia Ua Prizegiving 9.30am

: Reports to go home

### Week 9

Mon. 12 Dec: Atea Syndicate trip to Jellicoe Pools (\$5)

Tues. 13 Dec: Whenua 9.30am & Moana 11.30am Prizegiving

Wed. 14 Dec: Aorangi Prizegiving 9.30am

: Y7&8 Prizegiving and Y8 Graduation 1pm in hall

Thur. 15 Dec: Dinner & Dance for Y8 Leavers 5.30-9pm in hall

Friday 16 Dec: Final day of school for 2022 – 1pm finish

## Attendance Awards

Congratulations to these classes for winning the top attendance awards for their year levels last week.

Whenua (Years 1-2): R18 (93%) Moana (Years 3-4): R25 (91%)

Aorangi (Years 5-6): R12/13 (85%) Atea (Years 7-8): R15 (94%)

## Jewellery

Various rings, and other items have been found during the year and are being held in the office. If you have lost an item of jewellery, please ask at the office in case it has been handed in.

## Photolife

If you ordered photos before 23<sup>rd</sup> October, they have arrived at school. Please come and collect from the office or let us know if you want them sent home with your child.

Any photos ordered after the date above will be sent directly to you.

If you want to see copies of the class photos or the group photos: Masina Va'aia, Sia Ua, Y8 Leavers, William Pike or School Leaders, they may be viewed in the office.

## End of Year

Be advised that Friday 16 December is our last day for 2022. The school closes at **1:00pm** this day.

## End of Year Prizegiving Ceremonies

These start next week, and parents of children getting awards should receive their invitation before each prizegiving. These are important celebrations of our students' achievements and it will be great to see many of you in attendance. The days and times for each celebration will also be on our roadside screen.

**Rumaki Reo:** Tues. 6 Dec. 9.30am in the Rumaki Akomanga 3

**Masina Va'aia:** Wed. 7 Dec. 9.30am

**Sia Ua:** Thursday 8 Dec. 9.30am

**Years 1-2 (Whenua):** Tues. 13 Dec. 9.30am

**Years 3-4 (Moana):** Tues. 13 Dec. 11.30am

**Years 5-6 (Aorangi):** Wed. 14 Dec. 9.30am

**Years 7-8 (Atea):** Wed 14 Dec. 1pm in the hall

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**Sports Awards:** Wed. 7 Dec.

## Ngā Hau Māngere Temporary bridge closure 28 November to 9 December



### Permanent anti-slip deck surfacing

We didn't get good weather while working in winter, so we need to come back now to apply the permanent deck coating. The bridge will close temporarily so we can get this work done.

**Bridge closed from:**  
10am Monday 28 November to 7pm on Friday 9 December  
(weather dependent)

We'll be working as quickly as we can. If we get the work done sooner, we will open the bridge before this date.

During this time, you will be able to cross the Manukau Harbour via the SH20 underpass and security guards will be on duty.

 For more information, contact  
email [omb@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:omb@nzta.govt.nz)  
phone 0508 623 266

### 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 pre-enrolment will guarantee a placing in these parts of the school.

### Traffic Safety

Our children's lives are precious and so I thank you for your consideration when dropping off your children in the mornings and when picking them up after school. Please keep reminding your children to be road-wise when walking to and from school. Children need regular reminding and practices for any routine or process to be embedded.

### Images from Rainbows End Trip



### 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)

### Birthdays for this week and next

Friday: Mary-Anne R4

Sunday: Kamenamayson R25 & Isabel R6B



### 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.



Kia ora,  
It's that time of year!  
Round up your tamariki and head out to join the fun at one of our local South Auckland Santa parades. Harold The Giraffe has a packed schedule and is ready to wave to all his fans!

### Saturday 3 December

Manurewa 10.30am

Onehunga 11am

### Thursday 8 December

Mangere Bridge 4-6pm



### Syndicate fun days

As you all know, the syndicate fun days are coming up. Please ensure that you sign the permission slip given by your child/ren and make the payments. These fun days are to acknowledge the work children have done this year.

### Year 8 students – enrolment at high school 2023

Make sure your child is enrolled for 2023. If you need support in enrolling your child in the high school of your choice, please contact Mr Lemanu for support. Please advise us of the high school your Y8 child will be attending next year.

### Sun Safe

It is great to see many of our students turning up at school with sun hats. The sun is getting hot and will continue to be hotter until the end of the year. Melanoma kills and I would like our students to be protected from the sun, and avoid being burnt. Sunburn increases the likelihood of skin cancer. Let's all work together to protect our students.

### 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.

**Please:** If you have changed your phone number or address, please update us with your correct contact details.



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