



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 8 Feb. 2023

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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 1, Week 2

Concept: **KAITIAKITANGA**

Value: **IDENTITY**

Welcome to the 2023 School Year

The start of year powhiri was held yesterday to welcome our new students and their families. It was also an opportunity for our school to be together, to welcome back everyone to the start of the school year. We are grateful to be back.

Community Fono -. I would like to invite all of you to the first community fono of the year.

When: TONIGHT: Wednesday 8 February

Venue: School hall

Time: 4.30pm – Free sausage sizzle 5.00pm - start

Purpose:

- On-line learning. Care and monitoring of devices at home.
- Re affirming parents' and staff commitment to each other, to promote learning for all our students.

We will all start together in the school hall, before parents are separated in to language groups to go over the contract for using and having devices at home. The Chromebooks contracts will be signed on the night. The contracts will be in Tongan, Samoan and English to ensure many of you are clear about the contract. Learning on-line will continue to grow as another way of delivering learning to our students.

This will also be the opportunity for some of you to meet your child's new teacher for this year.



Farewell for Mrs Simaima Finau

This will be on Friday at 9:30am. If you are able to join us, please feel welcome to come.

Attendance

Every day counts to the overall education of our students. Thank you in anticipation of you support in getting your children to school daily. If the school can help out in any way, please let your child's teacher know.

Fakaue lahi, kia orana, fakafetai, vinaka vaka levu, ka rawe, malō, fa'afetai tele lava, falamalō lahi, and thanks for your anticipated support at home.

Iosua Esera - Principal

Important events and dates to put on your calendar:

This week:

Today: Community Fono 4.30pm Free sausage sizzle 5.00pm – start
In school hall

Friday 10 Feb: Farewell for Mrs Simaima Finau @ 9.30am

Week 3 - assessment week

Mon. 13 Feb: Leadership camp at Chosen Valley

Tues. 14 Feb: Meet & Greet for New Entrant Parents 9.30-10.30am
: Road patrol Training

Friday 17 Feb: Leadership camp returns

Week 4 – assessment week

Mon 20 Feb: Tread Lightly Caravan on site all week and next

: Atea trip to Maritime Museum for Waka Programme

Leadership Camp (Y7 & Y8)

When: Next week, All week. Monday 13 Feb-Friday 17 Feb.

Where: Chosen Valley Christian Camp.

Activities: Raft building, rope maze, kayaking, archery, water slide, air rifles, bush walk, balance island, team balance.

Students will be expected to set tables in the dining room, clear tables, serve food, wash dishes, clean showers and toilets, tidy their cabins, and look after their personal belongings.



This is a very important part of our school curriculum for Years 7-8. The camp is next week and all Years 7 and 8 students are expected to go. The main aims of the camp for our senior students are:

- to learn and live together for a week
- to get to know one another
- to practise, and internalise the vision, mission and values of the school.

When our senior students model these well, and behave in a manner that reflects the core culture of our school, the younger ones will see the examples and replicate them. PLEASE talk with your child's teacher if you need clarification, or help regarding the camp.

Please arrange payment for camp: \$100 per child with the office. Cash, Eftpos or internet banking available. Please use child's name and Camp 2023 as reference if paying via online banking. Sutton Park School account: 12 3079 0198868 00

Awhina Group

Do contact this group if you need any support at the start of the school year or as a result of the heavy rain and flooding we had. Please support this group in case you are asked for any support, and you are able to help. Thanks in anticipation of your support. Any requested will be on our school Website and Facebook.

awhimaiawhiatu@suttonpark.school.nz

Meet and Greet

This is for all parents of New Entrant students.

Tuesday 14 February: 9.30am to 10.30am in the school hall.

This will be a chance to go over expectations, school values, and the mission and vision of Sutton Park School.

Refreshments will be provided.



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Enrolments for 2023

If you have any pre-schoolers who are turning five and will be at starting school 2023, please enrol her or him as soon as you can.

We cannot accept any more Y7&8 students for Masina Va'aia, the classes are already full.

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 practice for any routine or process to be embedded.

Food at School:

Lunchy

Lunchy is the new provider for the children's lunches this year. (Formerly 'Eat My Lunch'). Every day each child will be receiving a free lunch, alternating between a hot and cold meal each day.

Fruit in Schools

This will start next week, with each child receiving a piece of fresh fruit every day.



Milk and Water Only

Please do not send any flavoured drinks to school, we provide filtered water from the school fountains, for the children to drink from and refill their water bottles.



Community Clean-up

Today, students went out and about the streets surrounding the school collecting rubbish. Good work everyone!



Birthdays for this week and next

Thursday: Melina R15 and Melefinau R6

Saturday: Kolotile R8, Charles R7 and Jethro R20

Sunday: Taylor R12 and Ana R14

Monday: Michael R9 and Moahengi R6B



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.

Hats are available from the office for \$12



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