



# Sutton Park School Newsletter – 15 Mar. 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 7**

**Concept:** **KAITIAKITANGA** **Value:** **IDENTITY**

## Wonderful Achievements

Our four girls who took part in the Tongan Speech Contest during PolyFest did themselves and all of us, so enormously proud. Competing against college students, made their achievements worthy of celebration. The whole school clapped and affirmed them during our school assembly on Monday. The results were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Melevesi R8
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fatafehi R9
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Setita R8



Above, right to left: Fatafehi, Melevesi, Setita and Meleane R9

## Attendance

I would like to acknowledge you at home as well as our students for their tenacity and consistency. Our attendance so far this term has been very high. I would like to maintain this high attendance for the rest of the term.

Please let your child's teacher know, if there is anything we can do to support you getting your child to school.

### Best attendance for Week 6:

Whenua R13A (91%) Moana R17 (87%)  
Aorangi R21 (80%) Atea R15 (87%)

## Teacher Strike: Thursday 16 March

I apologise for the inconvenience this will cause you and your family. Teachers who are members of the teachers' union are on strike tomorrow. While the strike is on, we do not have enough staff to make sure we continue to deliver learning in a safe environment. The school will therefore close for the whole day tomorrow. The school will start as normal on Friday.

## Dental Van

This is at school for the rest of the term in the hope that as many of our children who need dental care will get their teeth serviced.

## Important events and dates to put on your calendar:

**This week:** Dental van onsite / Life Education caravan on site

Thur. 16 March: NZEI Teacher Strike: SCHOOL CLOSED

Blake Explorers School Leaders' Camp return

**Week 8:** Life Education caravan on site / dental van onsite

Mon. 20 March: Ara Moana Ocean Roads Waka Programme R8 & R11

Tues. 21 March: 3-Way Conversations: **school closes 1.30pm**

Wed. 22 March: 3-Way Conversations: **school closes 1.30pm**

Friday 24 March: Mangere Mountain Education Centre - R3

**Week 9:** Life Education caravan on site

Mon. 27 March: Ara Moana Ocean Roads Waka Programme R10 & R15

Mangere Mountain Education Centre R20, R24 & R25

Tues. 28 March: Y7&8 Boys & Girls' Tag

Thur. 30 March: Mangere Mountain Education Centre R4, R5, R13A  
and some R18 students

Friday 31 March: Mangere Mountain Education Centre R14 and  
the remainder of R18

## Early Closure Next Tuesday and Wednesday

School closes at 1:30pm next Tuesday and Wednesday for three way conversations. These start at 2:30pm both days. If you have yet to make a time for these conversations, please do so before the end of the week.

## 3 Way Conversations : Tues 21 and Wed 22 March

Your child and her/his teacher have been preparing to share your child's learning with you. They do have a lot to share.

Thanks to those of you who have made appointments to have conversations with your child and her/his teacher about her/his learning so far this year. The main purposes of these conversations are to:

- Get to know how well your child is doing.
- Agree on how to support your child continuing to do well.

These 3 way conversations are on Tuesday and Wednesday next week, 21 and 22 March. You can book an appointment through the website:

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

## Make a booking

**Event Code: rffeg**

OR contact your child's teacher directly.

Please note that **R6** will have their conversations at a later date to be confirmed.

## Reminders

If you have changed your email address or phone number, please inform the office.

Children away for 3 or more days due to sickness or injury need a medical certificate. Please inform the office by 10am, if your child is absent for any reason. You can use the online form on the school website, or use the contact details on the letterhead above.

## Teacher Assistant Position

Today we wished Sally Taliau (TA in R13A) all the best for her next endeavours. This leaves us with a position available for a Teaching Assistant in our **new entrant** English medium class.

We are looking for someone who has some experience working in schools or a learning environment. Please apply for the position with a letter and preferably a C.V to the school office.

Iosua Esera – Principal



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## Leadership Camp for Y7&8 Students:

This is now rescheduled for Term 2.

**When:** 12-16 June  
**Where:** Chosen Valley Christian



**Camp Activities:** Raft building, rope maze, kayaking, archery, water slide, air rifles, bush walk, balance island, and team balance. Students will be expected to set the 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 cost remains at \$100 per student. Do feel welcome to start paying this term. Parents have the whole year to pay. The main aims of the camp for our senior students are:

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

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PLEASE talk with your child's teacher if you need clarification, or help.

- i. to learn and live together, for a week
- ii. to get to know one another
- ii. to practise, and internalised the vision, mission and values of Sutton Park School

## Goals for the Week

Our school value for the term is IDENTITY. It is ideal that each of our students has an acute awareness of all the components of her/his identity. Please assist you child to know her/his village, district, island, marae, maunga, river, iwi, hapu, fale/hale/whare, names etc. This is important knowledge for our students. Please support them in gaining this knowledge. The goals are:

- i. I am \_\_\_\_\_, and I am proud of who I am.
- ii. I am good at \_\_\_\_\_, and I am proud of it.
- iii. I go to Sutton Park School, and I am proud of it.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

## PE Shirts for senior students

Senior students are required to have a PE shirt to wear for sport and fitness. These are now available from the school office (not at the Uniform Shop anymore).

We have only the smaller sizes left: 8, 10, 12.

Shirts are \$22 each: cash, Eftpos or internet banking accepted.

## Birthdays for this week and next

Today: Kalo R20, Emeline R5 and Siaosi R8

Tomorrow: Ceejay R11A, Harry R15 and Alstarlina R15

Saturday: Liyani R3 and Alvin R14

Sunday: Mailau R21, Pace R21, Evalina R21, Joseph R7, Joshua R9A and Francisco R15

Monday: Finau R7

Tuesday: Lopeti R24



## Photos from the Blake Explorers Camp at Goat Island



The students all donned into wetsuits and flippers to go snorkelling at Goat Island yesterday afternoon. What a beautiful location to explore some of New Zealand's sea life and coastal environment!

## William Pike Challenge

Please remember to pay your \$100 fees if you are a part of this group. Also, if you were in this group last year, payments are due! EFTPoS, cash or online banking.

Please use child's name and WillPike 23 (or 22) as reference if paying via online banking.





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