



# Sutton Park School Newsletter – 26 April 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 2, Week 1**

**Concept: Our Language, Our Future ; Values: Identity and Diversity**

## Hosting Robert Louis Stevenson School

Our students were exceptional hosts and the staff were very impressed with the way our students performed the powhiri. All who spoke did very well and their performances were superb. The cultural exchange was an experience that many of our students will remember for some time. Their koha will become school heirlooms to be kept. They gifted a tanoa ava, a to'oto'o and fue, artefacts, clothes and money.

The tanoa ava will be used whenever we have an ava ceremony, which Samoans and Tongans do when hosting guests. The to'oto'o and fue are tools to be used when orating in front of a crowd. The \$700 cash will be used to help support our Outdoor Programmes. The food was divided among staff and the artefacts will be kept at the school for students to use when they perform.



Our guests left very grateful for the experience had and for our hospitality. Our students are left with positive impressions of aspects of Samoan culture. I would like to acknowledge our students, staff and a few parents who were present.

Fa'afetai tele lava.

## Staff Learning

I am grateful to many of our teachers who were prepared to give up their holidays to do further learning. All commented on the learning they gained from attending the conferences held for teachers over the holidays. Teachers from Masina Va'aia, Mrs Tuaepepe, Mr Lemanu and myself were at the Samoan language conference in Dunedin.

Mr Lemanu and Mrs Tuaepepe joined teachers from Sia Ua at the teachers' union conference in Wellington. Our school was asked to present at this conference on our bilingual approach. The feedback from conference organisers was most positive and so was the feedback from our staff who attended.

## Staff Professional Conversations

The staff had a great day on Monday, having conversations and more learning about the refreshed curriculum. It is an exciting document, with great ideas to strengthen the delivery of learning for our students.

## Term 2 Dates (see page 2 for more dates)

Here are the important dates and associated events planned for Term 2. Please add these on to your family calendar, as your presence at some of these is appreciated:

### This week:

Thur. 27 April: Y7&8 Orienteering

### Next Week:

Friday 5 May: R3, R20 and R24 going to Mangere Mountain Trip

## Attendance

The overall average of our school attendance in Term 1 2023, was a pleasing 82.9%. This was pleasing compared to the national average for all of 2022 which was just above 40%. Thanks to you for your part in getting the students to school.

Our school can do even better this term. We will continue to promote attendance and ask that you do as much as you can to make sure your child attends school daily. If you need any help in getting your child to school, please contact your child's teacher, any teacher, office staff, the Deputy Principals or myself.

Good school attendance has a definite positive effect on students' learning and achievements. The more a student is at school, the easier it is to maintain learning progress and achievements. As a generation better school, our attendance needs to be in the high 90%, and we can do it by working together.

## BOT Updates

### School Vans

We are now proud owners of two school vans to transport our students to some interschool sports, events and cultural exchanges.



The Board of Trustees acknowledges the work Mr Lemanu has done in negotiating the purchase, and facilitating getting the school emblems onto these vans.

### Extra Toilets

The installation of extra toilets was completed over the holidays. The new toilet block will be for our senior girls and is located between R11 and R20.

### Year 1-2 Adventure Playground

This is expected to be completed at the end of this week, and will be blessed as soon as possible. This is exciting for our junior students as their playground was demolished to make way for the start of our school rebuild. The Board of Trustees wishes to acknowledge Mrs Tuaepepe for her part in managing this project.

### Construction: We ask for your Consideration

The board wishes to thank you for your patience while the builders and staff attempt to do our school rebuild within the timeline we believe reasonable. This rebuild project will take some years and the congestion at the front of, and within the school, is obvious. There are health and safety practices and protocols followed to make sure our students are safe and we ask for your consideration. Many thanks in anticipation.

**Iosua Esera, Principal**



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### Week 3:

Friday 12 May: R6, R6B, R17 and R25 going to Mangere Mountain Trip

### Week 4 - Assessment week

Tues. 16 May: Y7&8 Girls' Football

### Week 5 – Assessment week

Tues: 23 May: Y7&8 Boys' Football; Duffy role model assembly

### Week 6 – Samoan Language Week

Tues. 30 May: Y7&8 Girls' Rugby

### Week 7:

Mon. 5 June: King's Birthday Holiday -school closed

Tues. 6 June: Y7&8 Boys' Rugby;

Positive Puberty Plus - Whanau info. talk at

3.30pm

Thur. 8 June: Positive Puberty Plus - Talk for Y7&8

### Week 8 – Y7&8 Leadership Camp

Mon. 12 June: Students leave for camp

Thur. 15 June: Positive Puberty Plus -Talk for Y5&6

Friday 16 June: Students return from camp

### Week 10

Wed. 28 June: E-sport competition

## Birthdays for this week!

Tomorrow: Angel R8, and Kerdy R15

Friday: Esther R12 and Ketesemane R16

Saturday: Amymatilda R15

Sunday: Feleti R9 and Khaycie R21

Monday: Sanipepa R6B

### Welcome to our New Students

Stenley and Aliyana R13A, Rachel and Haydein R14, Rishanvi R21, Cathrina, Simulata and Heta R9A, Shekinah R18 and Neema R3.

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



## Adventures: Before / After School & School Holidays

Come and join us for fun adventures that will help your child discover who they are and uncover their interests, talents, and individuality.

We offer the WINZ OSCAR subsidy to eligible families. To find out more on how you can save on childcare, visit [www.sKids.co.nz/OSCAR](http://www.sKids.co.nz/OSCAR)

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Today!**

### sKids Sutton Park

#### Onsite Hours

Before School 7:30 – 8:30pm  
After School 3:00 – 6:00pm  
Holiday Programme 8:00 – 6:00pm

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0800 543 922

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Above: Staff from Robert Louis Stevenson School, Samoa, enjoying the hospitality from Sutton Park School.

## 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.

### Parking

There is no space for parking in the school grounds. If you have a mobility card and need to come inside the grounds, please contact the office first for advice of where to park.

## Goals for the Week

One of our school values for the term is IDENTITY. It is ideal that each of our students has an acute awareness of all the components on 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 am good at \_\_\_\_\_, and am proud of it.
- I go to Sutton Park School, and I am proud of it.
- I am a/an (surname or family name), and I am proud of it

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

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.



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