



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 14 June 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, আবে

Welcome to Term 2, Week 8

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

Samoan Speech Contest

I would like to congratulate all those students who represented our school in the FAGASA Samoan speech contest last week. The Year 5 and Year 6 contest was at Otahuhu Primary School last Thursday, while the Years 7 and 8 contest was at our school last Friday. I would like to thank parents for helping their children, and teachers for assisting with their preparation. All of our participating students were as well prepared as they could be and I was enormously proud of their efforts.

I would also like to thank our parents who were here all day last Friday to help out with catering for those who turned up for the contest. We had a hall full of students, teachers and parents from other schools. Fa'afetai tele le lagolago mai.

Our students who spoke did themselves and all of us proud. The top five students in each division will represent Auckland in the national speech contest. This will be in Christchurch on Thursday 10 August. The results for SPS at the speech contests were:

- Year 5: 3rd Emily R16
- Year 6: 2nd Areanna R16 3rd David R16
- Year 7: 3rd Amymatilda R15 4th Opetaiia R15
- Year 8: 2nd Charisa R15 5th Penani R15

Mr Lemanu will fly to Christchurch with the competing students on Wednesday 9 August, and they will return on Thursday night after the contest.

Junior Adventure Playground

This is finally completed and I am looking forward to seeing our students using it. The blessing for this playground was early this morning, so today was the first opportunity for our Years 1-4 students to play on it. It will be the most popular part of the school compound for the next few weeks for our Juniors. How very special. *See page 2 for more photos.*



Mr Iosua Esera, Principal

Term 2 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- Y7&8 Leadership Camp / Dental Van on site

- Thur. 15 June: Positive Puberty Plus -Talk for Y5&Y6
- Friday 16 June: Y5&Y6 Hockey at Lloyd Elsmore Park
- : Students return from camp

Week 9

- Tues. 20 June: MOE photoshoot Y4-Y8 (Sia Ua and Masina Va'aia)
- : Sia Ua parents' fono
- Friday 23 June: William Pike Challenge Rock Climbing Trip

Week 10

- Tues. 27 June: Y7&Y8 Girls' Hockey
- Wed. 28 June: E-sport competition; School reports issued;
- Best Attendance Live Wire Trip
- Thurs. 29 June: Y7&Y8 Boys' Hockey

Years 7 and 8 Leadership Camp

It was great to see our Years 7 and 8 students leave on Monday morning for their leadership camp. This is a very important part of our programme for our Years 7 and 8, and is an opportunity to live as a whanau for a week, get to know each other better, and practise our school values, vision and mission for a few days.



This camp is also important as our Year 7 and 8 students often learn separately during the week, but this is the opportunity to know others from across the school. I would like to thank those parents and caregivers who have given their children this opportunity to attend.

I enjoyed spending the day with the campers yesterday and observed them rising to the challenges offered at camp. Most, if not all of them, will be very tired come Friday.

Photo Shoot

A permission slip was sent home last week for students in the Tongan and Samoan Bilingual Units. Only the students who returned their permission slips, with parental signatures will be part of these photos shoots.

The photo shoots will be next Tuesday 20 June, at school. There is no remuneration involved and the school does not get any finance from this. The only agreement we had with the Ministry of Education, is that the children's photos will only be published in reading books in Gagana Samoa and Lea Fakatonga.

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.

Images from the Playground Blessing and Opening



Above: *Tainui Waka Kaumatua*, who performed the blessing, with Mr Esera.

Below: Staff on the new playground before dawn.



Above: The new playground in the early morning sunshine.

Birthdays for this week and next!

Today: Sitani R9

Tomorrow: Rosyenne R9A

Sunday: Chloe R21 and Krishav R14

Monday: Michelle R9A

Tuesday: James-Dean R13B



Goals for the Week

Our school value for the term is DIVERSITY. The aim is for our students to appreciate that they are unique and are different from their friends in many ways. We would like our students to appreciate and respect that people are different and that they are unique. And it is their uniqueness that gives them strength.

The goals are:

- i. I am proud of who I am.
- ii. I am proud of who my friend is.

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

'The beauty of an individual is in his/her uniqueness'

Best Attendance

Well done to these classes who had best attendance for Week 7:

Whenua **R5** 88 % and **R18** 80%

Moana **R6** 91% and **R25** 90%

Aorangi **R16** 87% and **R9A** 84%

Atea **R11** 95% and **R8** 93%

Traffic Safety

Our children's safety continues to be our collective priority. There is a lot of traffic coming into and out of the school with our rebuild and property works going on. Please avoid driving into the school, or parking outside on the yellow lines. Your co-operation is necessary in keeping our children safe from harm, injury or death. Please do be mindful of our students when you drive to or at the front of the school.

To ease the congestion at the front of the school, it is good to drop off and pick up your children at the dead end of Sutton Avenue or Fleming Street.

Support for Families Affected by Flooding

I know there were families affected by flooding and may still need some support in getting furniture and appliances. If you were affected and need beds, bunks, furniture or appliances, please contact the Awhina Group. There are organisations and local council willing to help.

Please email awhimaiawhiatu@suttonpark.school.nz or call 276 4560 and it will put you in contact with these agencies. There are no guarantees, but they are willing to help.

After School and Before School Care

If your child is here before 8am and/or is at school after 3:10pm, your child's safety cannot be guaranteed. You need to make sure your child is safely supervised outside school hours, both in the morning and after school.

SKiDs provide safe child care in the morning and after school. If you need your child to be cared for, please contact 0800 5543 922. Your child's safety is our priority.



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