



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 28 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, আরে

Welcome to Term 2, Week 10

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

School Attendance

We are coming to the end of the term and our student attendance continues to rise in numbers. Our students are turning out for school daily with many students having full attendance. It is challenging in the winter to be motivated to get the children ready for school. Students themselves find winter mornings difficult to get out of bed, get out of home and be at school. Thanks you for your encouragement and for setting great routines.

It was great to see our students go out this week to celebrate their efforts to be at school. Our students deserve such treats and so do you. There is only one more sleep left before a rest. I am expecting our school attendance again to be above the national average for Term 3. Thank you one and all.

Best Attendance

Well done to these classes who had best attendance for Week 9:

Whenua R14 88% and R18 85%

Moana R6 94% and R24 86%

Aorangi R9A 94% and R21 87%

Atea R15 87% and R9 85%



The classes who had best overall attendance this term, and went to Live Wire this week were: R5 (*Judah above*), R18, R20, R6, R21, R16, R11 and R8.

Property Update

We have had many projects going on resulting in our school looking more like a construction site than a school. Our children have been so careful and mindful. It was lovely to see the completion of the Years 1-4 adventure playground and seeing our Junior students enjoying the challenges it offers.

The two story classroom block is on schedule to be completed at the end of the year. It will be a lovely learning environment when it is built, but for now it looks an eye sore.

Fakaue lahi, kia orana, fakafetai, vinaka vaka levu, ka rawe, malō, fa'afetai tele lava, falamalō lahi, ধন্যবাদ and thanks!

We have had a very busy term, and we have had programmes that require many of you to help out. Many of these events would not have been possible if it was not for the many of you willing to help out. As this is our last newsletter for the term, I would like to say thank you most sincerely for your generosity.

Mr Iosua Esera, Principal

Photo right: Tapenisa R5 at Live Wire;
Photo far right: Tevita R9, Melevesi R8, Setita R8 and Pamela R8, using Minecraft to tell the story of Hape.



This week

Thurs. 29 June: Y7&Y8 Boys' Hockey - Papatoetoe Hockey Fields
: Last day of Term 2 for students

Friday 30 June: Teacher only day

Term 3 - Monday 17 July – Thursday 21 September

We have a busy term ahead and here are some of the confirmed dates. Please put these on your family calendar for your information. You are most welcome to join any of the school events.

Week 1

Friday 21 July: Matariki Celebrations

Week 2

Monday 24 July: Swimming lessons (Y3-Y6); Fire Wise for Whenua

Wed. 26 July: Swimming lessons (Y3-Y6)

Thurs. 27 July: Masina Va'aia Parents' Fono 5pm

Friday 28 July: Matariki observatory – R3 1pm-2pm
: Lacrosse & Ki o Rahi training for Year 7/8

Week 3

Monday 31 July: Fire Wise for Whenua

Tuesday 1 August: Y7&8 Girls' Netball

Wed. 2 August: Community Fono 5pm

Week 4 – assessment week

Monday 7 Aug: Fire Wise for Whenua

Wed. 9 August: Students travel to National Samoan Speech Contest in Christchurch; Visit from Singapore Schools

Thursday 10 August: National Samoan Speech Contest - Christchurch

Roaming Dogs

There have been dogs roaming on to our school grounds. This puts our children's safety at risk as a dog attack is always possible. If you have dogs, or your neighbours have one or two, please be mindful that they are safely restricted to their yards.

The Term That Was

We have had a busy term with great learning experiences for our students. Each age level had their own highlights for the term. It was the start of our language weeks and both the Rotuman and Samoan Language Weeks were opportunities to learn aspects of these cultures and languages. Our leadership camp was a highlight for the Years 7 and 8.

We made provisions for our students to be mindful of their health. We engaged providers to talk with our early teen students about puberty. This is often a challenging topic for many, but our students responded with respect and awareness. The dental van is here for the rest of the term to attend to our students oral care.

Our student achievement data suggests improvement across the curriculum especially in the areas of numeracy and literacy. We also continue to increase our information and technology capability. Our students achievement in the arts and sports was also pleasing.



Y7&8 Girls' Hockey results:

Yesterday, the Y7&8 Girls' Hockey team went to compete at the Papatotoe Hockey Fields, against nine other schools. They won all their games and so won the tournament! Well done girls!



Birthdays for this week and during the holidays!



Thursday: Zurriel R18

During the holidays: Sione T 25, Chantelle R11, Kata R6B, Soni R4, Siosaia R14, Clara R18, Sioi R6B, Teuila R8, Titan R11A, Koge R9A, Promise R3, Zelda R17, Tonga R11A, Halalele R4, Simon R16, Ofa R9A, Sione R13A, Lisaki R20, Rachel R14, Alexander R5, Avery R18, Mataniah R25, Rayna R20, Aroha R13A, Anushka R10, Leopoli R20, Uili R11A, Joanna R3, Tyson R20, Silakivai R9, Mercy R13A, Lesieli R8, Hopoate R6B, David R10, Liston R18, Areanna R16, Petra R15, Falesiu R9, Tinirau R21, Esther R7, Setita R8, Azaleah R17, Heta R9A and Frazier R18

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.
- iii. We go to Sutton Park School, and we are proud of it.

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

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

After and Before School Care

Please be informed that the school cannot guarantee your child's safety before 8am and after 3.10pm. You need to make sure your child is safely supervised outside school hours, both in the morning and after school. **There are a few students still waiting here after 4pm in the afternoon, unsupervised.**

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

Drowning Prevention Auckland has just released a series of water safety programmes for the July school holidays that will run at pools around Auckland.

The Splash Holiday programme is a fun and safe opportunity for children aged 8-15 to improve their water safety competence and knowledge, while enhancing their swimming ability. Places are limited to 25 per day and cost \$30 per child.

Splash is now in its 10th year, and our experienced instructors provide a friendly and inclusive environment where confidence is built, and kids are encouraged to give new aquatic activities a go! Activities include lifejacket safety, snorkelling, bystander rescue, beach safety with safer boating and Manu safety (bombing) on offer for the older age group sessions.

Further information and registration is available on our website. Parents will need to enrol their children in the correct session based on age group (8-10, 11-15) and select the location and date that suits. www.dpanz.org.nz/community/holiday-programmes



Youth can now join the RE Dressed in Confidence programme and create new garments from scrap fabric and materials lying around your house. Register now!

Rules:

Youth aged 7-24 can participate. Younger participants will need adult assistance.

Choose bottoms from your wardrobe or let us know if you need something provided.

Incorporate the scrap fabric we provide into your "re-purposed piece."

Excitingly, the RE Youth Fashion Show will take place later this year in partnership with LeVa and Pacific Fusion Fashion Show.

To register, attend the registration/open day on Saturday 8th July or contact Apryl at apryl.trego@dressedinconfidence.co.nz



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