



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 7 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 7

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

King's Birthday and Coronation Honours 2023

Members of the New Zealand Order of Merit:

Mr Fa'atili Iosua Esera - For services to Pacific education.

We are proud of the award for our school principal as it is an affirmation of what we provide at Sutton Park School. It is also well deserved for years of lobbying for better learning

provisions for Pacific students.

Ave ai le vi'iga o le Atua ona o lou soifua tautua. Malo le tauivi.



Mr Esera shared a celebratory morning tea with staff and guests L-R: David, Helen and Karl.

Samoan Language Week

What a week that was. Our students enjoyed the week and there was learning for all the students across the school. The bulk of the programme was for Samoan students both in Masina Va'aia as well as those in the mainstream. I was pleased to hear that the students from the mainstream, who opted to participate in the programme, stayed with the programme throughout the week. *See page 2 for more photos.*

The performance on Friday was a credit to all the students and the Masina Va'aia staff. The children did well and I was especially proud of those students who were asked to deliver their prepared speeches.

I would like to thank the students and the staff for their efforts. Likewise, I would like to thank the parents for dressing up the students throughout the week. The students looked smart and very proud in their traditional puletasi, ie faitaga, alo'a and their 'ula. I would like to thank those of you who made the time to help out in different aspects of the programme, especially on Friday.

Samoan Speech Contest

Our Years 5-8 students who got placings in our school speech contest, will compete in the FAGASA Samoan speeches. The Years 5-6 will compete against students from other schools on Thursday (tomorrow) at Otahuhu Primary. The van to take our students to this will leave the school at 8:30am.

The Years 7-8 speech contest will be at our school on Friday 9 June starting at 9:30am. I wish all our students competing the very best. If you are able to attend any of these contests, please feel welcome to attend. Both programmes start at 9:30am.

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

Tonight: Camp Zoom meeting at 5pm

Thur. 8 June: Positive Puberty Plus - Talk for Y7&Y8

: Y5&Y6 Auckland Samoan Speeches at Otahuhu Primary School

: Live Wire treat for R15

: Y7&8 Boys' Rugby

Friday 9 June: Y7&Y8 Auckland Samoan Speeches at Sutton Park

Week 8 – Y7&8 Leadership Camp / Dental Van on site

Mon. 12 June: Students leave for camp

Thur. 15 June: Positive Puberty Plus -Talk for Y5&Y6

Friday 16 June: Students return from camp; Y5&Y6 Hockey

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



Above: The Samoan staff of Sutton Park School, dressed for the finale of Samoan Language Week.

Year 7 & 8 Leadership Camp

This is a very important part of the programme for Years 7 and 8 at our school. This is a golden opportunity to get to know their peers better, and be with others students who they do not always socialise with. With the nature of our school, having senior students in different parts of the school, this is the great opportunity to get to know each other better.

There is a zoom meeting for parents tonight starting at 5pm. Your child will bring home a chromebook that will allow you to participate in the parents' meeting.

I would like to see all our Years 7 and 8 students attend this.

Property Projects

The Junior playground was scheduled to be blessed early this morning, but this was postponed. You will be notified when this will take place.

Right: Yamina and Margret from R17, in their puletasi.





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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.

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.

Birthdays for this week and next!

Tomorrow: Melipa R9A
Friday: Jeremiah R7, Suliasi R25, Dhriti R24,
Mhaliyah R14 and Feleti R6
Monday: Antonio R17 and Peyton R12
Tuesday: Cassius R14



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 6:

Whenua R18 81%
Moana R20 86% and R6B 82%
Aorangi R16 82% and R21 81%
Atea R8 93% and R11 84%

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.

Below: Various scenes from last week's Samoan Language activities.





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