



# Sutton Park School Newsletter – 31 May 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 6**

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

**Gagana Samoa**  
Samoa Language Week



**Mitamita i lau gagana, mau'a lou fa'asinomaga**

Be proud of your language and grounded in your identity

This is the theme of Samoan Language Week this year. It asks Samoans to be proud and do something to continue to have Samoan as the language of their homes, churches, and communities. This is essential to ensuring that they will continue to be strong in being Samoan. This theme asks that Samoan should be the language at home every day.

There are many activities planned for the week. There was a formal opening of Samoan Language Week on Monday and it was pleasing to see many parents there, despite the wet weather. There are activities planned for each day.

Many thanks to the parents for dressing up the students throughout the week. Thanks also to parents who were able to make themselves available to help out during the week.

**Thursday:** Arts and preparation of performances.

**Friday:** Finale starting at 9:30am in the hall.

If you are able to attend, please feel welcome to come along.

## **Samoan Speech Contest**

The first of our school speech contests for the year was held last week. The top two from each Year Level will represent the school in the Auckland Samoan speech contest.

The Years 5-6 Auckland speech contest will be at Otahuhu Primary School on Thursday 8 June, and the Years 7 & 8 at our school on Friday 9 June. The top five placings from the Auckland contest will represent Auckland in the national final speech contest. The national final will be in Christchurch on Thursday 3 August.

## **Property Projects**

Our school continues to look like a construction site as there are two projects going at the same time. The two story block on the boundary adjacent to Vine Street is taking shape.

The Junior playground will be blessed early Wednesday morning 7 June. The blessing starts at 6am. This is to allow our Years 1-4 to play on their new adventure playground as soon as possible.

**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 Samoan Language Week**

Friday 2 June: Samoan Language Week Final assembly 9.30am

## **Next Week (7)**

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

Tues. 6 June: Y7&Y8 Boys' Rugby;

Positive Puberty Plus - Whanau info. Zoom at 5pm

Wed 7 June: Dawn Blessing for new playground 6am

: Y5&Y6 Netball- Auckland Netball Club, St Johns

: Camp Zoom meeting at 5pm

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

: Y5&Y6 Auckland Samoan Speeches Y5&Y6 at

Otahuhu Primary School

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

## **Positive Puberty Plus Whanau Information Evening**

Nest Consulting is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sutton Park - Positive Puberty Plus Whanau

Information Evening

Time: **Jun 6, 2023 05:00 PM** Auckland, Wellington

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89331663605?pwd=dW9tNWtwUFdvRFBYVWFJQmtpOXorUT09>

Meeting ID: 893 3166 3605

Passcode: 128261

## **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 of 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](mailto: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.



## 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.

## Well Done

It was pleasing to see classes getting the highest attendance in each syndicate travel to the North Shore and have some adventure at Live Wire Park. The children found this most exciting and challenging at the same time. The feedback from our students was most pleasing and it was also pleasing to know how much they enjoyed the experience.

The feedback from the Live Wire staff was most positive and I am looking forward to having the other classes have the same experience. Thank you again for getting our students to school. It will be challenging for the rest of the term, with the wet and cold weather. If you need any support in getting your child to school, please speak with your child's teacher.



## Birthdays for this week and next!

Today: William R9A and Jonathan R17

Tomorrow: Miyah R20

Friday: Peau R7

Saturday: Tokailoto R4

Sunday: Meliuaina R10, Pau-mo-Levuka R9A and Matu R7

Monday: Chase R12

Tuesday: Lavinia R16



## Years 7-8 Leadership Camp

This is a very important part of our programme for Years 7 and 8, and every child is expected to attend.

### 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 am \_\_\_\_\_.
- I am proud of who I am.
- My friend is \_\_\_\_\_.

Fakauhe lahi, kia orana, fakafetai, vinaka vaka levu, ka rawe, malō, fa'afetai tele lava, falamalō lahi, 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 5:

Whenua R13A 89% and R13B 87%

Moana R17 92% and R3 87%

Aorangi R21 92% and R7 88%

Atea R15 91% and R11 85%



Above: The Y7&8 Girls' Rugby Team ready to compete at the Otahuhu Memorial Grounds, yesterday morning. They came 4<sup>th</sup> overall after 6 games.

Top Left: Students from R17 in the foam pit;  
Middle L-R: Joanna R3, Neema R3, Boys from R10  
Bottom Left: R3

Right: Savannah, Naomi and Mafi R14

All enjoying their treat for good attendance: a day spent at Live Wire last Thursday.





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