



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 2 August 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 3, Week 3

Concept: Citizenship (Law, Knowing your rights/place, Rights and Responsibilities, Digital Citizenship)

Values: Respect and Excellence

'Ātuitui'ia au ki te au peu o tōku kāinga Ipukarea, which means, "connect me to the traditions & culture of my homeland".

Kia Ora Katoatoa. Happy Cook Island Language Week!

We launched Cook Island Language Week on Monday and it was lovely to hear our Cook Island students lead our assembly on Monday morning. All did a wonderful job. The aim for our students is to learn a Cook Island language word each day.

I would like to acknowledge all our Cook Island Year 7 and 8 students who took the lead at the school assembly. Cook Island students are expected to wear Cook Island wear to school every day this week.

Launch of The Bilingual Framework

What a wonderful occasion this was to profile our students. The whole programme from start to finish was a delight with our students doing most of the speaking, singing and performing. I was very proud of our students. From the powhiri, to the welcome in other languages, the ava Tonga (see photo below), the cultural acknowledgements of special guests in Samoan, right up to the final prayer, our students spoke with confidence in their heritage languages.



I would like to acknowledge our staff for preparing our students and for decorating the hall. I would like to thank the parents of our students who had special parts to play in the launch. I would like to thank Mr Taniela Fangai'uiha for preparing our students for the 'ava Tonga. Most important of all is to acknowledge our students who made themselves and all of us, so enormously proud.



Left: Pamela serving guests during the Bilingual Framework Launch last Wednesday.

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 3 – Cook Island Language Week

Thurs. 3 August: Masina Va'aia Parents' Fono 5pm

: MOSA girls' soccer at Walter Massey Park

: AAiMs Hockey girls' Y7&8

Friday 4 August: Sports Camp Training at Walter Massey Park

Week 4 – assessment week

Monday 7 Aug: Fire Wise for Whenua

Tuesday 8 Aug: Y7&8 Boys' Netball

Wed. 9 Aug: Visit from Singapore Schools

: Students travel to National Samoan Speech Contest in Christchurch

Thurs. 10 Aug: National Samoan Speech Contest – Christchurch

Week 5– assessment week

Tuesday 15 Aug: Atea speech competition - 9.30am

: MOSA Y5&6 Rippa Rugby

Wed. 16 Aug :Community Fono 6pm

Thurs. 17 Aug : Sia Ua - Years 5-8 in-school speech competition

: Y7&8 Boys' League

Friday 18 Aug : Sports Camp Training at Walter Massey Park

Best Attendance

Well done to these classes who had the best attendance for Week 2:

Whenua **R18 84%** and **R5 82%** Moana **R6B 94%** and **R17 89%**

Aorangi **R9A 92%** and **R12 89%** Atea **R10 97%** and **R9 93%**

They will enjoy a movie with snacks on Friday afternoon!

Traffic Safety

It will be of great help in keeping our students safe if you...

- i. drop off you children on the school side of the road.
- ii. park outside and away from the yellow lines.
- iii. drive slowly at the front of the school.

Our rebuild and the reconstruction of the car park at the front of the school means there is so much congestion inside the compound. Do avoid driving on to the school compound at any time in the next few weeks.

Community Forum

This is now scheduled for Week 5: Wednesday 16 August starting at 6:00pm. This will be in the school hall. The purpose of the meeting is to get a report on our students' leadership camp this year. There will also be performances from our school choir.

Vape Shop on Vine Street - Unwelcome

This is most concerning owing to the negative impact this is having on young people. To sell vapes less than one hundred metres from a school is immoral. It is making money out of students who can ill afford to purchase them. The money from the community is insignificant considering the harm nicotine does to young lives.

I am writing to our members of parliament, Minister of Education, to ask that they use their influence to stop this from happening. The shop is due to open in a few weeks' time and I urge you to write to members of parliament that you know, and ask for their help. I will speak directly to the owner about our concern.

Mr Iosua Esera, Principal

Birthdays for this week and next!

Today: Margret R17 and Leonat R14

Tomorrow: George R21, Jesmaine R16 and Etone R16

Friday: Anuanu R9

Monday: Lucas R13A

Tuesday: Teresa R7

Welcome to our new students:

Sione R9A and Mele R8

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



Goals for the Week

Our school value for the term is RESPECT / WAHAKARO / FAKA'APA'APA / FA'AALOLO. This is as important as all the other values of the school. Please talk with your children to help them understand this at your home. Teachers are committed to continue this in class. The specific goals the children are to know and practise are.....

- i. I will use my little voice.
- ii. I will use polite words.
- iii. I will use my kind tone.

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.

Speech Contests

Our students are preparing for the speech contests this term. We have our own contests to select students to compete in the regional and national speech contests. We have seven students preparing for the National Samoan speech contest in Christchurch. We have the reo Maori, English and the Tongan speech contests coming up soon. Please support your child by helping him or her as much as possible. The dates for these contests are:

- i. Te Manu Korero – 24 Aug
- ii. Atea speech contest– 15 Aug 9.30am
- iii. Y5-Y8 Lea Fakatonga – 17 Aug
- iv. National Samoan speech contest – 10 Aug



Above: Some of our Y7&8 Samoan students at the Launch of the Bilingual Framework.

Child Absences

Please contact the school office if your child is going to be away. You can phone or use the school website: Go to 'Parent Information', 'Absences', 'Report an Absence Online'.

If we have not heard from you, the parents' of students away will be texted around 10am. Our children's safety is paramount and we need to know of their whereabouts at all times. If your child arrives to school late, they need to go to the office and sign in, **before** they go to their classroom.

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 543 922. Your child's safety is our priority



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

sKids is proud to support the Robertson Road School Community, a portion of our revenue goes back to the school community.

sKids Sutton Park

Onsite Hours

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

Customer Service

027 627 5001
0800 543 922

To book or find out more, visit: skids.co.nz

**Enrol
Today!**

Support for Students and Families

Please contact our Awhina Team if you or your children need any support to attend school. The contact email for this group is:

awhimaiawhiatu@suttonpark.school.nz

Soccer results: The Year 6 Boys' Soccer Team came second in their pool group yesterday. Well done boys!



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