



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 11 Oct. 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 4, Week 1

Concept: Celebrating our Success **Value:** Excellence

Me vakabulabulataki, vakamareqeti, ka vakaqacotaki na vosa vakaviti

NURTURE, PRESERVE AND SUSTAIN THE FIJIAN LANGUAGE

Welcome Back

Ni sa bula Vinaka! A very warm welcome to our students, staff and parents to the start of the final term of the year and the start of Fijian Language Week. It is wonderful to see many of our students return to school in high spirits ready for the last term of the year. I would like to extend a special welcome to our new families.

Congratulations and Celebration

i. Member of New Zealand Order of Merit

It was an honour to be awarded the Member of New Zealand Order of Merit for service to Pacific education. It was certainly humbling to be acknowledged and it was a proud day for me and my family. I was exceptionally proud to accept it as the principal of Sutton Park School. That has been at the forefront of things Pacific in New Zealand education for the last few years. It was great to accept it on behalf of our community, staff and our students who have had a lot to do with this honour. It was very pleasing to share it with our students on Monday, when we had our own celebration at our assembly.

ii. Master of Education Degrees

It was certainly a great day for our staff and students to celebrate together as a school, Mrs Taufalele's and Mr Lemanu's qualifications. These staff members are great examples for our students to know that learning is a life-long process and that learning never stops. Their achievement is a challenge to our staff, as continuing to learn while being employed is certainly challenging. They have set a benchmark for staff to strive for, and I know some will take up the challenge. It was great to hold our own capping ceremony here at school on Monday morning.

Congratulations to Maliana (right) and Vaitimu (top right).



Mr Iosua Esera, Principal

Term 4 Dates Monday 9 October- Friday 15 December

Please put these dates on your family calendar for this term.

This week– Fijian Language Week

Wed. 11 Oct: Talanoa Ako 5pm-6pm

Week 2 - Niuean Language Week

Wed. 18 Oct: Talanoa Ako 5pm-6pm

Friday 20 Oct: Beatz of Mangere @ Mountain View School

Week 3 - Assessment Week

Monday 23 Oct: Labour Day Holiday

Tues. 24 Oct: School Photos (please be in correct uniform)

Wed. 25 Oct: Duffy Theatre Y1-4 @ 11.30am; Y5-8 @ 2pm
: Community Fono 4.30pm

Thurs. 26 Oct: Talanoa Ako 5pm-6pm



iii. English Speech Contest Overall Winner

Congratulations to Talita R7 for being the overall winner of this contest last term. There were 37 contestants in the Years 5-6 division competing in different speaking sections, and Talita was overall winner in that age level. This is made more remarkable as Talita won the same division last year as a Year 5 student. It is also an outstanding achievement as Talita has learnt in Lea Fakatonga from Year 1 and is still a student of Sia Ua.



Mālō 'aupito aupito Talita.

Photo: Mrs Paea, Mrs Mounगतonga, Talita and her mum.

iv. Representative Rugby League Selection

Four of our students were selected in Under 13 rugby league representative teams. Caroline R8 and Setita R8 were selected for the girls' Tongan team and Emmanuel R9 for the boys' team. Nallie R11A was selected for the Niuean Under 13 representative league team. We are enormously proud of these students for their selections.

v. NRL Australian Women's Team

It was very pleasing to find out that our former staff member, Mele Hufanga, was selected for the NRL Australian Womens' team. I do not think that this team plays any games, but are selected to acknowledge players who were considered exceptional in the NRL competition this year. We wish Mele the very best in her professional career.

Board of Trustees Updates

i. Te Ao Maori Haerenga

Most of our staff went north on the last Friday of Term 3 to learn more about things Maori, especially at Hokianga, where Kupe landed when discovering Aotearoa New Zealand. The team also went across to Waitangi for a tour of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi compound, and gain some understanding of vision and aspirations around Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The feedback from staff was very positive. (See page 2 for some photos of the trip).

ii. Powhiri for Mr Lemanu

The powhiri for Mr Lemanu as the newly appointed principal will be on Tuesday, next week, 17 October. This will start at 9:30am and if you can attend, please do come.



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Best Attendance

This term, the classes with the best attendance from each syndicate will be awarded with a treat from Mr Whippy!

Birthdays for this week and next

Yesterday: Vaimoana R6 and Paris R24

Friday: Tevita R9 and Paea R6

Saturday: Luisa C. R6

Sunday: Lagi R24

Monday: William R7

Tuesday: Angela R10 and Marilyn R7

Welcome to our new student: Avary R13A

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



Goals for the Week

Our value for the term is EXCELLENCE. Excellence is about being the best one can be, all the time. We wish for our children to strive to be the best they can be in anything they do. EXCELLENCE is an important value of the school.

i. I will do my best, always.

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.

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

Sugarless School

Please bear in mind that we are a sugarless school. This means any sugary drinks brought to the school will be poured down the drain. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Photos from the staff haerenga to Waitangi.



Book Launch

Yesterday afternoon was the launch of a new book 'Lupe ma le La'au o le Mago'. (Lupe and the Mango Tree). This was co-written by Damien (ex-student), Penani, Petra, Salvinia, Tana, Therese and Valentina, (all from Masina Va'aia), and David Riley (Reading Warrior). What a great achievement! This story is about keeping safe during a cyclone and is part of the 'You Ready?' Series, which aims to help people be prepared and stay safe in various dangerous weather events and natural disasters.

Photo right: (L-R) David Riley, Petra, Valentina, Tana, Therese, Salvinia, Penani and Mr Lemanu at the book launch at Auckland Zoo yesterday.

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

Traffic Safety. Student Safety.

My apologies for the inconvenience with the traffic at the front of the school. We continue to have a lot of building projects at the school, including the car-park at the front. Thanks for your consideration and understanding. **Cross ONLY on the pedestrian crossing and DO NOT drive into the school compound.**

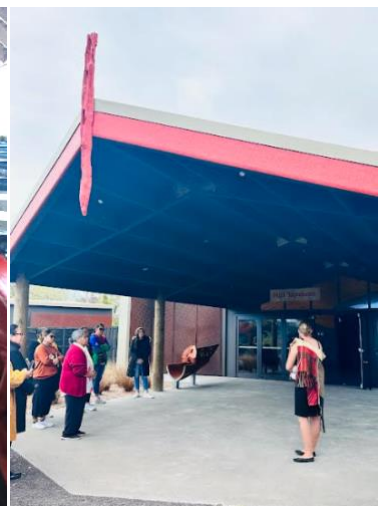
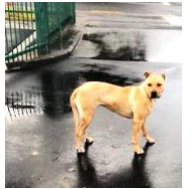
2023 Election: Vote for a Candidate: Vote for a Party.

Make your vote count. Be the voice for your family and your children. Vote for the Party that you know will support your family in the future. A vote for education is a vote for your children and their future. THEIR future is YOUR future.

Make sure you VOTE. Our school is one of the polling booths this Saturday. Mrs Tuaopepe and the team from our school will be here to help you with the voting process. Bring your family members, friends, members of your congregation and neighbours with you.

Dogs on School Grounds

I have concerns with the number of loose dogs on the school grounds. If you have dogs and you are close to the school, please restrain them in your yards. Do not bring any dogs on to the school compound. Our children's safety is paramount.





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