



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 25 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 3

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

Community Forum

When: This evening 25 October

Where: School Hall

Time: 4:30 pm

Purpose: To view our budding authors and their writing.

Our students need an audience for their writing in Reo Maori, Lea Fakatonga, Gagana Samoa and English. The writing samples you will be reading are their best pieces of writing for the year. These will be on display for you to read and comment on when you get home. Feedback from mum, dad, grandma and granddad is powerful and a motivation for them to do better. I look forward to having you on the school site to see their writing.

You are encouraged to read as many as you can and pick your best pieces of writing. Check the sentences, vocabulary, spelling, use of descriptive languages, connecting ideas in a sentence or paragraphs. You are to pick your best 5 and indicate your selection through a coloured sticker. Certificates for the best pieces of writing will be acknowledged at the school assembly on Monday.

There will also be children performing. The Bollywood, Niuean and Fijian Groups will all perform for you towards the end of the evening. In case you missed out on their performances last Friday, and the finale of both Niuean and Fijian Language weeks, this is another chance to see the groups.

The programme:

4:30pm: BBQ and Talanoa
5:00pm: Welcome and Opening Karakia
5:30pm: Tour of the Writing Expo
6:15pm: Performances
6:30pm: Grocery Voucher Draws
7:00pm: Karakia Whakamutunga



Above: The Tongan group at Mountain View School for the Beatz of Mangere event, last Friday. On the left is Mr Esera and to the right are Mr Lemanu and Mrs Taufalele.

Mr Losua Esera, Principal

Term 4 Dates

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

This week- Week 3 - Assessment Week



Thurs. 26 Oct: Y 7&8 Girls' Volleyball

Talanoa Ako 5pm-6pm

Friday 27 Oct: Mr Whippy for classes with Best Attendance

: Y7&8 Boys' Volleyball

Week 4 – Assessment week

Tues. 31 Oct: Y5&6 Tag (to be confirmed)

Wed. 1 Nov: Talanoa Ako 5pm-6pm

Thur. 2 Nov: Duffy Role model assembly 11.30am

: William Pike Kayaking trip

: Sia Ua parents' fono

Friday 3 Nov: Mr Whippy for best attendance

Week 5 – Diwali and Assessment Week

Wed. 8 Nov: Talanoa Ako 5pm-6pm

Thurs 6 Nov: Masina Va'aia Parents' fono at 5pm

Friday 7 Nov: Mr Whippy for best attendance

Talanoa Ako

We are fortunate to have this programme again for parents in the Bilingual Units. This programme allows parents to have a better understanding of schooling in New Zealand. The knowledge gained from this programme allows parents to better support their children's learning throughout the schooling system. There are a few sessions left and below are the focuses of those sessions. Parents are encouraged to continue to join and catch up on the other sessions early Term 1, 2024.

Thurs. 26 Oct: MV: Mathematics; SU: Speaking & Writing

Wed. 1 Nov: Both: Reporting to parents

Wed. 8 Nov: MV: Bilingual Education; SU: Pasifika Ed. Action Plan

Wed. 15 Nov: MV: Bilingual Education (continued)

The graduation ceremonies for these programmes will be on Wednesday 22 November for Masina Va'aia parents, and Thursday 23 November for Sia Ua parents.

Enrolments for 2024

i. Secondary School Enrolments

Our Year 8 students need to be enrolled at the college of your choice NOW. Most secondary schools are getting full and I do not wish for your child to miss out on her/his college of choice. If you need help in enrolling your child at a secondary school, please contact Mr Lemanu for assistance. You are also most welcome to talk with me.

ii. Sutton Park School Enrolments

The office will accept enrolments for 2024 now. If your child, grandchild, or a pre-schooler you know of, will start before March next year, please enrol them now. It is important that the child is enrolled before the end of this year.

Right: The SPS Bollywood group performing at the Beatz of Mangere last Friday.





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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!

Well done to our Week 2 winners:

Whenua: R5 85% and R4 84% Moana: R6B 92% and R17 89%
Aorangi: R7 88% and R16 90% Atea: R10 89% and R8 85%



R3 (Last week treat winners.) R25

Birthdays for this week and next

Tomorrow: Rishavni R21

Friday: Meleane R9

Sunday: Cassandra R24 and Manha R24

Monday: Shyna R20 and Mouena-Grace R14

Tuesday: Moala R6

Welcome to our new student: Kesaia 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.
- ii. I will help my friends to be their best.
- iii. I stick to tasks until they are done.

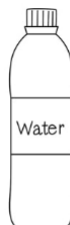
Fakaue lahi, kia orana, fakafetai, vinaka vaka levu, ka rawe, malō, fa'afetai tele lava, falamalō lahi, and thanks for your anticipated support at home.

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. It is an attempt to safeguard our students against high cholesterol, type 2 diabetes, heart diseases, poor oral hygiene and obesity. Thank you in anticipation of your support. Only water or plain milk to be brought to school.



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.

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.**

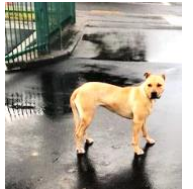
SKiDs provide safe child care in the mornings and after school. If you need your child to be cared for outside school hours, please contact 0800 543 922. Your child's safety is our priority

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.**

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.



David Lange Playground Opening

SATURDAY 11 NOV 10AM - 1PM.

Save the date!

Our first destination playground - the David Lange playground will officially open Saturday 11 Nov 10am - 1pm. Join us for the celebrations





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