



# Sutton Park School Newsletter – 1 Nov. 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 4

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

### Community Forum

Our students always perform better when mum and dad, grandmother, grandfather, aunts, uncles or cousins are in the audience. I am sure they were very conscious of their writing, knowing that you would be here to read it. Those who wrote in Reo Maori, Lea Fakatonga, or Gagana Samoa were especially careful of their writing. Likewise they would have taken extra care when writing in English. I am sure you affirmed them for all the effort and care they went through in writing in different languages.

We are acknowledging those who did exceptionally well at school. These are their best samples of writing for the whole year. I congratulate those who received certificates for their writing. The children's writing will be on display for the next two weeks, so those of you who would like to, can come and read it. Positive feedback from mum, dad, grandma and granddad is very powerful and motivating for people to do better.

### School Attendance

Thanks for all that you do to get your child/children to school. Our school is among those schools with a very high average attendance of students. We have had one of the highest attendance rates for the last two years. Congratulations also to our students for getting themselves ready for school every day.

The accumulative effect of coming to school daily, on students' schooling success is magical. I encourage you to continue to get your children to school daily. If you need any help of any sort, please email or text our Awhina Group. Be assured that the group will help the best it can.

### 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. Please let the office know which school your Y8 child is enrolled in for next year.

#### 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.

**Mr Iosua Esera, Principal**



Above: Students having assessments in the hall today.

**Term 4 Dates** Please put these dates on your family calendar for this term.

#### Week 4 – Assessment week

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

Thur. 2 Nov: Duffy Role model assembly 11.30am

: William Pike Kayaking trip

: Sia Ua parents' fono 4.30pm in R6-R6B

Friday 3 Nov: Mr Whippy for best attendance

#### Week 5 – Diwali and Assessment Week

Wed. 8 Nov: Duffy Summer Reading orders & money to be returned

: Talanoa Ako 5pm-6pm

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

Friday 7 Nov: Mr Whippy for best attendance

#### Week 6

Wed. 15 Nov: Y5&6 athletics @ Papakura / Talanoa Ako @ 5pm-6pm

Friday 17 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, how bilingual works, understanding the New Zealand curriculum, and how to best support your child to do better. All parents have big dreams for their children and is one of the motivating factors when leaving the warm blue Pacific. A better future for our children was a motivating factor for many in my family but sadly, owing to lack of understanding of the schooling system in New Zealand, only four Samoan students out of every hundred end up with a qualification critical to a bright future in New Zealand. This is the same success rate for Tongan, Cook Islander, Fijian and all Pacific students.

The knowledge gained from this programme allows parents to better support their children's learning throughout the schooling systems. It can make a huge difference to your children's chances. There are a few sessions left for the year. If you have not started, please do that this afternoon. Parents who missed out at the start are encouraged to join and catch up the other sessions early Term 1 2024.

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.

### Teacher Assistant's Graduation Celebration

This was held last Friday for the Teacher Assistants completing the Paraprofessionals Workshop 2023



Standing left to right: Mr Lemanu, Mrs Tuaopepe, Nikat Bibi, Margaret Fa'afeu, Loma Tau, Sesilia Paulo, Uru Morunga, Ofa Lapa, Sala Frost, Ofa Hausia (previous TA from SPS), Siarah Fa'afou.

Kneeling left to right: Heather Jayamanne, Azaria Faitua, Christina Silva, Janet Setefano and Lineni Hafoka.

Absent - Siata Ah Chong and Renee Misiniu

## 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 3 winners:

Whenua: R14 85% and R13B 83%

Moana: R6 90% and R24 82%

Aorangi: R12 90% and R9A 84%

Atea: R11 90 % and R11A 85%

## Birthdays for this week and next

Today: Izzabella R6B, Christina R25  
and Michael R17

Tomorrow: Edyna R21

Saturday: Ainsley R11, Ngatuaine R10 and  
Yvette R13B

Sunday: Caroline R8, Sina R17 and Jacob R6B

Monday: Micah R25 and 'Ileini R6B

Tuesday: Esther-Ann R25 and Carleine R21

**Welcome to our new student:** Daniel R13B

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



**Drowning Prevention Auckland**  
Education - Research - Advocacy

**New eLearning module available now**  
**Young children developing water competence**



This new module covers three areas: "Bath and shower", "Garden and backyard", and "Swimming pools" and includes guidance on all 15 water competencies, including:

- entering and exiting the water
- submerging
- breath control
- floating and moving through the water

So, if you have regular care of children under five, check out the free eLearning module by clicking the button below.

Or visit [www.dpanz.org.nz](http://www.dpanz.org.nz) for more information.



## David Lange Playground Opening:

SATURDAY 11 NOV  
10AM - 1PM

## Duffy Summer Reading \$5 Parent Offer

All books only \$5 each.

Money and order forms to be returned to the school office by Wednesday 8 November.

Book orders will be delivered to the school by Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>.



## 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

It will be most helpful in keeping our students safe if...

- They are dropped off at the school side of the road AWAY from yellow lines.
- Cross the road ONLY at the Pedestrian Crossing.
- Park away from yellow lines.

Thanks for your consideration of our students lives and their safety.--

## 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 will do my best, always.
- I will help my friends to be their best.
- 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](mailto:awhimaiawhiatu@suttonpark.school.nz)

## 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.

## Y7&8 Volleyball Results



Last week the Y7&8 Boys' and girls' volleyball teams went to compete. The boys placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and the girls were 7<sup>th</sup>.

*Left: the girls' team thanking the opposition after a game.*



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