



# Sutton Park School Newsletter – 8 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 5

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

### Achievements to be Proud of

#### i. Former Students' Achievements

It was wonderful to know that some of our past students have done themselves and their families proud with their achievements this year. The news from the local network suggests many of our past students have done well in their secondary schools' end of year prize-giving. Congratulations to:

De la Salle College:

**Azahryus Misiniu** (Photo Right)  
(1st Trades- Gateway cup; \$2000  
Prime Ministers Vocational Award)

**Niua Otuaifi** (Man of Excellence)

**Harlyn Belford** (Personal Courage &  
Hope Cup)

**Kupa Dolan** \$1000 Maori Education  
Scholarship

**Abdiel Vea** \$22,000 AUT scholarship  
(photo right: Kupa and Abdiel)

Marcellin College : **Kenoni Hafoka**  
Personal Excellence in Y11 Material  
Industries

Onehunga High School:

**Gloria Tautaioulefua**

University of Waikato Tauranga  
Campus Residential Scholarship -  
Valued at up to \$8,000

Top Pasifika Leadership Award for OHS \$1,500 to go towards  
tertiary education



#### ii. Education Awards

Sutton Park School was also recognised in education awards handed out last Saturday night at an early childhood awards evening. The awards were a recognition of the work we had done to promote and accelerate Pacific students' learning. The awards were for Mr Faatili Iosua Esera - Leadership in Pasifika Education; Sia Ua Tongan Bilingual unit - Leadership in Bilingual Education; Masina Va'aia Samoan Bilingual unit - Leadership in Bilingual Education.

#### iii. Flag Bearer at the New York Marathon

Our Board of Trustees chairperson, Mrs Julia Belford, was the flag bearer for Samoa in the New York marathon last week. Running in this event was a goal Mrs Belford set for herself this year and has trained hard for it. Being selected as the flag bearer was an added bonus. We should be very proud of Mrs Belford in the achievement of her goal for the year.

#### iv. Writing Awards

We handed out these awards this week to some of the authors in our midst. These are the students judged to have produced excellent pieces of writing this year. The selection was done by staff and some of the parents who were here for our community forum.

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

#### This week -Diwali and Assessment Week

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

Thurs. 9 Nov: Masina Va'aia Parents' fono at 5pm

Friday 10 Nov: Mr Whippy for best attendance

#### Week 6

Wed. 15 Nov: Talanoa Ako @ 5pm-6pm

Friday 17 Nov: Mr Whippy for best attendance

#### Week 7

Mon. 20 Nov: Parents zoom meeting for the 2024 Year 7 & 8 at 5pm

Tues. 21 Nov: Road patrol training

Wed. 22 Nov: Community clean-up

Friday 24 Nov: School farewell for Mr Esera /Mr Whippy for best attendance

#### Talanoa Ako: Learning Never Stops!

There are still three sessions left for this year. These will continue next year too. This is for parents to have a better understanding of the school system in New Zealand. Most important of all is how to best support your child's learning throughout the system. The system in New Zealand is vastly different from that in the Pacific. This contract is specifically for parents with children in Sia Ua, the Tongan Bilingual, and Masina Va'aia; the Samoan Bilingual.

It is difficult to support your child's learning in New Zealand if you do not understand the system and some of the basic knowledge you need to know. Like any sport, you cannot play any game if you do not know the game, its rules and how to score points!

#### End of Year Assessments

The students are still having their end of year assessments to complete. The results from these assessments, as well as their teachers' records of their achievements, will inform their end of year results. Their end of year achievements will inform the information on their end of year reports, their achievement data for their next schools, and our end of year prizegiving award recipients. Do make sure your child comes to school prepared for these.

#### Prizegiving: Week 9 - See Page 2

Please note the dates on your family calendar. It is important that you are here to celebrate with your children. Parents of award recipients will get a notification in advance so that parents, grandparents and family members are here to affirm their child/ren.

#### 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.

There are Southern Cross Campus enrolment forms available in our office, if your need one.

##### 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



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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 4 winners:



Above: Room 14, last week winners.

Whenua: R18 87% and R4 81% Moana: R17 93% and R6B 83%  
Aorangi: R16 86% and R7 85% Atea: R8 94 % and R9 88%

## Birthdays for this week and next

Today: Edith R5

Tomorrow: Sione R9A and Anthony R25

Saturday: Kalisi R8



## Welcome to our new students:

Nazeef R14, Anna R21 and Ayrton R13A

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

## Images from the William Pike Challenge Kayaking Trip



Last Thursday the WPC students went to Puhoi and learnt to kayak down the river.



## Prizegiving Dates: Week 9

**Monday 4 December:** Sia Ua & Masina Va'aia

**Tuesday 5 December:** Whenua & Moana

**Wednesday 6 December:** Sports Years 5-8 at 9.30am

**Thursday 7 December:** Rumaki

**Friday 8 December:** Aorangi (am) / Atea (pm)

## 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.



## David Lange Playground Opening:

SATURDAY 11 NOV  
10AM - 1PM



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