



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 15 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 6

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

Condolences

Our sincere condolences to Mr Katafono for the loss of his dear mother in Rotuma. Mr Katafono is away this week as he travelled to Rotuma to join his family in the celebration of his mother's life. Please remember him in your prayers.

Cultural Extravaganza - Friday 1 December

The school is in preparation mode for this annual event. It has become an early community Christmas event to celebrate the cultures at our school. For those of you who wish to hold a food stall on this evening please email Mr Katafono (tkatafono@suttonpark.school.nz), and he will attend to it on his return. We look forward to the last celebration of the year, of our students' talents and culture.

Talanoa Ako

Tonight is the last session for this programme for parents. I commend the parents who attended, for their commitment in learning more on how to best support their children's education for the rest of their learning journey. This will be offered again early next year for others to gain the same benefits. The Talanoa Ako Graduation ceremony for both Sia Ua and Masina Va'aia will be together next Wednesday 22nd November.

Diwali Celebration

It was again very pleasing to see our students' willingness to support all cultures in our school. The participation of our students across the school in Diwali activities and events was something to be proud of. The Bollywood performance on Friday was of top quality and for those of you who missed out on this performance, you have a second chance to see it on our Cultural Extravaganza evening on 1 December.



Above: R14 in their Diwali dance costumes.

I would like to acknowledge the leadership and organisation of our Indian staff and students in making Diwali week a great learning event. Thanks also to our students for their receptiveness of things Diwali this year.

Mr Iosua Esera, Principal

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

This week -

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 Y7s & Y8s at 5pm

Tues. 21 Nov: Road patrol training

Wed. 22 Nov: Community clean-up

: Talanoa Ako Graduation 5pm

Friday 24 Nov: School farewell for Mr Esera

: Mr Whippy for best attendance

Sunday 26 Nov: cut off for Photolife orders to get free delivery

Week 8

Tues. 28 Nov: Masina Va'aia Farewell to Mr Esera at 11am

Wed. 29 Nov: Rainbow's End for school monitors/road patrollers

: Rumaki Whanau hui 4.30pm

Thurs. 30 Nov: Sia Ua farewell to Mr Esera at 10am

Friday 1 Dec: Mr Whippy for best attendance

: Cultural Extravaganza & Community Farewell to Mr Esera

PhotoLife

Parents have been emailed their child's unique Key Code to go online to view and purchase 2023 School Photos.

*****FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES Midnight Sunday 26TH NOVEMBER *****

Please check in your trash/spam folder! If you did not receive a keycode, please ask at the school office.

End of Year Assessments

The students have completed most of their end of year assessments, and their progresses and achievements will inform their end of year reports. These assessment results are important in finding major award recipients for our end of year prizegiving. The colleges that our Year 8 students are attending next year also need these end of year results to help them tailor learning programmes for the students.

Interest in Bilingual Education

Our school hosted Te Puke Primary School last Monday night. The principal and two teachers came to have a look at our set-up while they are going through collaborations with the thought of establishing bilingual learning opportunities for Pacific students at their school.

The Deputy Principal and three staff members from Ranui Primary School came last Wednesday to observe and have a conversation about bilingual education in their school. They visited Masina Va'aia and Sia Ua and were impressed with our students' confidence in their heritage languages.

We will continue to offer support to any school that aspires to provide bilingual learning in their schools.

Sun Wise

Melanoma harms our children and all skin pigmentations. Please be mindful in promoting sun protection in our children and we will do likewise at school. Students are expected to wear sunhats, have sunblock on and keep away from direct sun as much as possible.

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)





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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 5 winners:

Whenua: R14 88% and R4 85% Moana: R24 92% and R25 88%

Aorangi: R9A 89% and R21 89% Atea: R10 92% and R15 89%

Birthdays for this week and next

Today: Vincent R24

Tomorrow: Vaiola R8

Friday: Taivero R10 and Praise R18

Saturday: Tevita F. R8 and Jean R5

Sunday: Jaspreet R8 and Elijah R17

Monday: Nicole-Bella R12 and Samiuela T. R9

Tuesday: Leilani R18 and Marangi R24



Welcome to our new students: Naomi R18 and Scarlett R13A

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

2024 Enrolment into Y9 at Southern Cross Campus

Our enrolment process of Year 8 students going into Year 9 2024 are now open to all students heading into Year 9 2024. To ensure we have interviewed students this year ready to start 2024 we the below times opened for walk in enrolment interviews with our Deputy Directors held at Southern Cross Campus library.

Wed 22 Nov 11.30am – 1.30pm

Thurs 23 Nov 1pm – 3pm

To ensure you get an interview time this side of the year and for no delays please ensure you have completed the following -

- Recent School Report
- Proof of address (within 1 month of your enrolment)
- Passport or Birth Certificate

Families are welcome to start submitting enrolment forms to reception office for our admin to processing but interviews will not take place until Wednesday 22nd Nov and Thursday 23rd Nov.

If we have families that are unable to attend the scheduled times please do hand in your enrolment forms to our office as soon as possible and we will be in touch of an interview time.

There are Southern Cross Campus enrolment forms available in the SPS office.

Enrolments for 2024

i. Secondary School Enrolments

Our Year 8 students need to be enrolled at your college of 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 most welcome to talk with me.

ii. School Enrolments

The office will accept enrolment for 2024 now. If your child, grandchild, or a pre-schooler you know of who starts before March next year, please encourage the parents, grandparents or caregivers to enrol the child now. It is important that the child is enrolled before the end of the year.

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

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.

Achievements to be Proud of

Congratulations to these past students for their achievements in their respective colleges...

De la Salle College:

Manatu 'Ofa Mila

University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship

First Foundation Scholarship

Alista Mafile'o (Y12)

Man of Excellence

1st in Accounting & Economic Foundation

1st in Computer Science Technology

1st in Physics

1st year 13 Calculus

McAuley High School:

Aaliyah Likiliki - 1st in Year 11 Tongan, 1st in English as an Additional Language

Rachel Tuaoepepe - University of Auckland Vaka Moana Scholarship

Otahuhu College:

Sisilia Napa'a - Service award trophy Tamatane Scholarship award - \$1,000

Sosaia Latu - Rodger Tuivasa-Sheck Sports trophy, NRL Contract with the 'Knights'

Esera Faitua - Tamatane Scholarship award - \$1,000

The following past students were 2023 prefects at Otahuhu College: Ana Toluta'u, Tyra Tofilau, Lusua Pelu Vaipuna, and Sisilia Napa'a and Head Girl was Lagimaina Tulaga.

Sisilia Napa'a



Sosaia Latu



Esera Faitua





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