



# Sutton Park School Newsletter – 29 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, আরে**

## Welcome to Term 4, Week 8

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

### Farewell!

It is always challenging to say 'farewell' after many years being part of such a wonderful school community. A full public farewell was held last Friday, not only for our students and staff across the school, but those in the education community that had supported our school. It was lovely to have my wife and children, my extended family, as well as colleagues, Ministry of Education officials, and friends of Sutton Park School, attend the event. It was an emotional day and our students made it extra special. They spoke well, they performed well and most important of all, was that they behaved superbly. They made me enormously proud.



Above: Our lovely Tongan girls performing at the farewell on Friday.

There was also an amazing farewell from our Samoan parents and I was very humbled with all the preparation and the lovely words said. Again our students made this so special with their impromptu responses and gestures. Words are not easy to find, to express my gratitude and what my heart feels.

### Cultural Extravaganza

Do not miss out on a special evening at Sutton Park **this Friday, starting 4.30pm**. You will be impressed with the talents there are among our students. Do not miss out on a great evening and a grand start to the festive season. Invite your neighbours, friends and relatives.

It is also our way of saying thank you to our community for your support throughout the year. We look forward to the last celebration of our students' talents and culture. For those of you who wish to hold a food stall this evening please email Mr Katafono: [tkatafono@suttonpark.school.nz](mailto:tkatafono@suttonpark.school.nz)

### End of Year Prizegiving

Dates have been set for our end of year prizegiving. The dates are stated so that as many of you can attend as possible. Feel welcome to invite your extended family members, and friends to celebrate our children's achievements.

PLEASE be mindful that we are a sugar-less school as we try to fight obesity, poor oral health and other health conditions caused by too much sugar. Please use natural products or recyclable materials for their 'ULA'. Thanks for your support.

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

#### This week -

Wed. 29 Nov : Rumaki Whanau hui 4.30pm in Rumaki Reo

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

: Mr Whippy for best attendance

Frid 1 Dec: Cultural Extravaganza & Community Farewell for Mr Esera 4.30pm

#### Week 9: Prizegiving Week

Mon. 4 Dec: Sia Ua & Masina Va'aia Prizegivings

Tues. 5 Dec: Whenua & Moana Prizegivings

Wed. 6 Dec: Sports Prizegiving Years 5-8 at 9.30am

Thurs. 7 Dec: Rumaki Prizegiving

: Mr Whippy for best attendance

Friday 8 Dec: Aorangi Prizegiving 9.30am / Atea Prizegiving 12.30pm;

#### Week 10: End of year Fun Days

Mon. 11 Dec: Atea syndicate to Panmure Pools (\$10)

Tues. 12 Dec: Whenua to Chipmunks/ Moana to Otahuhu Pools (\$10 each)

: Aorangi Fun Day (at school)

Wed. 13 Dec: End of Year Reports to go home

Thurs 14 Dec: Y8 Dinner and Dance 5pm-9.30pm in school hall

Friday 15 Dec: Last day of 2023 - **school closes 12.30pm**

#### PhotoLife Class photos orders

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

If you did not receive a keycode, please ask at the school office.

#### BOT Update: Preparation for 2024.

The school board in its meeting last night approved these documents for 2024:

##### i. Budget

The board approved the 2024 budget in principle so that the staff and budget holders are able to use the budget in preparation for the start of the year. The board is pleased to report a healthy financial position for the end of this year.

##### ii. Annual Curriculum Plan

The board also approved the curriculum plan for 2024. This plan was discussed and agreed to by the senior management, syndicate and whanau leaders who met for two days on 16 and 17 November. The board is pleased to report that most of the achievement targets for 2023 were achieved and is most optimistic that the same will happen for 2024.

##### iii. 2024 School Year

The school board also approved our 2024 school year. The dates for 2024 are:

#### Term 1: 30 January – 11 April

Public Holidays: Waitangi Day Tuesday 6 February

Good Friday 29 March

Easter Monday 1 April and Easter Tuesday 2 April

#### Term 2: 29 April – 4 July

Public Holidays: Kings Birthday Monday 3 June

Matariki Friday 28 June

#### Term 3: 22 July – 27 September.

#### Term 4: 16 October – 18 December.

Public Holiday: Labour Day Monday 28

October

Mr Iosua Esera, Principal



Above: A siva from Mr Esera, 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 7 winners:

Whenua: R13A 89% R18 84% Moana: R3 88% and R25 89%

Aorangi: R21 91% and R12 90% Atea: R10 91% and R11 91%

## 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 in anything they do. EXCELLENCE is an attitude and an important value of the school.

- i. I stick to tasks until they are done.
- ii. I do the right things.
- iii. I listen to my right self.

Vinaka vaka levu, fakauhe lahi, kia orana, fakafetai, nga mihi, malō, fa'afetai tele lava, fakamalō lahi, and thanks for your anticipated support at home.

## 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. If your child is late, please remind them to visit the office before going to class.

## 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.

**CODINGNZ**  
Summer 2023/24

## Free Coding Holiday Activity

Ages 9 to 15  
11 & 12  
13 & 14  
15 to adult

Educational? Yes!  
Fun? Yes!  
Affordable? Yes! (it's free!)

Suitable for beginner to advanced coders.

**SIGN UP FOR FREE NOW:**  
[codingnz.com/freeactivity](https://codingnz.com/freeactivity)

Limited spots

## 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)

## 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...

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

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

**skids**  
Holiday Programme

15th - 22nd December  
8th - 31st January

MSD-Approved. Work & Income  
OSCAR Subsidy available!

Scan here to join us this Summer!

**See page 3 for the full Skids holiday programme**

## Birthdays for this week and next:

Monday: Raphael R12 and Isabel R6B







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**Locations Based at:**

<b>skids Nga Iwi</b> Nga Iwi School 60 Mascot Avenue Mangere East	<b>skids Randwick Park</b> Randwick Park School 66 Riverton Drive Randwick Park
<b>skids Robertson Road</b> Robertson Road School 205 Robertson Road Mangere East	<b>skids Sutton Park</b> Sutton Park School 89 Vine Street Mangere East
<b>skids Mayfield</b> Mayfield Primary School 12 Pearl Baker Drive Otara	<b>skids Bairds Mainfreight</b> Bairds Mainfreight School 12 Edward Avenue Otara

Phone: 027-627 5001    Office: 0800 542 922    Email: ajneeta@skids.co.nz

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December				
Monday 18th	Tuesday 19th	Wednesday 20th	Thursday 21st	Friday 22nd
<b>Worldwide Festivities</b> 	<b>Christmas Galore</b> 	<b>Christmas Cookie Decorations</b> 	<b>Christmas Gift Stirrers</b> 	<b>Christmas Games &amp; Party</b> 
January				
Monday 8th	Tuesday 9th	Wednesday 10th	Thursday 11th	Friday 12th
<b>Hello Summer</b> 	<b>Wiggle &amp; Jiggle</b> 	<b>Playground and Water Park</b> <i>Trip Day</i>	<b>Tropical Oasis</b> 	<b>Balloons &amp; Bubbles</b> 
Monday 15th	Tuesday 16th	Wednesday 17th	Thursday 18th	Friday 19th
<b>Legacy of Heroes</b> 	<b>Sun Splash Fiesta</b> <i>Special Day</i>	<b>Under the Sea</b> 	<b>To Movies</b> <i>Trip Day</i>	<b>Whanau Fiesta</b> <i>My Family</i>
Monday 22nd	Tuesday 23rd	Wednesday 24th	Thursday 25th	Friday 26th
<b>Nature Escapes</b> 	<b>Ocean Odyssey</b> 	<b>Code Crackers</b> 	<b>Pirates &amp; Mermaids</b> 	<b>Kiwi Valley Farm</b> <i>Premium Trip Day</i>
Monday 29th	Tuesday 30th	Wednesday 31st	Thursday 1st	Friday 2nd
<b>Auckland Anniversary Day!</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>skids Sensational Summer</b> <i>Special Day</i>	<b>Disney Magic</b> 	<b>ASC Term 1 2024</b>	<b>ASC Term 1 2024</b>

**Activity Key**    🍏 COOKING    🎨 ARTS & CRAFTS    🎭 MUSIC & DRAMA    🧪 STEM    🤝 TEAMWORK    ☀️ WELLNESS



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