



# Sutton Park School Newsletter – 13 Dec. 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 10

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

### End of Year Prizegivings

It was wonderful to see a great turn out of parents, whanau members and supporters of the school, for all of our end of year prizegivings. It was again wonderful to see the affirmation and pride many of you had shown our award recipients. Such acknowledgements can only be great for our students to know how proud you are of their achievements. It was just as wonderful to see our students enjoy your presence and your pride. Thank you for making the time to be here.

### Major Award Recipients for Year 8

- i. Overall Dux: Fagamanu R11
- ii. Runner-Up: Angela R10
- iii. Bilingual Samoan Dux: Petra R15
- iv. Runner-Up: Valentina R15
- v. Bilingual Tongan Dux: Setita R8
- vi. Runner-Up: Melevesi R8
- vii. Samoan Language Dux: Therese R15
- viii. Runner-Up: Salvinia R15
- ix. Tongan Language Dux: Setita R8
- x. Runner-Up: Melevesi R8
- xi. Top Academic Maori Student: Jalen R11A

### 2024 Prefects

Congratulations to these students selected to be prefects for the school in 2024: Feingafono R9, Jae R10, 'Alifeleti R9, Opetaiia R15, Eltiyan R15, Keyano R11A, Siaosi R8, Vaiola R8, Amymatilda R15, Monei R11A, Lesieli R8, Annabel R10, Rickyanne R11A, MaryJane R15, Kolotile R8, Vanya-Lee R15, Meleane R11, Jaspreet R8 and Teuila R8.

The Head Girl, Deputy Head Girl, Head Boy and Deputy Head Boy have yet to be selected. These will be selected after the leadership camp in February 2024.

### Farewells

Today we farewell Malia Havea, our social worker in school. The staff had a morning tea to farewell her and wish her the very best as she moves to Australia.

On Friday we farewell one of our long serving staff members - Mrs Tania Lakokiperitania. Mrs Lako has been the leader of the Year 7 and 8 syndicate for the last nine years. I am very pleased for Mrs Lako as she moves to another leadership position at Kedgely Intermediate. We will farewell Mrs Lako at a school assembly on Friday. The assembly starts at 10am. If you are able to join us, please do so.

### Early Closure

School closes this Friday at 12pm. Please arrange to pick up your child then.

### This week -

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: Farewell assembly for Mrs Lako 10am  
:Last day of 2023 - school closes 12 noon

### Term 1 2024: Tuesday 30 January – 11 April

### William Pike Students 2024

These students were selected for this programme for 2024. This is a programme that offers opportunities for students to grow individually, and to gain some self-management and leadership skills. Congratulations to: Matu R7, Areanna R16, Sione R7, Jesmaine R16, Chace R12, Marilyn R7, Costner R21, Talita R7, Pau-mo-Levuka R9A, Payton R7, Timote R7, Sapate R9A, Amitola R7, Edina R21, Esther R7, Losaline R9A, Talita R9A, Nivania R16, Caoilainn R3, Lilly R3, Liyani R3, Lavina R16 and Eztarahmarie R3.

### Syndicates Outing

Each syndicate had fun days this week for the students to celebrate with each other and with their teachers and support staff. The seniors went swimming at the Panmure Pools on Monday. Yesterday the year 1-2 classes went to Chipmunks, the year 3-4 classes went to the Otahuhu Pools and the years 5-6 classes stayed at school to have some games and a picnic. It was a great way to finish the year for our students across the school.

See page 2 for photos!

### Year 8 Graduation Dinner and Dance

The annual dinner and dance for our graduates will be on Thursday. 5pm-6.45pm - Photos with family

7pm - Dinner and 9.30pm pick up

It is a fun evening to celebrate our students, with plenty of dance moves from our students, most of them have been at Sutton Park School all their primary education years. Our young men and women are allowed to dress like film stars on the night and enjoy each other's company. Parents are most welcome to come, but only staff and our graduates are allowed in the hall.

No student is to leave the school ground. They are dropped at school and are picked up from school at the end at 9.30pm.

### Merry Christmas

As this is my last newsletter as principal of Sutton Park I would like to thank all of you most sincerely. It has been a privilege to be the principal of such a vibrant and exciting school for the last nine years and one term. Many thanks for your part in making Sutton Park School a great school.

May you all have joyous celebrations this Christmas and New Year. Fa'amanuia atu le Atua ia te outou ma o outou aiga i lenei Kerisimasi ma le tausaga fou. Soifua ma ia manuia.

**Mr Iosua Esera, Principal**

Right: Fagamanu (Dux), and Angela (runnerup)





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## 2024 School Year

**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

## Enrolment for 2024

Congratulations to those of you who have enrolled students for 2024. Our classes are full especially at the senior end. If you know of any parents with children to be enrolled, please encourage them to do so by this Friday. Owing to difficulties with getting staff, having a place for a child at the start of 2024 is not guaranteed.

## College Enrolments

It is good to know that the vast majority of our Year 8 students have been enrolled at their colleges of choice. If you have not enrolled your child at college, on-line enrolment may be available if you have not done so. Finding placing at your college of choice may be difficult.

## School reports

Your child's end of year report was handed out to your child today, Wednesday 13th December 2023. This is an official document that you will need to keep in a safe place. The report also indicates the progress that your child has made throughout the year, and lets you know which class they will be in next year.



Above and right: Whenua students enjoying their day at chipmunks yesterday.

## Skids Holiday Programme

Skids will be running a holiday programme 15-22 December and 8-31 January.



## Traffic Safety

Thank you for your patience and consideration throughout the year. Let us all be very vigilant in the last two days of the school year.

## Birthdays for this week and next...

Tomorrow: Peter R16 and Abigail R14

Friday: Veronica R6

Monday: Lilly R3 and Malia R5

Wednesday: Vasi R11A and Francis R5

...and during the holidays: Noelle R11A, Payton R7,

Taufa R9A, Fala R21, James R6B, Temperance R13B, Simulata R9A, William R5, Harley R24, Cathrina R9A, Semisi R6B, Maia R25, Amy R4, Adriel R12, Maka R13A, Uluakiola R7, Anastacia R13A, Priscilla R13A, Valentina R15, Irihia R3, Amelia R6, Jahzara R13A, Sekope R6, Sione R8, Char Jane R11, Tapenisa R6, Talita R7, Pualagi R15, Isaac R17, Ishmael R17, Monei R11A, Feingafono R9, Eseta R5, 'Alilia R5, Fononga R14, Sione R10, Kennedy R11A, Tana R15, Tai-Jnr R24, Myia R14, Salote R6, Havania R25, Tongamauea R8, Hulita R9A, Salome R8, Penuafa R17, Amanda R24, Ezra R6B, Charisa R15, Alonu'u R18, Mele R6, Folau R9A, Opetaiia R15, Alfred R6, Ayrton R13A, Jaime R14, Jemimah R20, Demetrius R5, Caoilainn R3, Pakieli R7, Vassylia R24 and Fatafehi R9.



## Whenua Fun Day at Chipmunks:

Thank you to Auckland Pumps & Filtration for sponsoring the Whenua trip to Chipmunks yesterday. They had a great time!





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