



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 31 January 2024

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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 1, Week 1

Nau mai haere mai

Welcome back to our 2024 school year. Yesterday, we welcomed all our new students, our new parents and our returning students. I hope you all had a wonderful break and I am looking forward to 2024 and what it brings. First of all I want to thank our staff who returned back to school for 2 days last week. Thank you for your commitment to our tamariki in preparation for the first weeks of the year. Nga mihi nui to our Whaia te Matauranga rumaki for leading the powhiri yesterday and also to the returning students for the warm welcome you gave to our new students and their families.

New teachers for 2024

I would like to introduce our new teachers who have settled in well in their new classrooms.
Temaleti Lethbridge - is in Room 9a (Term 1 only)
Tangi Katoa - is in Room 7
Petilisa Matangi - is in Room 11
We all look forward to your contribution to our Sutton Park family.

Term 1 Concept: Whanaungatanga - Together we Lead - Together we Learn

Term 1 Values: Identity & Excellence

For our concept this term we will be working on building positive relationships and strengthening our relationships with our students and our families. We want to ensure that we know our tamariki well in order for us to plan programmes to cater for their needs. It is important that we 'Lead and Learn' together for a successful term. Our values are Identity & Excellence. In Term 1 we will ensure that our children are comfortable and proud of who they are and striving for excellence starts now.

Year 7/8 Leadership camp

This is an important part of our Year 7/8 programme every year, as this brings our senior students and leaders together. This is well connected to our concept of Whanaungatanga. It is compulsory for all our Year 7/8 students to attend the Leadership camp. There will be a meeting for all parents in Year 7/8 **tonight at 5pm** in the hall to further discuss the camp programme.

Best Attendance

This term we welcome back Mr Whippy, who will give a treat to the students in the classes with the best attendance during the week!

Sun Wise

Please be mindful in promoting sun protection with our children. Students are expected to wear sunhats, have sunblock on and keep away from direct sun as much as possible.

Togi Lemanu, Principal



Term 1 Dates Please add these to your calendar or diary.

This week -

Tonight 31 Jan: Parent Camp meeting for Y7&8 Students 5pm in hall

Week 2:

Tuesday 6 Feb: **Waitangi Day Holiday**

Wed. 7 Feb: Y7&8 Leadership Camp

Thurs. 8 Feb: Y7&8 Leadership Camp / Duffy Theatre 11.30am

Friday 9 Feb: Y7&8 Leadership Camp / Mr Whippy onsite

Week 3:

Wed. 14 Feb: Road patrol training / Community Fono at 5pm

Friday 16 Feb: Mr Whippy on site

New Entrant Enrolment intakes for 2024

We have welcomed our first intake of 2024 for our new entrant students. This year we will be trialling an approach to help our new entrant whanau starting school and settling in without disruption. We will be having 3 intakes for Term 1 for when your child turns 5. See below:

Intake 1 - Tuesday 30 January - Friday 02 February

Intake 2 - Tuesday 20 February - Friday 23 February

Intake 3 - Tuesday 19th March - Friday 22 March

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

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.

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.

Birthdays for this week and next:

Today: Myron R14 Tomorrow: Kayden R20

Sunday: Matthias R11A

Tuesday: Lyden R12, Taufu R9A and Samuel R17



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