



# Sutton Park School Newsletter – 14 February 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, আরে**

Welcome back to Term 1, Week 3

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

**Term 1 Values: Identity & Excellence**

## COMMUNITY FONO TODAY

This is an important time for us to get together as a school community. I am looking forward to seeing you all this evening. Our agenda tonight is as follows:

- Lotu
- Principal's address
- 2024 Annual targets
- Cybersafety & Chrome books
- Services at Sutton Park School

There will be 4 x \$50 vouchers drawn this evening.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to share them this evening or come and see me to have a talanoa.

## Year 7 & 8 Leadership camp



Thank you Mr Katafono, Atea teachers, staff and the parent helpers who made it possible for our camp this year. I attended last Thursday and it was a real positive experience. All children were engaged in their activities and their participation in their activities was excellent. It was really nice to see our children mix and mingle with each other. I wanted to share with you a text message I received from a parent helper.

***"The kids at Sutton Park are amazing. Well respected, well mannered & are all team players. The teachers there also made me feel so welcome & I love the amazing vibes they gave."***

And this is what we are all about at Sutton Park School - It's the SPS way!

## Attendance

Attendance is important to your child/ren's learning. You may have heard last year by our previous principal that our school had one of the best attendance rates, not only in South Auckland but in Auckland as a whole, we want to continue with this tradition this year. I encourage parents to send their children to school every day and to either notify the school about your child's absence (*phone, respond to text, email or use the school website*), and bring in a medical certificate for illness or injury that requires 3 or more days away. Let us continue having the best attendance in Auckland.

Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal



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

**This week - Week 3:**

Tonight: Community Fono at 4.30pm

Friday 16 Feb: Mr Whippy on site

**Week 4: Assessment week**

Tuesday 20 Feb: Vaccine Consent forms for Y7&8 to be returned

## 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 2 - Tuesday 20 February - Friday 23 February**

**Intake 3 - Tuesday 19th March - Friday 22 March**

## Hot weather

Lately, the weather has been very hot and we encourage all our students to wear their school hats when they are out in the sun during morning tea and lunch. We do have sunscreen that they can also use. We ask that your child bring a bottle of water daily to keep themselves hydrated throughout the day. I did share and remind the students at assembly this week that we are a **water only** school. (**No** flavoured drinks/juices).

## Chrome books

At this stage we are organising our chrome books for this year. Unfortunately, we have had a lot of damage to our chrome books and the cost to repair them is very expensive. It is sad to know that our school chrome books are not being looked after properly at home. At the community fono I will be sharing information about being safe online and looking after our chrome books. Our students working online are to do tasks set by the teacher as part of student learning at Sutton Park School.

## Y7 & 8 Vaccines

All the Y7 and Y8 students should have been given a vaccine consent form to take home to be filled out by their parent or caregiver.

These are to be completed and returned to the office by **Tuesday 20 February**. Below are the dates for the vaccines, Boostrix is for Y7 and Gardasil 9 is for Y8:

	Gardasil 9 Dose 1	Boostrix Vaccination	Gardasil 9 Dose 2
Scheduled Date	08/03/2024	08/03/2024	16/09/2024

## Camp Payments

A friendly reminder that if your child went to camp and you have not yet paid, please do so! Full cost is \$100 per student. This can be paid in smaller instalments.

Payments can be made in the office by Eftpos or cash, or via bank transfer: ASB: 12 3079 0198868 00

Please use child's name and Camp24 as references.





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## Birthdays for this week and next:

Today: Ma'ata R8

Friday: Sela R11, Abigail R16 and Loinidora R18

Saturday: Aruna R11A and Samiuela R9

Sunday: Ngatamaine R25

Tuesday: Luseane R5 and Mathias R14



## Parking

Please be aware the carpark is for the staff and any delivery and trade services only. It is important to keep the gates clear: NEVER park in front of the gates, there are times when emergency vehicles need access. If you need to drive into the grounds, please contact the office first, otherwise park in a safe place along the road, where there are no yellow lines.

## 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.**

SKIIDs 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.

## 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.

## Sutton Park Y1-Y6 Uniform Shop:

**MANUKAU STORE**  
1 Ronwood Avenue,  
Manukau, Auckland 2104  
New Zealand  
☎ 09-267 6063  
✉ [manukaushop@sas.co.nz](mailto:manukaushop@sas.co.nz)

## Y7 and Y8 Uniform Shop:

**THE UNIFORM SHOPPE**  
THE SMART CHOICE  
20/5 Lambie Drive, Manukau Ph: 09 950 6747/0800 698 643  
Email: [manukau@nzuniforms.com](mailto:manukau@nzuniforms.com) [www.nzuniforms.com](http://www.nzuniforms.com)

## P.E T-Shirts

There are a few still available in size 8, 10 and 12 only, ask at the school office. \$22 each.

## Best Attendance week 2:

These classes will be rewarded with a treat from Mr Whippy on Friday:

Whenua: R5 82% and R14 80% Moana: R17 87% and R24  
Aorangi: R7 91% and R11A 88% Atea: R9 92% and R11 88%

## Swimming

The school pool is open again for swimming lessons. Please ensure your child brings their togs, a towel and a bag to put their wet things in on the day their class has a lesson. Check with the teacher if you don't know which day.



Above: R16 enjoying the cool water.

## Otahuu Rugby Club

*Otahuu Junior Rugby Club Muster day and weigh in's will be held on the 23rd of February from 5pm at the Otahuu Rugby Club. For those wanting to play Junior Rugby in 2024 for the grades of Under 6's to Under 13's for Boys and Girls. All are welcome.*

You can now register online

at <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/142849>

For any questions please feel free to contact: Jamie Haukau our ORFC Junior Delegate on 02108449558 or email: [huakau18@yahoo.com](mailto:huakau18@yahoo.com)

We are offering 2 free "8 week pre-season programs" starting on the 23rd February.

- Junior Rippa Program: Tailored for 5 to 8 year olds. A fun "Have a go" program learning the skills of Rippa rugby
- Girl Power Program: Tailored for Junior girls Between 8 to 17 years old. Learning Ball skills and fundamentals of rugby

*So if you are keen please come down, register and attend. It's a great opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills and have fun playing sport.*

## Food at School

Every day the children receive a free lunch (supplied by Lunchy) and a piece of fruit (supplied by Fruit in Schools). Breakfast Club is also up and running now: Tuesday-Friday from 8.15am-8.45am in the tech block. Unless there is a shared lunch, we ask that you do not send food to school with your child. Any special diets are catered for with Lunchy.





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