



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 21 Feb. 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 back to Term 1, Week 4

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

Term 1 Values: Identity & Excellence

It is with great honour and pleasure that I officially announce our new Head Boy, Head Girl and the Deputies for 2024. These students showed excellent leadership skills last year as well as at the beginning of this year during the Year 7 and 8 Leadership Camp. Congratulations to the following students:

Head Girl:
Amymatilda R15



Head Boy:
Jae R11



Deputy Head Boy:
Alifeleti R9

Deputy Head Girl:
Teuila R8

I am looking forward to what they bring in their leadership roles and to working and leading alongside them. Well done and keep up the awesome work.

Assessment weeks

This week and next week are our assessment weeks and it is important that your child/ren attends school every day to complete their assessments. It will give teachers a good idea of what programmes will need to be put in place to accelerate the students' learning. A way that you can help at home is to have a talanoa with your child/ren about their reading, writing and maths skills and find ways that you can support them in their homework. Reading together, writing together and doing maths problems is a good start.

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 the whole of Auckland, and we want to continue with this tradition again this year. I encourage parents to send their children to school **every day** and to notify the school about your child's absence and bring in a medical certificate for illness or injury lasting 3 days or more.

Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal

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

This week - Week 4: Assessment week

Friday 16 Feb: Mr Whippy on site

Next Week – Week 5: Assessment week

Tuesday 27 Feb: Y5&6 Boys Cricket at Mangere Centre Park;
BoT fono 4.30pm

Friday 1 March: Mr Whippy on site

Week 6:

Tues. 5 March: Y5&6 Girls Cricket at Mangere Centre Park;
Y7&8 Boys Softball at Aorere Park;
Masina Va'aia parents fono 5pm

Wed. 6 March: Sia Ua parents fono at 5pm

Thur. 7 March: Y7&8 Girls Softball at Aorere Park

Friday 8 March: Atea Gardisal 9 Dose 1 and Boostrix Vaccines
Mr Whippy on site

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 that we are a **water only** school. (**No** flavoured drinks/juices).

Drop off and pick up

It is still being observed in the morning and after school that parents are still dropping off and picking up their children on the yellow lines. We also have parents who are crossing the road with their child without using the pedestrian crossing. Our road patrol monitors are out every morning and afternoon to keep our children safe, please make this a habit to use our school crossing. Lastly, parking on the footpath, especially after school, is a hazard for our children when they are trying to walk along the footpath and cars are parked there.

Interschool sports

Next week will be our first interschool sports for the year. Our Years 5-6 Boys cricket team and our Years 7-8 Softball team will be competing, both on a Tuesday. We wish them all the best for their tournaments.

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.

Past students:

Congratulations to Ezra Setefano and Ranadi Lakokiperitania for becoming school prefects at Aorere College this year.





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Birthdays for this week and next:

Today: Talatisio R11

Tomorrow: Kataline R21, Lah-Trell R11,
Maryjane R15 and Naomi R24

Saturday: Vito R5 Monday: Sophia R10



New Entrant Enrolment intakes for 2024

We have welcomed our first intakes 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 1 more intake for Term 1 for when your child turns 5.

Intake 2 – Rest of this week

Intake 3 - Tuesday 19th March - Friday 22 March

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.

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.

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Best Attendance week 3:

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

Whenua: R4 93% and R13A 89% Moana: R6 91% and R6B 83%
Aorangi: R11A 93% and R9A 82% Atea: R8 97% and R10 87%

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.

Otahuhu Rugby Club

Otahuhu Junior Rugby Club Muster day and weigh in's will be held on the 23rd of February from 5pm at the Otahuhu 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

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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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

P.E T-Shirts

For Y7&8 students. There are a few still available in size 8 only, ask at the school office. \$22 each.

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 as soon as possible.



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