



# Sutton Park School Newsletter – 28 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 5**

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

**Term 1 Values: Identity & Excellence**

## Assessment weeks

We are still continuing with our assessments this week so 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 that will need to be put in place to accelerate their 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 do maths problems is a good start.

## Attendance

Attendance is important to your child/ren's learning. Last week was a great week for our school where we averaged around 90% attendance. Thank you parents/caregivers for the role you play in regards to sending your child/ren to school every day. I still encourage parents/caregivers to send their children to school every day and to either notify the school about your child's absence or bring in a medical certificate for illness or injury lasting 3 days or more.

## Road Safety

We have noticed some progress with children being dropped off to school and parents not parking on the yellow lines, but we still have the odd few who do. 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. We had one of our students seen last week crossing the road without looking both ways and was almost hit by a bus. So parents of our Years 1-4 children, if your child is walking to school please make sure you or another adult is present walking them to school and after school to avoid any incidences that may happen.

## Teacher Assistant vacancy - Year 7/8 English mainstream class

We currently have a teacher assistant vacancy in our senior end of the school in our English medium class to support one of our students who require extra one on one support. If you have experience working with students and are interested please send through your CV to our office.

**Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal**

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

### This week - Week 5: Assessment week

Thursday 29 Feb: Y5&6 Boys Cricket

: School Leaders LIT session 9.30am

Friday 1 March: Farewell Assembly for Mrs Filipe 9.30am in the hall

Mr Whippy on site

### Next week - 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

## BoT News

Charlene Peters (Elected Member) and Fiona Filipe (Staff Representative) have both resigned from the Board of Trustees.

Sutton Park School Board Casual vacancy for a parent representative. A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent by 27th March 2023 to:

Julia Belford - Presiding member (chair)

Sutton Park School Board

[office@suttonpark.school.nz](mailto:office@suttonpark.school.nz)

## 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 student successes:

Milise Tau (*pictured, right*) with the trophy and medal from the Counties Manukau Rugby League Team: championship winners.

Milise is also a 2024 prefect for Wesley College.

## Found Watch

Did your child lose a watch? Found in the Sia Ua block.

If you think it is yours, please contact the office.





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## Birthdays for this week and next:

Friday: Heloini R9  
Sunday: Vanya-Lee R15  
Monday: Benjamin R11  
Tuesday: Amelia R25



## New Entrant Enrolment intakes for 2024

We have welcomed our first two 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 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.

## COMPUTER/MOBILE CODING LESSONS



### A BRIGHT FUTURE

In coding lessons, your child will learn useful technology skills which help prepare them for success in our increasingly digital world. They'll have fun creating cool games while learning to code from expert tutors.

All skill levels welcome.

### FREE TRIALS AVAILABLE

Sign up now at [codingnz.com/signup](https://codingnz.com/signup)

### AGES

9 to 11  
12 & 13  
14 to 16  
17 to adult

### WHEN & WHERE

Online at home for 1 hour per week, at your choice of 4pm, 5pm or 6pm.

 CODINGNZ

[codingnz.com](https://codingnz.com)

## Best Attendance week 4:

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

Whenua: R5 92% and R14 90% Moana: R20 93% and R17 90%  
Aorangi: R7 97% and R12 94% Atea: R15 96% and R9 92%

## 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.

## McAuley High School 2025 Enrolments

Enrolments are now open for Year 9 students in 2025.

The closing date for non-preference students is 12 April 2024, the end of Term 1.

The closing date for preference students is 27 September 2024, the end of Term 3.

Enrolment packs can be collected from the McAuley School office, downloaded from our website or you can phone the McAuley office [09 276 8715](tel:092768715) to have one posted out to you.

## 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.



## 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)

## 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. Spare forms are available, ask at the office.

## 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**).





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