



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 30 April 2025

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Nga mihi, mālō e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, bula, namaste, talofa ni, fakalofa lahi atu, sabiadee, ola, bonjour, ni hao, welcome, konichi wa, আবে

Term 2, Week 1 Wednesday 30 April 2025

Term 2 Theme: Healthy Beginnings - Hopeful Futures

Term 2 Values: Perseverance & Respect

Welcome back to Term 2

I hope you all had a wonderful 2 week break with your families and loved ones. Easter, as well as ANZAC day, fell during the two week school holidays, so there was definitely a lot of family time. Term 2 is a shorter term with only 9 weeks, so it will be a busy term full of learning.

Our Term 2 theme is 'Healthy Beginnings & Hopeful Futures'.

Syndicate and Whanau teams have planned well in order for learning to start straight away this week.

Our term 2 theme will ensure all our children have a good understanding of making the right choices of what they eat, the makeup of the food they eat and how it helps their body grow. This leads onto having a positive outlook in life, even as a young student. Giving up is not an option here at Sutton Park School so Perseverance and Respect are the school values we will be focusing on this term.

Attendance

We are improving with our attendance, but I know that we can do even better as a school. Our focus this term will be on lateness. I will be sending letters home to families who are always coming to school late, as this also becomes part of the overall attendance data. Those who are out-of-zone, who are consistently coming to school late will need to look for a school closer to where they stay. We can improve on our attendance for Term 2. See the information data below.

Term 1 Summary

How many students regularly attended school this term?



What were the main reasons given for absence this term?

1. (T) Unexplained / Trivial 33%
2. (M) Illness / Medical Absence 31%
3. (E) Accepted (but unjustified) 16%
4. (J) Explained and Approved 12%
5. (G) Holiday 8%

How many students were on time to class?

50% of students were on time to class
Definition of lateness depends on school attendance policy.



Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal

2025 Term Dates:

Term 3 Monday 14th July - Friday 19th September

Term 4 Monday 6th October - Friday 12th December

Term 2 Dates- to add to your diary or calendar

Week 1

Thurs. 1 May: World Vision Junior Conference (6 Leaders)

Week 2

Tues. 6 May: Blue Shirt Day (Gold coin donation to help support children with Asthma)

Friday 9 May: Teacher only day- **school closed**

Week 3: Rotuman Language Week

Thurs. 15 May: Mr Whippy visit for best attendance (W1 & W2)

Friday 16 May: Vision & Hearing tests new entrants/followups : Pink Shirt Day (anti-bullying- gold coin donation)

Week 4

Tues. 20 May: Y7&8 Girls' Soccer; BoT meeting 4.30pm

Wed. 21 May: Positive Puberty whanau/parents info evening via zoom at 5pm

Thurs. 22 May: Y5-8 Manu Korero; Y7&8 Boys' Soccer

Friday 23 May: Mr Whippy visit for best attendance (W3)

TEACHER ONLY DAY NEXT FRIDAY

This is a friendly reminder about our Teacher Only Day next Friday 9 May. The staff will have a professional learning and development day in maths.

Parent survey for our community

Thank you to our parents who completed the survey about our community. It is important for us to get your voice for future planning. At this stage we will still be continuing our Community Fono in Week 3 of every term on a Wednesday evening at 5pm. The topics you have selected are also very important, so we will be using your survey responses to plan our community fono this term.

Thank you neighbours for looking out for our school during the holidays

I just wanted to say a big 'Thank you' to our neighbours for looking out for our school during the holidays. It is always a nice feeling upon returning to school on the first day of the term when there has been no break-in or vandalism. Nga mihi nui, Faafetai lava, Malo 'aupito, Fakaue lahi.



Road Safety

Remember to park safely when dropping and collecting your children from school (park away from the crossing and yellow lines). Drive slowly along the road near the school and crossing. Use the pedestrian crossing, if you need to cross the road - set a good example to the children. Our Travelwise monitors will remind you with their signs. Let us all be mindful of our tamariki and keep them safe.





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New Entrant Enrolments and Transitioning

Students turning 5 / new entrants **must** have a transition before starting school.

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Week 1 - Monday -Wed 28 April-30 April (transitioning) 9am-11am

Week 2 - Intake 1 -From Mon 5 May

Week 3 - Monday -Wed 12 May-14 May (transitioning) 9am-11am

Week 4 - Intake 2 -From Mon 19 May

Week 5 - Monday -Wed 26 May-28 May (transitioning) 9am-11am

Week 6 - Intake 3 -From Mon 2 June

Week 7 - Monday - Wed 9 June-11 June (transitioning) 9am-11am

Week 8 - Intake 4 -From Mon 16 Jun

Week 9 - Monday -Wed 23 June-25 June (transitioning) 9am-11am

Birthdays this week and next

Yesterday: Nazeef R24 and Ketesemane R2

Today: Feangai R5, Pisila R6B and Sina R4

Friday: Manu R24

Sunday: Frank R25, Maata R7 and Make R11A

Monday: MJ R14 and Viliami R1

Tuesday: 'Akosita R7 and Tevai R11



Best Attendance for Term 2:

Keep an eye out for the winners of week 1 in next week's newsletter! Mr Whippy will visit on Thursday 15 May.



Uniform Help

Thank you to those who have donated outgrown uniform items. If your child has outgrown their uniform, please consider donating it to us, so we can pass on to families who need it.



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SWiS - Social Worker In School

This is one of the services that really helps out our families. Our SWiS worker (Eunice) is able to help families who are struggling, she can also direct you to where you need to go for further assistance. Please connect with her via email: Eunice@mefsc.org.nz or Ph: 021 417 321



Interested in learning about what plants & animals are living in our parks?

Kohuora Park Nature Tours with Ruud Kleinpaste - The Bug Man

10 am – 1 pm Saturday 3rd May 2025 (Rain date Saturday 10th May)
44 Station Road, Old Papatoetoe. (far end of the carpark)

Join Ruud Kleinpaste as he explores what's living in Kohuora Park, a wonderful green space with native trees, a looped nature walk, wetland and stream in Papatoetoe. Learn about bugs, plants and maybe even a few birds. Ruud will explain how you can do your own observations on the iNaturalist app for your phone.

This fun FREE community event supported by Auckland Council is suitable for all ages. No registration needed, just turn up and join a tour.



Contact Details

If any of your contact details have changed, please let the office know (addresses, phone numbers etc.)

Blue Shirt Day marks World Asthma Day on Tuesday 6 May

Whether it's a tee, a polo or scrubs, **wearing blue** shows your support for the 615,000 New Zealanders living with asthma.





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