



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 16 July 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 3, Week 1 Wednesday 16 July 2025

Term 3 Theme: Planet Earth and Beyond

Term 3 Values: Identity & Diversity

Nau mai, haere mai to Term 3

We welcome you all to Term 3. To all our new students and your whanau, welcome to our Sutton Park whanau. We welcome you with open arms and I hope you enjoy your learning journey at our school. Term 3 will be a busy term with so many things happening. Our theme for this term is **'Planet Earth & Beyond'** and our values are **Identity & Diversity**. Every syndicate has been planning well to ensure all our children have fun and engaging lessons to better understand our Planet Earth and the Solar System. I would encourage you to ask your child/ren what they are learning in class or what is one thing they are currently learning about Earth or the Solar system.

3-Way Talanoa/Korero/Conversations

We will be having our 3-Way talanoa/korero/conversations on Friday 1 August from 9am to 4pm. Please book your times online yourself, or contact the office if you need help to do this. These conversations are important as your child will be presenting their learning to you with what they have achieved so far. This will also be a good opportunity for teachers to share with you any concerns or challenges they may have with your child so you and the teacher can work together to support their learning.

Please go to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

(or use the QR code on the right)

Make a booking

Event Code: **ey4r2**



National FAGASA Conference in Christchurch

During the first week of the school holidays our Masina Va'aia Samoan Bilingual staff went to Christchurch for their conference. The focus of the conference was mainly around the Samoan Language and how it can be sustained in our bilingual schools. Thank you to the teachers who gave up their first week of the holidays to attend the conference as part of their professional learning and development.



Community Fono Week 4

Our community fono will be held on Wednesday 6 August at 5pm. We will share with you our Term 2 achievement data and we will go through our Attendance goals for Term 3. This will also be a good opportunity for us to discuss possible strategic goals for the next 5 years but there will be more revealed when you attend our community fono. A free sausage sizzle will start at 4:30pm at the hall and once again there will be 8 x \$50 grocery vouchers to be won for 8 lucky attendees.

2025 Term Dates:

Term 3 Monday 14th July - Friday 19th September

Term 4 Monday 6th October - Friday 12th December

Term 3 dates to add to your diary or calendar

Week 2: Assessment Week

Mon. 21 July: Atea Stardome Trip R8, R9, R10 and R11

Wed. 23 July: Atea Stardome Trip R2 and R3

: Y7&8 Boy's Hockey (at Papatoetoe Int. School)

Thurs. 24 July: Moana Syndicate Community Swimming

: Y7 & 8 Girl's Hockey (at Papatoetoe Int. School)

Friday 25 July: Mufti Day (fundraising for Atea Syndicate)

: Mr Whippy for best attendance W1

Week 3: Assessment Week

Tues. 29 July: Masina Va'aia Parents' fono

Thurs. 31 July: Moana Syndicate Community Swimming

: Mr Whippy for best attendance W2

Friday 1 Aug. : 3-Way Conversations/Talanoa (no classes)

Attendance data

Term 2 Summary

How many students regularly attended school this term?

Regular Attendance

46%

Compared to 50% in Term 2, 2024

Irregular Absence 26%

Compared to 23% in Term 2, 2024

Moderate Absence 16%

Compared to 13% in Term 2, 2024

Chronic Absence 12%

Compared to 15% in Term 2, 2024

This shows a low percentage of students attending school 90% of the term. We have to get these numbers up. Parents, please make an effort to contact the school if your child is away sick and we will use the correct code on the roll. The following excuses are not valid reasons for children to miss coming to school - 'they are cold', 'it is raining' or 'they woke up late'. You must make an effort to bring them to school. Our teachers and our office ladies are work hard to contact parents but sometimes there is no response. An important note to parents - if you have changed phone numbers, address or email address please contact the school to make those changes known. As a principal, I know that we can do better in our attendance - through good communication and by working together we can do this.

New Zealand School Boards Association Conference

In the second week of the holidays, I was fortunate to take our Board of Trustees members to Christchurch for their conference. This was a great opportunity for our Board members to attend sessions relating to their roles and responsibilities as Board members for Sutton Park School. Important information will be shared with you once we get more information about the Board elections.



Fata Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal

New Entrant Enrolments and Transitioning

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

Week 1 - Intake 1 - From Mon 14 July
 Week 2 - Monday - Wed 21 July- 23 July (transitioning) 9am-11am
 Week 3 - Intake 2 - From Mon 28 July
 Week 4 - Monday - Wed 4 Aug- 6 Aug (transitioning) 9am-11am
 Week 5 - Intake 3 -From Mon 11 August
 Week 6 - Monday - Wed 18 Aug- 20 Aug (transitioning) 9am-11am
 Week 7 - Intake 4 -From Mon 25 August
 Week 8 - Monday - Wed 1 Sept- 3 Sept (transitioning) 9am-11am
 Week 9 - Intake 5 -From Mon 8 September
 Week 10 Monday - Wed 15 Sept- 17 Sept (transitioning) 9am-11am

Birthdays this week and next

Monday: Vaipapa R18, Sione R25 and Simon R2

Today: Lisaki R12, Alexander R6B, Rachel R25 and Darion R10

Friday: Mataniah R21, Rayna R21, Avery R16 and Diaz R3

Saturday: Christian R15

Sunday: Leopoli R11A

Monday: Tyson R21 and Joanna R1

Tuesday: Hopoate R7, Mercy R20 and Mathew R18



Best Attendance for Term 3:

Mr Whippy will be returning on Friday 25 July to reward Week 1 classes with the best attendance.



Hockey Results:

During the last week of Term 2 the Year 5 and 6 Girls' and Boys' hockey teams went to compete in Pakuranga.



The boys' team (above) were placed 2nd and the girls' team (below) were placed 5th. Well done!



PE T-Shirts

We have sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL and 4XL available. \$22 each, from the school office.

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

Y8 Students – 2026 High School Enrolment

Parents of Y8 students need to be starting the process of enrolling their child into a high school/college. Well done to those who have already done this. It is important for your child, and the college to do this before the end of Term 3.

Tongan Dance Competition

During the holidays Mele of Rm 24, was awarded 2nd place in the Tongan junior cultural dance competition held in Tonga. Well done Mele!

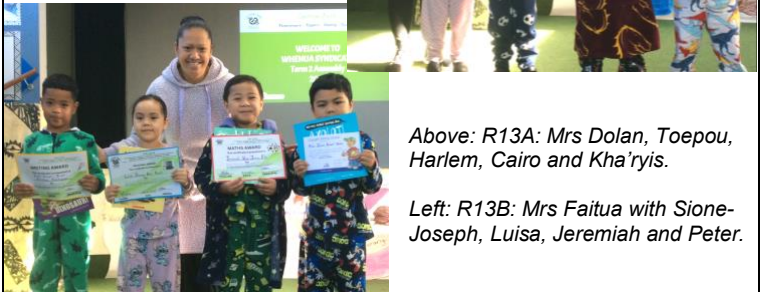


Images from Pyjama Day / Whenua Assembly Last Term



Above Left: R14: Avari, Tabiyya and Vei, with Mrs Dutt.

Above Right: R18: Mrs Tanielu, Joseta, August, Seutaatia and Neriah.



Above: R13A: Mrs Dolan, Toepou, Harlem, Cairo and Kha'ryis.

Left: R13B: Mrs Faitua with Sione-Joseph, Luisa, Jeremiah and Peter.



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