



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 6 Aug. 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 4 Wednesday 6 August 2025

Term 3 Theme: Planet Earth and Beyond

Term 3 Values: Identity & Diversity

Cook Islands Maori Language Week 2025

‘Epetoma o le reo Māori Kūki ‘Airani

The 2025 theme for the Cook Islands Māori Language

Week is ‘Ātūi’ui’ia au ki te raurau

a tōku matakeinanga - “Connect

me to the offerings of my people”

Kia orana katoatoa

This week we celebrate Cook Islands Language Week and it is a time where we learn, appreciate and accept their language, culture and identity. I asked our Cook Island students at assembly to make sure that they share their culture and language in their classrooms not only for this week but throughout the year. Unfortunately we do not have a staff member who is of Cook Island descent that is able to share and teach us the Cook Island language and culture but I am putting it out there - if we have parents who want to share and plan for following years, please let me know so we can organise, not only a week-long celebration but a year-long acknowledgement and acceptance of reo Māori Kūki ‘Airani for our tamariki at Sutton Park School.

Feel free to come to school dressed in your beautiful Cook Island wear throughout the week. Meitaki maata.

Term 3 Community Fono

Our community fono will be this evening in our school hall. This is another important event that I ask all parents to attend. We will be going through our achievement data as well as our attendance data. We will be discussing our strategic goals for the next 3 years and your voice is extremely important as we are partners in your child/rens’ education here at Sutton Park School.

A free sausage sizzle will be starting at 4:30pm and we will start our fono at 5:00pm. There will be 8 x \$50 grocery vouchers to be won tonight. See you all there.

Parents’ Statements of Commitment

This will be widely shared at the Community Fono this evening but I wanted to share with you, the top 5 statements you as our community has agreed upon. As you may recall this was part of our Community fono talanoa last term.

- Ensure my child is in a safe and supportive environment at school and home.
- Be an active parent in my child’s learning journey and work together with the school.
- Send my child to school ready to learn every day.
- Build a strong parent-teacher partnership and work together for success.
- Build confidence in my child’s culture and identity and help them feel proud.

Your commitment to ensuring we continue working in partnership is of great importance. This is your voice and it is empowering to know that we are all in it for our children at Sutton Park School.

(see page 2 for Staff Statements of Commitment)

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 4: Assessment Week / Cook Islands Lang. Week

Wed. 6 Aug : Community Fono in the hall 5pm

Thurs. 7 Aug: Y7&8 Boys’ Netball (at Kedgley Int. School)

: Moana Syndicate Community Swimming

: 3.30pm School Leaders’ programme (Kedgley)

: Sia Ua Parents’ Fono at 4.30pm

Friday 8 Aug : Mr Whippy for best attendance W2 & W3

Week 5:

Tues. 12 Aug: Y5-8 Tongan Speeches (in-school) 9.30am
and sausage sizzle (\$2.50c each)

: Y5&6 Girls’ Soccer

Wed. 13 Aug : Aorangi English Speeches 9.15am

: Atea English Speeches 11.30am

Thurs. 14 Aug: Moana Syndicate Community Swimming

: Y5-8 Fagasa Speech Competitors

leave for Christchurch at 2pm

Friday 15 Aug: Mufti Day for Whenua Syndicate fundraising

: Rumaki Stardome trip 11.30am

: Sia Ua Assembly at 11.30am

: Y5-8 Fagasa Speech Comp. in Christchurch

: Mr Whippy for best attendance in W4

Week 6: Tongan Language Week

Mon. 18 Aug. : Y1-4 Tongan Speeches (in-school)
and sausage sizzle (\$2.50c each)

Tues. 19 Aug. : Y5/6 Tongan APPA speech comp. 9.30am
: BoT fono at 4.30pm

Wed. 20 Aug. : 9:30 - 11am Y5/Y6 Rehu Tai (tbc)

: 11:45-1pm Y7/8 Rehu Tai (tbc)

: Masina Va’aia parent fono 4pm

Thurs. 21 Aug: Y7&8 Girls’ League (Robertson Road)

: Moana Syndicate Community Swimming

: Mr Whippy for best attendance in W5

: 3.30pm School Leaders’ programme (Kedgley)

Friday 22 Aug : End of TLW celebrations 9.30am

: Whenua trip to Stardome R13A, R13B and
R18 -Y1 students only

3 Way Talanoa/Korero/Conversations

A massive ‘thank you’ to our families who made it to our 3 way talanoa last week. It was lovely to see many parents come through and I do hope that you had questions for your teachers about the learning journey of your child/ren. Data is coming through to me with parents’ attendance and so far it is looking very good. This is evidence of your continuous support for your child’s learning journey at Sutton Park School. A reminder that you can always come to school and request for a talanoa with the classroom teacher if you need any support with your child’s learning.

World Vision (see pg 2 for closeup of certificate)

Joel Titus, Youth Ambassador from World Vision visited assembly on Monday to present a certificate of appreciation, acknowledging our school for raising \$1,007 for tamariki in the Solomon Islands.

Fata Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal



New Entrant Enrolments and Transitioning

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

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

Today: Paige R20

Thursday: Lucas R20 and Kingston R15

Friday: Teresa R9 and Sina R2

Saturday: Vaiola R9A, Maata R5 and Jeremiah R13B

Monday: Leroy R2 and Tiare R11A



Best Attendance for Term 3, Week 3:

Mr Whippy will be here on Friday to reward Week 2 & Week 3 classes with the best attendance.

Whenua: R14 83% and R4 82%

Moana: R16 93% and R24 86%

Aorangi: R15A 96% and R9A 95%

Atea: R10 94% and R11 91%



PE T-Shirts

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



Above: the certificate we received from World Vision
Photo Below: Y5&6 Boys' and Girls' Soccer Teams and
Photo Right: The Girls' Soccer Team



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

Swimming for Moana Syndicate

All Moana syndicate classes (R1, R20, R24, R25, R6, R6B and R16) will have swimming lessons on a Thursday. Please ensure your child has packed their togs, a towel and goggles in a suitable bag. The students will be taken by bus to and from Moana Nui a Kiwi Pools in Mangere for these FREE lessons.

Staff Statements of Commitment

We, as a staff, have also reviewed our 'statement of commitment' and we are happy to keep what was agreed upon before our review. This is our staff statement of commitment to your child/rens' education here at Sutton Park School.

- To have a shared responsibility ensuring that students will become confident, successful and lifelong learners.
- To have high expectations of every child to achieve.
- To develop and strengthen a learning environment that acknowledges the principles and spirit of the Treaty of Waitangi, nurturing the culture, talents and strengths of everyone.
- To provide equitable opportunities for students to succeed and achieve.
- To establish a holistic safe learning environment, where the whole child, his/her identity, is valued.

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**.

Atea Mufti Day - correction

A total of \$626.20 was donated. This will go towards Atea trips later in the year.

Sports

Yesterday we had three different sporting events to attend – our Y7&8 Boys' Hockey team played at North Harbour; our Y5&6 Boys' and Girls' Soccer Teams played in Pakuranga and our Y7 Girls' Netball team played in Mangere.





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