



# Sutton Park School Newsletter – 13 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 5 Wednesday 13 August 2025**

**Term 3 Theme: Planet Earth and Beyond**

**Term 3 Values: Identity & Diversity**

## **Thank You Very Much for Attending our Term 3 Community Fono**

Wow.... What a turnout we had from the parents in our community! I think this has been the best turnout since I started here 9 years ago. I thank you for your commitment and your participation in the Community Fono. There was a lot of information to go through but it was important information to be shared. Our proposed Strategic Goals draft is coming along nicely and it is still in working progress until we have our Board meeting, where it will be unpacked further. Just a friendly reminder that our final Community fono for the year will be in Term 4 on the Wednesday of Week 3.

If you want to know more about what is happening at our school, please join our school Facebook page.

## **School Board of Trustees Nominees:**

I want to express my gratitude to the 10 nominees who will be running for our school Board of Trustees. You will soon get some information about the voting process but I can tell you that we have some very good candidates running for the elections.

Julia Belford, our Presiding Member, shared at the community fono, an invitation to the nominees, who are not already on the Board, to attend the Board of Trustees fono next Tuesday at 4:30pm in the staffroom. It will be nice to meet you all and have a good korero about being on the Board and for you to see how the Board conducts its meetings.

## **National FAGASA Speech Competition in Christchurch**

I will be taking 6 students from the Masina Va'aia Samoan Bilingual unit to Christchurch on Thursday to compete in the National FAGASA speech finals with Samoan students from all around the country. These 6 students were placed in the top 5 at our regional speech competition held earlier this year. We wish them all the best.

## **Online Learning Platforms for our Students**

As you may be aware, we have a lot of learning programmes online for your child to use as part of their homework at home. For our Juniors we have SeeSaw as our communication portal for parents, Years 1-2 Mathseeds and Reading Eggs, Years 3-8 have Reading Eggs, Readingeggsspress and Mathletics. Year 5-6 in addition to the other learning activities also have StepWeb and for the Year 7-8 apart from all the other learning activities also have Education Perfect. Please double check with your child that they do have their password to use these different online learning platforms.

**Fata Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal**

## **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 5:**

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

### **Week 7:**

Mon. 25 Aug: Whenua trip to Stardome R4, R4A and R5

Wed. 27 Aug: Y7/8 Tongan APPA Speech Competition @  
Otahuhu Intermediate School  
5:30-9pm - Y5/6 APPA Oral Language Finals  
(Dilworth Junior campus) tbc

Thurs. 28 Aug: Moana Syndicate Community Swimming  
5:30-9pm – Y7/8 APPA Oral Language Finals  
(Dilworth Junior campus) tbc

Friday 29 Aug: Mr Whippy for best attendance in W6

## **R13A celebrating Cook Islands Language Week**

*Left: Alivia wearing her beautifully crafted 'ei katu.*

*Below: Harlem making his 'ei katu.*



*Right: Some Cook Island treats that R13A shared last week.*





## 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

Monday: Leroy R2 and Tiare R11A

Wednesday: Patrick R3, Atonio R12 and Sinai 6

Thursday: Serenity-Jayne R25, Fisi'ihone R9A and Isabella R14

Friday: Veia R6B and Ezra R12

Saturday: VJ R11, Manisela R21, Fealofani R6 and Maata R9

Sunday: Chace R10 and Lepeka R5



## Best Attendance for Term 3, Week 4:

Mr Whippy will be here on Friday to reward Week 4 classes with the best attendance.

Whenua: R18 90% and R13A 87%

Moana: R6B 93% and R25 91%

Aorangi: R7 91% and R9A 91%

Atea: R2 89% and R9 87%



## 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**.

## RANGATAHI

### MOANA SONGWRITING WORKSHOP

FREE creative workshop for youth



Register here



Register:  
<https://bit.ly/moana-song-writing>

**Saturday, 23 August**  
11:00AM-1.00PM

**Onehunga Library**  
85 Church St, Onehunga

**FREE**

Registration essential

### What to Expect

- Learn how to write our own (song)
- Talanoa with artist
- Express yourself through music
- Light snacks provided

### Featuring Guest Artists:

Jarna R&B artist  
& Pacific Music Award winner  
Spdrtnbby-Samoan artist  
known for 'Indecisive' and 'Pixle Pixie'

## Y5-Y8 Tongan Speech Results

Congratulations to the following students from Sia Ua who achieved a place in their year level for Tongan Speeches. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed speakers will go on to compete with students from other schools, later in August.

Kalasi 5 -1<sup>st</sup>: Sekope R7, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Fisi'ihone R9A,  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Mele V. R9A

Kalasi 6 -1<sup>st</sup>: Mele L. R9A, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Elizabeth R7, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Isabel R7

Kalasi 7 -1<sup>st</sup>: Charles R9 and Folauhola R9, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Michelle R9,  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Malakai R9

Kalasi 8 -1<sup>st</sup>: Talita R9, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Losaline R8, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Tevita R9

## 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](mailto: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.

## EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED





**SPOTLIGHT THEATRE**  
TAVERN LANE, PAPATOETOE

SHOW DATES:

MONDAY 1ST SEPT.	SUNDAY 7TH SEPT.
TUESDAY 2ND SEPT.	WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPT.
WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPT.	THURSDAY 11TH SEPT.
FRIDAY 5TH SEPT.	FRIDAY 12TH SEPT.
SATURDAY 6TH SEPT.	SATURDAY 13TH SEPT.

<http://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2025/sep/auckland-central-gang-show>





## PE T-Shirts

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



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