



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 30 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, আবেদন

Term 3, Week 3 Wednesday 30 July 2025

Term 3 Theme: Planet Earth and Beyond

Term 3 Values: Identity & Diversity

3 way talanoa - korero - conversation

A reminder that our 3 way talanoa-korero-conversation is this Friday 1st August 2025 starting 9:00am. Please ensure that you have booked in an available time with the classroom teacher. This will also be a good time for you to come prepared with some questions about your child's learning. It is important that you book a time. If you are having difficulties please come to the school office to book there.

Please go to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
(or use the QR code on the right)

Make a booking

Event Code: **ey4r2**



Community Fono Week 4

Our community fono will be held on Wednesday 6 August 2025 at 5:00pm. We will share with you our Term 2 achievement data and we will go through our Attendance for this term. This will also be a good opportunity for us to discuss possible goals for our school for the next 5 years - more to be revealed when you attend our community fono. Free sausage sizzle will start at 4:30pm in the hall and once again there will be 8 x \$50 to be won for 8 lucky attendees. Our agenda for this evening:

- Board of Trustees information
- Our Term 2 attendance data
- MOY (Mid-year) achievement data
- School strategic goals - community consultation
- Performance from our very own School band

School Uniform - Take PRIDE in our SPS Uniform

This season is a very cold wintery season with unpredictable weather. It gets very tempting to keep children at home, but at the same time they are missing out on a day's learning. We ensure you that our school is a safe place and children are kept in class and are warm if the weather is wet and cold. Students can come to school with long black trousers and a black jacket, if you do not have a school jacket. Don't let the weather take away your child's learning opportunities at Sutton Park School.

Yellow lines and the School Pedestrian crossing

It is by law that you cannot stop your car to drop off your children in front of the pedestrian crossing or park on the yellow lines. Stop giving the wrong message to your child/ren that it is ok to stop anywhere you want. It is by law that you cannot do this. It is now becoming a habit where lots of cars are parking on the yellow lines and stopping in front of the pedestrian crossing. **We need to stop doing this.**

Atea Mufti Day

Thank you for supporting this last Friday. A total of \$551.20 was donated. This will go towards Atea trips later in the year.

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 3: Assessment Week

Thurs. 31 July: Moana Syndicate Community Swimming
: Mr Whippy for best attendance W2

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

Week 4: Assessment Week

Tues. 5 Aug: 'Science in the Van' Visit for Whenua & Moana
: Y7&8 Boys' Hockey (Rose Park, North Shore)

: Y5&6 Boys' Soccer (William Green, Pakuranga)

: Y7&8 Girls' Netball (David Lange Park, Mangere)

Wed. 6 Aug : Duffy Theatre 11.30am and 1.30pm (Y5-8)

: 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 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 1 Stardome trip

: Sia Ua Assembly at 11.30am

: Y5-8 Fagasa Speech Comp. in Christchurch

: Mr Whippy for best attendance in W4

Sports Update

Congratulations to all those teams who represented our school recently at either the Years 5-6 or Years 7-8 sports tournaments. Thank you all to our athletes who are doing the best they can.

Congratulations to our Years 7-8 Hockey boys who will be representing our school at the Auckland Champions of Champions next week. Thank you to all our parents who are supporting our children.

Y7&8 Girls' Hockey Team

Y7&8 Boys' Hockey Team



Board of Trustees News

Nominations are now open and will be until noon Wed. 6 Aug. Hopefully you received an email regarding this. Please read information on page 2 of this newsletter for more information.

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.**



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New Entrant Enrolments and Transitioning

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

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

Thursday: Frazier R16 and Cerian R4

Friday: Lesieli R8

Saturday: Margret R15, Leonat R25 and Mele R24

Sunday: George R11 and Jesmaine R2

Tuesday: Setiva R4



Best Attendance for Term 3, Week 2:

Mr Whippy will be here tomorrow to reward Week 2 classes with the best attendance.

Whenua: R13B 95% and R5 92%

Moana: R1 92% and R6B 92%

Aorangi: R15 93% and R12 91%

Atea: R9 93% and R3 89%



PE T-Shirts

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



OLDER ADULT MUSIC GROUPS

Do you know someone who would benefit from music sessions?

Play

Listen

Share

Connect



Fridays 10am in Grafton

5 Carlton Gore Road

\$35 per session.

Call us! ☎ 09 360 0889

Email us! ✉ info@rmtc.org.nz

or scan using your phone here!



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.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Thinking about Joining a School Board?

Most New Zealand schools are governed by a school board. This is a group of people who work together, with staff and students, with whānau, parents and the wider community, to make a positive difference for children's education! A board's strength comes from its community, so they welcome people with different backgrounds – your voice and experience matter.

What are the Different Type of Board Members?

Boards are a mix of school-based members and members from the wider school community.

A standard school board's membership includes:

- The principal
- 5 parent representatives – elected by the parent community
- One staff representative – elected by the staff

The board may also have co-opted and appointed members. Boards of state-integrated schools, kura kaupapa Māori, and designated character schools can have different memberships. For example, state-integrated schools also have members appointed by the school's proprietor.

Who Can be a Board Member?

Just about anyone! You don't have to be a parent or caregiver of a child at the school, but you do need to show enthusiasm, have good communication skills, and work well in a team environment.

Every board member brings their own unique set of skills and experiences.

It can help to have an understanding of the education sector. You may have financial skills and experience in managing people, knowledge and understanding of particular communities within your school, or experience working within your school and wider communities.

Before anyone becomes a school board member, they must confirm they meet the [eligibility criteria](#)

What Support do Board Members Get?

Te Whakarōpūtanga (NZSBA) offers a range of learning and development opportunities, an Advisory and Support Centre, a regionally-based team of advisors, regular emails with sector updates, and a Resource Centre with everything from checklists and templates to articles and videos.

Where Can I Find Out More Information? Contact your local school for information about upcoming elections and vacancies. Come along to a board meeting to see what it's all about.



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