

Sutton Park School Newsletter – 17 Sept. 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, আরে

Term 3, Week 10 Wednesday 17 September 2025

Term 3 Theme: Planet Earth and Beyond Term 3 Values: Identity & Diversity

Final week of Term 3

We have finally reached the final week of Term 3 and I would like to thank our children at Sutton Park School for your continued dedication to your learning this term. I want to acknowledge our staff at Sutton Park School for their commitment in ensuring that all of our children have had the best possible learning opportunities and experiences throughout the term. Thank you to our parents for ensuring your children are attending school every day. One of our focus areas next term will be to improve on our attendance from this term. A reminder that tomorrow will be the last day of the term and we finish at the normal time of 3:00pm.

Talent Quest 2025

What a success Talent Quest 2025 was! We got to see and listen to the great talent our students have and for sure we were treated to some amazing talent. We need our students to show what they are good at, so we can strengthen their talents through their learning. I want to acknowledge the organising committee of Mrs Sanerivi, Mr Taufalele and Mr Fa'apusa for making this happen for our children at Sutton Park School.

Term 4 Assessments

We will be starting our final school assessments in Week 3 of Term 4. All of our children will be doing assessments either as a class or individually. Weeks 3, 4 and 5 will be dedicated to these assessments as scheduled by the Team and Whanau Leaders. Please ensure that your children are ready for these assessments by getting enough sleep and eating a healthy breakfast. These assessments will determine your child's end of year final results for prizegiving and end of year reports.

Zero Tolerance of Abusive Behaviour at Sutton Park School

This is a friendly reminder to our parents and community that Sutton Park School is a safe place and learning environment for our children. If there is an issue with your child/ren, you can come to the office, talk to staff in an appropriate manner, as we have processes in place to investigate and to solve whatever incident needs attention. Parents cannot come onto school grounds and try solving it themselves as this puts our children at risk.

Heads Up for Primary school Strike Action next Term

Primary school teachers will go on strike from 7am to 7pm on Thursday 23 October. This is a reminder for our families to organise suitable childcare for this day in advance of the strike day.

Alleman,

Fata Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal

2025 Term Dates:

Term 4 Monday 6th October - Friday 12th December

Week 10: Te Wiki o te Reo Maori

Thurs. 18 Sept: Mr Whippy for best attendance in W9

: Last day of Term 3 for Students

: Mufti Day-gold coin fundraising for Masina

Va'aia

Friday 19 Sept: Teacher only Day

Term 4 dates to add to your diary or calendar Week 1: Dental Van on site / Fijian Language Week

Mon. 6 Oct: First Day of Term 4
Week 2: Niuean Language Week

Thurs. 16 Oct: NZ Shake Out 9.30am (Earthquake Drill) Week 3: Assessment Week / Dental Van on site /

Niuean Language Week

Wed 22 Oct: Community Fono

Thurs 23 Oct: Teacher Strike -No school

Friday 24 Oct: Mangere Beatz

Week 4: Assessment Week / Dental Van on site
Mon. 27 Oct: Labour Day -Public Holiday School Closed

Te Wiki o te Reo Maori

Our language weeks are an important part of our school identity and it is extremely important that we acknowledge our Te Wiki o te Reo Maori. This is in its 50th year since the beginning and I want to acknowledge our tangata whenua who have paved the way for our reo Maori to be part of our school. A special mention to Whaea Molly, Whaea Uru and the tamariki in the rumaki for allowing us to continue celebrating Te Wiki o te Reo Maori. The rumaki has put on an engaging programme this year and I am looking forward to showcasing the activities this week. Nga mihi nunui mo tou mahi.



Above: The Rumaki Reo wearing shirts organised by the Ruri Whanau for Te Wiki o te Reo Maori.

Roaming dog

We have noticed a young black dog hanging around the school both mornings and afternoons. It is friendly but easily excited, and has caused some minor injuries to some children. If this is your dog, please keep it contained on your property. If you know who it belongs to, please advise the owner of their responsibility to keep the dog on their property. We do not want any serious harm to come to our students or the dog.

Board of Trustees News (see page 2 for letter from Julia Belford) Congratulations to the following who were either re-elected or have been newly voted in:

loelu Tautaiolefua

Julia Belford

Talita Fitikefu

May Ngatuakana-Lai

Kilisitina Mateaki

Maria Bryce-Finau



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New Entrant Enrolments and Transitioning

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

Week 10 Monday - Wed 15 Sept- 17 Sept (transitioning) 9am-11am Term 4

Week 1 -Intake 1 - From Mon 6 October

Week 2 -Monday-Wed 13 Oct-15 Oct (transitioning) 9am-11am

Week 3 -Intake 2 -From Monday 20 October

Week 4 -Monday-Wed 27 Oct-29 Oct (transitioning) 9am-11am

Week 5 -Intake 3 -From Monday 3 November

Week 6 -Monday-Wed 10 Nov-12 Nov (transitioning) 9am-11am No more intakes or transitioning after Week 6 (until T1 2026)

Birthdays this week ...

Tuesday: Henry R2, Peter R13B and Milo R9Aa Wednesday: Curtis-Lloyd R11A and Steven R7 Thursday: Paula R9 and Fifita R5

...and during the holidays... Carlos R11, Helen-Marie R8, Avary R14, Kha'ryis R13A,

Suifua R6, Luke R2, Tu'akalau R5, Lawrence R15, Mackmiller R5, Mele F R4, Jarell R25, Falaresa R20, Stenley R24, Sione R11, InaLei R24, Samaira R13B, Pita R6B, Josiah R21, Lavinia R3, Sione R9 and JT R25.

Best Attendance for Term 3, Week 9:

Mr Whippy will be here on tomorrow to reward Week 9 classes with the best attendance.

Whenua: R14 84% and R5 83%

Moana: R6B 93% and R24 93% Aorangi: R21 92% and R15 91%

Atea: R9 89% and R10 84%

Camp Payments- Thank you to those who have fully paid. Many Y7&Y8 students who went to camp at the beginning of the year have yet to pay their camp fees. Payments can

be made in the office by Eftpos or cash, or via bank transfer: ASB 12 3079 0198868 00

Please use child's name and Camp25 as references.

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



Moana students learning to keep safe in the water at their final swimming lesson last week.

See page 3 for local school holiday info and Early Childcare adverts from Little Feet.

SWiS - Social Worker In School

As our SWiS worker Eunice is on maternity leave now until March 2026, if you have any needs, please contact Mrs Tuaopepe: dtuaopepe@suttonpark.school.nz. When a replacement SWIS is appointed soon, we will let you know the name and contact details.

School Carpark / Gates Reminder

The carpark is for staff, service providers and emergency vehicles only. You will need to park in a suitable place along the road and access the school via the pedestrian gate beside the pool. Do not park in front of the gate.

Message from BoT Outgoing Presiding Member

Kia Ora.

I want to thank every one of you for voting for me and placing your trust in me over the past 3 terms. It has been a true honour to be recognised by the Sutton Park School community - serving our tamariki and working alongside so many caring parents, teachers and staff is a privilege I will always value.

After careful consideration, I have decided to step down as Presiding Member and as an elected parent representative effective Tuesday, 16 September 2025. This was not an easy decision, but I believe it will help preserve the right balance and representation on the board so we can continue to put our children first and work closely and collaboratively with the Principal.

I warmly welcome May Ngatuakana as our new Presiding Member and I congratulate all the newly elected trustees. I'm excited to see fresh energy and continued commitment to Sutton Park School.

Although I will no longer serve on the board, I will continue to follow Sutton Park's progress with pride and remain closely connected through my children. Their experience at this school was the reason I first joined the board in 2019 - to give back to the place that has given my family so much and for that. I am deeply grateful.

Wishing the new board and Sutton Park School every success for the journey ahead.

Nga mihi nui Julia Belford

Y8 Students – 2026 High School Enrolment

Parents of Y8 students need to be 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 **as soon as possible**. Then let us know which college or high school your child will be going to next year.

Kia Ora,

We've got some awesome programmes coming up for kids in your school community — afterschool care, kids' basketball, and our action-packed holiday programme. It's all about keeping kids safe, active, and having fun while building new skills and friendships. We're located at Moana-Nui-a-Kiwa Pool & Leisure Centre. Ngā mihi

Ita Tanielu

Recreation Lead

Te wāhanga mō ngā Puna Kaukau me te Rēhia | **Pools and Leisure**

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