



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 11 Feb. 2026

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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, আসো

Term 1, Week 3 Wednesday 11 February 2026

Term 1 Theme: KAITIAKITANGA - How can we be Kaitiaki?

Term 1 Values: RESPECT & IDENTITY

Camp Adair for our Year 7/8 Tamariki

Camp in the beginning of the year seems to be odd in the Term 1 calendar, where most camps are done either in the 2nd half of the year or at the end of Term 4. Our reason for this, is to ensure our Year 7/8 familiarise themselves with each other and to build relationships and connections that will help them throughout their intermediate years. This is also a great opportunity for our school leaders to grow and become confident with their peers. This will give teachers a better understanding of not only the students in their class but also with other Year 7/8 students. I do know that it can become quite expensive, especially when you have other children at school but we have made arrangements that you can pay off your camp fees throughout the year. If you want to see some camp photos of your child/ren please join our school facebook page and enjoy.



Attendance & Community Engagement Officer

I would like to introduce you all to Dan Mailata who is our Attendance & Community Engagement Officer. He will be doing some home visits to families if their children are not attending school daily or are yet to return from the holidays.

Meet and Greet our Teachers 2026

Next Wednesday 18 February will be our first community fono for the year. This will be 5:00pm in the school hall. We are using this time for all parents to informally meet their teachers. Once again, it is making those connections in the beginning of the year that will go a long way to ensuring better communication and trust. We will be having a free sausage sizzle next Wednesday and we will be starting up our 8 x \$50.00 grocery voucher spot prizes for attendees. We hope you can all make our first community fono for the year.

School Hats and Shoes

I cannot stress the importance of wearing hats to protect your son or daughter from the harsh sun. The hats need to be navy blue.(see page 2 for more details). We do have sunscreen for all students to use when they are playing outside. Wearing shoes outside is important as children get cuts and grazes on their feet because they are not seeing where they are going, so we are pushing for shoes as well as hats to be worn outside at all times.

Fata Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal

2026 Term 1 Dates:

This week(3):

Thurs. 12 Feb: Y7&8 immunisation talks 11.30am

Friday 13 Feb: Mr Whippy for best attendance

Next Week (4):

Wed. 18 Feb: Community Fono 5pm (sausages from 4.30pm)

Week 5:

Tues. 24 Feb: Board of Trustees Meeting 4.30pm

Week 6:

Thurs 5 Mar: Y7&8 1st dose vaccine

Camp 2026 Payments (\$100 per student)

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

Please use your child's name and CAMP26 as references.

We are currently seeking a Samoan Teacher Assistant to join our team.

The successful applicant will have experience working with students from neurodiverse backgrounds and will be required to support two siblings diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Both students are non-verbal, therefore patience, empathy, and an understanding of alternative communication strategies are essential.

The role requires someone who is:

Fluent in Samoan and English

Experienced in supporting students with autism and additional learning needs

Calm, reliable, and able to build positive, supportive relationships with students

Interested applicants are invited to submit their CV to Diana Tuaopepe (dtuaopepe@suttonpark.school.nz)

Only suitable applicants will be contacted.

Best Attendance

The following classes will receive a Mr Whippy treat on Friday 13 Feb. for having the best attendance in Week 2:

Whenua: R5 95% Moana: R17 95%

Aorangi: R7 = R21 93% Atea: R2 95%



Before and After School Care

For their safety, children should be collected from school by 3.15pm every day and arrive at school no earlier than 8.30am. It is not the responsibility of the teachers or office staff to look after your children outside of these hours.

There are before and after school care agencies available if you need them:

Skids: aineeta@skids.co.nz; 027 627 5001

Good Seeds: 027 537 3115; 09 275 1065

Little Feet: 09 255 5526; info@littlefeetchildcare.co.nz

Or collect a brochure from the office.

Māngere East Cultural Festival

Kia ora koutou katoa,

We're getting ready for the Māngere East Community Cultural Festival — a fun whānau day to celebrate our neighbourhood!

Saturday 7 March 10 AM – 2 PM

Māngere East Village Green

We're calling for performers and stallholders:

Musicians, dance crews, kapa haka, choirs, cultural groups, soloists — we want to see you on stage!

Food vendors, makers, community groups, services — bring your kai, crafts and info stalls!

Interested? Please email info@mangereeast.org with:

- Your name / group, what you do, and a short description
- Phone number.
- (For stalls) stall type



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Welcome to our new students:

Wayne R4, Tahirah R4, Samson R4, Ali R13B, Skyla R13B and Humairah R13B. We hope your learning journey at SPS leads to great things.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open Tuesday -Friday mornings. All students are welcome to come to the tech block for breakfast between 8.15am-8.45am.

New Entrant Enrolments and Transitioning Term 1 2026

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

Week 4 - Tues - Thurs. 17 Feb-19 Feb (transitioning) 9am-11am

Week 5 - Intake from Mon 23 Feb

Week 6 - Tues - Thurs. 3 Mar-5 Mar (transitioning) 9am-11am

Week 7 - Intake from Mon 9 March

Week 8 - Tues- Thurs. 17 Mar-19 Mar (transitioning) 9am-11am

Week 9 - Intake from Mon 23 March

Week 10 - Tues- Wed. 30 Mar-1 April (transitioning) 9am-11am

Interested in your tamariki enrolling in the Rūmaki...

You can come and visit the Rūmaki Māori every second week of Term 1 - Thursday mornings between 10am-11am.

Local River Walks

There's a stream that runs through Māngere East which carries the essence of life for people, plants and place.

Have you ever been there before?

You'd be surprised to know that people who have lived here for many years are still discovering that this place exists. Come join Māngere East Family Services as they bring more awareness of this special place and give back to the space through connection and care. Please register so they know to expect you. For more information, please contact Destiny Harris destiny@mefsc.org.nz

WHAKAORANGA AWA HIKOI

Our monthly hikoi celebrating the beauty, history & life of our local stream - Harania Awa

What can you expect:



Hands-on activities, rongoā sessions & more...

MONTHLY FRIDAY DATES

- February 13th
- March 13th
- April 17th
- May 15th
- June 5th
- NO JULY DATE
- August 7th
- September 4th
- October 9th
- November 11th

Location: 92 Wickman Way (Bus Stop)
Time: 10am - 1pm

For larger groups (10+), please contact 'Event Co-ordinator' via email at destiny@mefsc.org.nz.



Birthdays this week and next

Today: Charles R9 and Tai-Tayez R24

Thursday: Taylor R10 Ana R12 and Ane R25

Friday: Moahengi R8

Saturday: Genesis R25

Monday: Abigail R2, Loinidora R17 and Cairo R14

Tuesday: Aruna R10 and Luhama R6B



Sunhats

We have school hats for sale at the Uniform Shoppe.

(1 Ronwood Ave, Manukau) To make things easier for you, we can take your order and payment at the school office for \$12.00. School hats are part of our school uniform so every child needs to get a school hat. Place in your order as soon as possible at the school office.



SUTTON PARK SCHOOL



WIDE BRIMMED HAT

\$22.50

THIS WILL BE COMPULSORY FOR ALL STUDENTS IN TERMS 1 AND 4 OF 2026

YOU CAN NOW PURCHASE THIS FROM THE UNIFORM SHOPPE MANUAKU OR ORDER ONLINE AT

<https://theuniformshoppe.co.nz/>



📍 1 Ronwood Avenue, Manukau 2104

✉ manukaushop@sas.co.nz

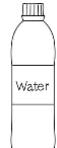
☎ 09 267 6063

Mobile Phones

A reminder that no student should be coming to school with a mobile phone. If they do, they need to bring it to the office in the morning and pick it up after school. If a student is found to have a phone with them during the day it will be confiscated and the caregivers asked to come in to collect it.

Sugar-Free Drinks

A reminder that we have a water and plain milk only rule here at SPS. Do not bring





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