



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 18 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 4 Wednesday 18 February 2026

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

Term 1 Values: RESPECT & IDENTITY

COMMUNITY FONO - COMMUNITY FONO - COMMUNITY FONO

When: Today (Wednesday 18 February 2026)

Where: Sutton Park School

**Time: 4:30pm Free sausage sizzle upon arrival
5:00pm start in your allocated spaces**

Whenua syndicate Years 1-2 - parents and families will go to Rooms 13A/13B/14

Moana syndicate Years 3-4 - parents and families will go to Rooms 6 & 6B

Aorangi syndicate years 5-6 - parents and families will go to Rooms 11A & 12

Atea syndicate Years 7-8 - parents and families will go to the Hall

The purpose of these meetings is for you as parents and families to connect with teachers of the Year level/s your child/ren are in. You as parents will have time to ask questions and in each syndicate they will have important information to share with you. Our school leaders will guide you to your meeting places and remember, there will be 2 x \$50 gift vouchers per syndicate as spot prizes.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our 1st Meet and Greet community fono this evening.

Principals Awards Week 4 - Term 1

Congratulations to all our winners of my Principal's Award this week. The Principal's Awards are presented to 2 top students in each class who have been doing very well in class - through their work ethics, completing work on time and to a very high standard, always having a positive attitude, showing our school values in whatever they do, helping and supporting others in class and doing the 'right' thing.

I want to congratulate you all for your excellent effort. My next Principals Awards will be presented in Week 9 of this term.

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.

Yellow Lines and the School Pedestrian Crossing

It is by law that you cannot stop your car to pick up or drop off your children in front of the pedestrian crossing or park on the yellow lines. Please park away from the yellow lines. Wakelin Ave and Fleming Street are good places to drop off your children. A short walk to and from school using the crossing is a great way to have a little exercise to start and finish the day. Let's keep all of our children and families safe and set good examples for our children.

2026 Term 1 Dates:

This Week (4):

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

Friday 20 Feb: Mr Whippy for best attendance

Week 5:

Mon. 23 Feb: Group 1 trip to Ihumatao (R11A and R21)

Tues. 24 Feb: Group 2 trip to Ihumatao (R14, R4A and R5)

: Y5&6 Boys' Cricket @ Papatoetoe Club

: SWZ Y7&8 Girls' Softball @ Aorere Park

: Board of Trustees Meeting 4.30pm

Wed. 25 Feb: Group 3 trip to Ihumatao (R13A, R13B, R18 & R4)

Thurs. 26 Feb: SWZ Boys' Softball @ Aorere Park

: Masina Va'aia Parents' Fono 4.30pm

Friday 27 Feb: Group 4 trip to Ihumatao (Moana)

: Mr Whippy for best attendance

: Mufti Day (gold coin for Whenua fundraising)

Week 6:

Mon. 2 March: Group 5 trip to Ihumatao (Aorangi)

Tues. 3 March: Group 6 trip to Ihumatao (Moana)

Wed. 4 March: Group 7 trip to Ihumatao (Moana)

Thurs. 5 March: Group 8 trip to Ihumatao (Aorangi)

: Y7&8 1st dose vaccine

: Sia Ua Parents' fono 4.30pm

Friday 6 March: Mr Whippy for best attendance

Week 7:

Mon. 9 March: Group 9 trip to Ihumatao (Atea)

Tues. 10 March: Group 10 trip to Ihumatao (Atea)

Wed. 11 March: Group 11 trip to Ihumatao (Atea)

Friday 13 March: Aorangi Trip to the Museum

: Mr Whippy for best attendance

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.

Best Attendance

The following classes will receive a Mr Whippy treat on Friday 20 Feb. for

having the best attendance in Week 3:

Whenua: R4 93% Moana: R6 97%

Aorangi: R9A 96% Atea: R11 93%



Sharing the Success of our Past Students

Danielle Belford, who was a student here at Sutton Park School and is now at Papakura High school, won Gold in the NZ Special Olympics Summer Games in Christchurch last December. Not only was she the only female to compete, she was also the youngest competitor in the event. Her win has secured a nomination to compete at the 2027 Special Olympics World Games in Chile.



SMH Lemanu
Fata Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal



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Welcome to our new students:

Eti R18, LJ R21 and Kayden R24.

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 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

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

Mangere 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

Birthdays this week and next

Today: Ngatamaine R12

Friday: Luseane R6B and Elijah R2

Sunday: Kataline R11, Naomi R11A and MJ R17

Monday: Abigail R2, Loinidora R17 and Cairo R14



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.

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.



Above: Room 7 with their best attendance award and, below, with their Mr Whippy treats for best attendance.



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.



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