



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 4 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 2 Wednesday 4 February 2026

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

Term 1 Values: RESPECT & IDENTITY

Nau Mai Haere & Welcome to 2026

I would like to officially welcome you to our kura: Whaia te Matauranga - Sutton Park School, 2026. I hope that you all had a good break and that you all are ready for another year of learning. Nga mihi nui to our rumaki class with opening our school year with a powhiri, to welcome our new students and their parents as well as our new staff members. What a great way to start off the school year. I would also like to extend my congratulations to the new staff who have won positions to work here at Sutton Park School. We are very, very lucky to have them join our Sutton Park School whanau.

Mrs Salamona Manavahetau Palu - Room 13B

Mrs Vaciseva Kurilaba - Room 20

Mrs Emi Solipo - Room 17

Mrs Alilia Taufa - R4A

Mrs Debbie Riley - Learning Support Co-ordinator

Mr Dan Mailata - Attendance and Community engagement co-ordinator

What is Kaitiakitanga?

In a school setting, **Kaitiakitanga** (a Māori concept often translated as guardianship or stewardship) is the practice of looking after the people, the culture, and the environment. It moves beyond simple "sustainability" and focuses on a deep sense of responsibility to protect what matters for future generations.

Our teachers are working in their teams to ensure that there are a lot of activities and new learning around the theme of Kaitiakitanga.

Our school values for this term are - Respect and Identity.

These values connect very well to our theme. In the meantime, children are looking at Te Tiriti o Waitangi and why we have Waitangi Day. It is important for all of us to understand Te Tiriti o Waitangi, it is not only for our Maori whanau.

Attendance

All schools in New Zealand are required to use their Attendance Management Plan. This is a big focus for the Ministry of Education this year. Dan Mailata has been appointed to carry out home visits to support families with children who are not coming to school every day. Let's work together to get **all** our students attending school 90% of the time this term, and throughout the year.

If your child is away for 3 or more days for sickness or injury, a medical certificate is required.

Asthma

If your child has asthma, please ensure your child has an inhaler available at school. We can safely keep a named one in the sickbay for emergencies.

Fata Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal

2026 Term 1 Dates:

This week:

Wednesday 4 Feb: Rumaki whanau meeting 4pm

Thurs. 5 Feb: Masina Va'aia Parent Fono 4.30pm

Friday 6 February: **Waitangi Day – school closed**

Next Week (3):

Monday 9 Feb - Wed 11 Feb: **Y7&8 Camp at Camp Adair**

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.

Showcasing the Success of our Students

What an awesome way to start off the school year with Areanna (our SPS 2025 Deputy Head Girl) appearing on the front cover of the Education Gazette.

Areanna shares her story of how the use of two languages (Samoan and English) has made her a successful, confident and proud learner of Sutton Park School.

Below is the web address for the full article:



<https://gazette.education.govt.nz/articles/bilingual-education-builds-belonging-for-akonga-at-sutton-park-school/>

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.



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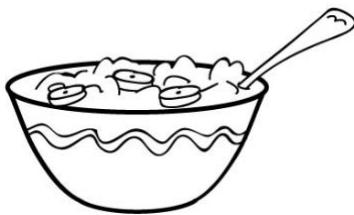
Welcome to our new students:

David R20, Samisoni R13A, Anita R16, Athalia R18, Alayna R13B, Amelia R13B, Ma'ata R7, Qoholeth R6, Marrina R11, Ezra R4, Kinjal R13B, Makayla R13A, Ihipera R18, Puapuaga R2, Vanesa R16, Junior R20, Ati R20, Omeka R2, Emorah R13A, Anau R4, Kairo R18, Marcel R2, Florenia R2, Palu 4, Donjoe R17, Zaylan R3, Anaya R13A, Layah R20 and Amishka R13A.

We hope your learning journey at SPS leads to great things.

Breakfast Club

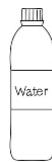
Breakfast Club is open Tuesday -Friday mornings. All students are welcome to come to the tech block for breakfast between 8.15am-8.45am.



Sugar-Free Drinks



A reminder that we have a water and plain milk only rule here at SPS. Do not bring fizzy drinks, or fruit juice to school.



New Entrant Enrolments and Transitioning Term 1 2026

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

Week 2 - Tuesday - Thurs. 3 Feb-5 Feb (transitioning) 9am-11am

Week 3 - Intake 2 - From Mon Feb 9

Week 4 - Tuesday - Thurs. 17 Feb-19 Feb (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.

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: ajneeta@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.

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.

Birthdays last week, this week and next

Last week: Bill R2, Vassylia R11A, Clarence R13B, Souvenir R17, Tototaha R6, Myron R24 and Logan R20

Today: Uiki R7

Thursday: Sami R14

Friday: Iyden R10, Taufa R9, Samuel R11A, Jerusalem R17, Te Ohomairangi R1 and Huelo R20

Saturday: Ezekiel R14 and Alnessa R17

Monday: Melefinau R8 and Neriah R18



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 MANUKAU OR ORDER ONLINE AT <https://theuniformshoppe.co.nz/>



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