



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 25 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, আরে

Term 1, Week 5 Wednesday 25 February 2026
Term 1 Theme: KAITIAKITANGA - How can we be Kaitiaki?
Term 1 Values: RESPECT & IDENTITY

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR COMMUNITY FONO - IN SYNDICATE GROUPS

I would like to extend my thanks to all our parents who attended our first Community fono in the syndicate groups. There was positive feedback from the staff who felt that it was a good opportunity to connect with their students' parents. Even though we had a good number attend, once again, we need to work together to ensure *all* parents attend *all* of the Community fono throughout the year. We have agreed that we will have our Community fono in syndicate groups in Terms 1 and 3 and our normal Community fono in the hall in Terms 2 and 4.

3 Way Talanoa/Korero/Conversations - Week 8

It is that time of the year where you will be able to connect with your children's teachers through the 3 way talanoa/korero/conversations. This will happen on Friday 20 March 2026 starting at 9:00am through to 4:00pm.

Please go to:

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Make a booking and use Event code: **mb7ut**

School uniform

It is important that all students who attend Sutton Park School be in the correct school uniform. We all need to take pride in our uniform, whether you are in the junior school or the senior school. I will be doing spot checks this week with uniform. There should be no coloured t-shirts underneath the senior shirts, no jewellery, no big earrings, no make-up and no white socks. Please parents let's try and work together to keep our standards up with wearing the correct uniform.

Te Ihu o Mataoho Tour (Ihumatao)



I am excited to have all our students experience **Te Ihu o Mataoho Tour**. As you read this, nine classes will have already taken part and over the next two weeks, the remaining classes will be travelling to Ihumatao and will be going through the stories and the history behind Ihumatao. Our tamariki may not have experienced the history of Ihumatao before and will get a first first-hand experience of the whenua and enjoy a hangi lunch.

Photos Left and Right: students at Ihumatao yesterday.

2026 Term 1 Dates: Last Day Term 1 is Wed 1 April This Week (5):

Thurs. 26 Feb: SWZ Boys' Softball @ Aorere Park
: Masina Va'aia Parents' Fono 4.30pm
Friday 27 Feb: Group 4 trip to Ihumatao (R6 and R20)
: Mr Whippy for best attendance
: Mufti Day (gold coin for Whenua fundraising)

Week 6:

Mon. 2 March: Group 5 trip to Ihumatao (R7 and R12)
: Moana Syndicate -Harania Stream Session
Tues. 3 March: Group 6 trip to Ihumatao (R6B and R17)
Wed. 4 March: Group 7 trip to Ihumatao (R1, R24 and R25)
: Y5&6 Girls' Cricket
Thurs. 5 March: Group 8 trip to Ihumatao (R9A, R16 and R15)
: Y7&8 1st dose vaccine 9.30am
: Y7&8 Boys' and Girls' Tag (Ngati Otara Park)
: 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

Week 8: Life Education Caravan on site

Wed. 18 March: Science Roadshow for Atea (at SPS)
Thurs. 19 March: Eye on Nature Trip (30 Aorangi students)
Friday 20 March: 3-Way Conversations 9am-4pm

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.

Camp Lost Property

If your child went to camp and didn't bring all their gear home, please come and check if it is here at school beside the lost property box....there's a pillow, sleeping bag, shoes, towels, shirts, etc.

Best Attendance

The following classes will receive a Mr Whippy treat on Friday 27 Feb. for having the best attendance in Week 4:

Whenua: R14 93%
Moana: R6B and R17 95%
Aorangi: R16 95%
Atea: R9 98%



Fata Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal



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Welcome to our new students:

Jeremiah R13B, Peter R11, Terry R18, O'Shea R13B and Ainiu R18.

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

New Entrant Enrolments and Transitioning Term 1 2026

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

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

PE Shirts

These are needed by our Y7&8 students to wear for sport, fitness and PE, to keep their uniform shirts and blouses clean and tidy. Please buy at the office \$22 each (cash, Eftpos, or pay online). We have the following sizes S, M, L, 2XL, 3XL and 4XL

Birthdays this week and next

Today: Penelope R20 and Meleana R6B

Thursday: Pepe R20 and Zyke R2

Monday: Neivi R8,



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.

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.

McAuley High School Enrolments for 2027

The decision as to which secondary school your daughter attends is an important one. As a Catholic school for girls, McAuley High School is a good choice.

Enrolment applications for Year 9 students in 2027 are currently being taken.

The closing date for non-preference applications is **2nd April**, the end of Term 1. The closing date for preference applications is **3rd July**, the end of Term 2, or when the roll is full.

Enrolment packs can be collected from the McAuley High School office or sent to you by post. Please phone or email to request a pack - 09-2768715, office@mcauleyhigh.school.nz.

Forms can also be downloaded from the school website:

mcauleyhigh.school.nz/enrolment/enrolment-information/

Please use the checklist to ensure all required information is included with your application as we cannot process applications that are incomplete.

Dilworth Open Day

If any Year 8 boys are interested in knowing more about Dilworth School for 2027, they have an upcoming open day. If you are interested please visit their website for dates and times.

<https://www.dilworth.school.nz/home>

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.



Right: R7 Students helping serve toast at breakfast club yesterday.



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