



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 18 Mar. 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, আবে

Term 1, Week 8 Wednesday 18 March 2026

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

Term 1 Values: RESPECT & IDENTITY

3 Way Talanoa/Korero/Conversations – This Friday Reminder that school will be CLOSED for learning.

This is an important time for you to meet with your child's classroom teacher one on one. At this time you can ask questions about your child's learning, their behaviour, their attendance and what you can do as parents to help support your child's learning at home. If you are unable to book online at home, please come to the office and they will help you out. These conversations 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**

Sports

We would like to extend our sincere congratulations and thanks to all students who have represented our school at recent sports tournaments. Your commitment, teamwork and positive attitude were evident throughout the competitions and you represented the school with pride. Participation in these events requires dedication and effort and we are proud of the way you competed against the other schools. We also want to acknowledge the support of our coaches, staff and families who were able to support our teams. Well done to our Year 8 Girls' Netball team, a great start to the season. If you are available Friday evenings, head down to the MONA courts in Bader Drive, Mangere to support our netball girls. Well done to all involved.

Life Education

Life Education is important in schools because it teaches students how to make healthy and safe choices in their everyday lives. Through fun and interactive lessons with Harold the Giraffe, students learn about topics like nutrition, how their bodies work, friendships, and the dangers of drugs and alcohol. These lessons help children build confidence, develop good decision-making skills, and understand how to look after their physical and mental wellbeing. Overall, Life Education helps students grow into healthy, responsible, and informed individuals. We have Carleen Craig our Specialist Educator (along with Claire, who is learning the role), here with us until the end of the term.



Staff

We would like to extend our warmest welcome to Miss Ranadi Lakokiperitania who will be a Teacher Assistant in our Y7-8 Syndicate supporting Atea students in their learning.

We also welcome back Eunice Lasi, our school social worker (SWiS) who has returned after maternity leave.

Fata Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal

2026 Term 1 Dates: Last Day Term 1 is Wed 1 April This Week (8): Life Education Caravan on site

Thurs. 19 March: Eye on Nature Trip (30 Aorangi students)
: Mr Whippy for best attendance in W7
: Masina Va'aia parent fono 4.30pm
: Sia Ua parent's trip meeting 4.30pm

Friday 20 March: 3-Way Conversations 9am-4pm

Week 9: Life Education Caravan on site

Tues. 24 March: Community Cleanup
Wed. 25 March :MOSA (Y5&6) Ripper Rugby boys and girls
Friday 27 March: Mr Whippy for best attendance in W8

Week 10: Life Education Caravan on site

Wed. 01 April: Mr Whippy for best attendance in W7
: Last day of Term 1 for Students

Thurs. 02 April: Teacher Only Day

Friday 03 April: Good Friday Holiday

Term 2 starts Monday 20 April

Condolences

We extend our condolences to the Pillanger/Thompson family with the passing of Kim Thompson, a long time neighbour and previous staff member of Sutton Park School.

Please be aware that there may be more congestion outside the school on Vine Street, as family members and friends arrive this week for the funeral proceedings.

Te Ihu o Mataoho Journey

We had our last set of classes visit Ihumatao last week. This has been an awesome opportunity for all our tamariki to take part in this journey. It was a fun and educational experience that helped them connect with nature, local history, and the special stories of the land. We have had some really positive feedback from teachers, parents and students. This was a really great opportunity for our tamariki to get first-hand experience of the land and its history. Nga mihi nui to Whaea Molly for the organisation of this educational outdoor experience.



Above and below: R2 and R11 students exploring Ihumatao last Thursday.



Best Attendance

The following classes will receive a Mr Whippy treat on Thursday 19 March for having the best attendance in Week 7:
Whenua: R13B 99% Moana: R17 98%
Aorangi: R16 97% Atea: R8 96%





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New Entrant Enrolments and Transitioning Term 1 2026

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

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.

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.

Birthdays this week and next

Today: Alvin R12

Thursday: Pace R3, Evalina R10, Joseph R9, Joshua R8, Nenisi R24 and Naomi R25

Friday: Finau R8 and Lovanna R9A

Saturday: Aliyana R24, Tasi R13B and LJ R21

Sunday: Savannah R12

Monday: Taina R9, Teani R1 and Lupe R14



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.

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 (Sunday 29 March).

If you are interested please visit their website to register and for more information <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.



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

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 (Sutton Park School Board)

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



Left: David R12 and Hosea R8 went to play table tennis yesterday.

Right: Hosea R8 in action at table tennis.



SOUTHERN DISTRICTS HOCKEY

2026 JUNIOR & YOUTH TRAININGS

COME JOIN THE ACTION!
All skill levels welcome – Build skills, fitness, and team spirit.

JUNIOR TRAININGS	YOUTH TRAININGS
<p>Mondays</p> <p>✓ 16 March / 23 March / 30 March</p> <p>Boys & Girls Year 3-6</p> <p>5:00pm – 6:00pm</p> <p>Boys & Girls Year 7-8</p> <p>6:00pm – 7:00pm</p> <p>Saturdays</p> <p>✓ 21 March / 28 March</p> <p>Boys & Girls Year 3-6</p> <p>9:00am – 10:00am</p> <p>10:00am – 11:00am</p>	<p>Tuesdays</p> <p>✓ 17 March / 24 March / 31 March</p> <p>Years 9-11 Boys & Girls</p> <p>6:00pm – 7:00pm</p> <p>Sundays</p> <p>✓ 22 March / 29 March</p> <p>Boys</p> <p>9:00am – 10:00am</p> <p>Girls</p> <p>10:00am – 11:00am</p>

BRING:

- ✓ Mouthguard
- ✓ Shin Guards
- ✓ Hockey Stick
- ✓ Water Bottle

PLAY HARD. TRAIN HARD.
SOUTHERN DISTRICTS HOCKEY!

SDHC@Kolmar Sports Centre, Sutton Crescent, Papatoetoe

We at **Southern Districts Hockey** are an amazing family club looking for kids from Year 3-11 to come and try hockey! No experience is needed. We have amazing coaches ready to teach the awesome skills of hockey. It's a great, fast paced game, played on Saturday mornings from Term 2.

Come and have a go, even if you don't have a stick, we will have some on hand to lend.

We look forward to seeing you at Kolmar!



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