



# Sutton Park School Newsletter – 1 April 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 10 Wednesday 1 April 2026**

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

**Term 1 Values: RESPECT & IDENTITY**

### Term 1 Done and Dusted

As we wrap up this term, we want to share a huge **thank you** to all our parents and students for your commitment to school attendance, especially those who attended school every day. This was an important term for us, to see the improvements that have been made from our Term 1 attendance last year. I believe that there have been improvements but we are waiting on the Ministry of Education to do their final attendance data checks. Thank you to all our teachers for the teaching and learning programmes you have put together for our students. Your dedication and commitment hasn't gone unnoticed. Well done to all our staff.

### Easter Break and the Holidays

This week is Holy week and we do respect all our families who celebrate Good Friday and Easter Sunday. This is an important time for families where they celebrate new beginnings and new starts in life. Family time is important for our children and it is another way to celebrate a successful term. The holidays can be busy with parents off to work, but please ensure our children are occupied doing some reading, maths or writing and helping out with chores around the house. Please keep an eye on your children during the holidays, so they don't get up to mischief and can return to school next term, healthy, well and refreshed.

### Neighbours

Please be on the lookout for any abnormal activities around our school. Our school is fenced so there should be no-one on the school grounds these holidays except for our caretakers. Thank you for your continuous support. It is very much appreciated.

### Farewell to Mr Halafihi / Matua Jim

Mr Halafihi will be leaving us tomorrow as he was relieving in R11 whilst Mrs Anand was on medical leave for the term. We thank you Mr Halafihi for your contribution to Sutton Park School and to our Year 7/8 students. We wish you all the best and hope to see you back working for us in the near future. We welcome back Mrs Anand from term 2 onwards.

### Teacher Only Day - Term 2

We have a Teacher Only Day next term. Week 2 - Tuesday 28 April 2026 as our staff will be going through some Professional Learning and Development for Assessment. So I am giving you a heads up as the TOD will be after the ANZAC holiday on Monday 27 April.

**Fata Vaitimu Togi Lemanu,**  
**Principal**



### 2026 Term 1 Dates: Last Day Term 1 is Wed 1 April Week 10: Life Education Caravan on site

Wed. 01 April: Last day of Term 1 for Students  
Thurs. 02 April: Teacher Only Day -School closed  
Friday 03 April: Good Friday Holiday- School closed

### Term 2

#### Week 1

Mon. 20 April: first day of term 2

#### Week 2

Mon. 27 April: ANZAC Day – public holiday  
Tues. 28 April: Teacher Only Day -school closed to students  
Wed. 29 April: Surf School Trip for School & Tautua leaders

#### Week 3

Tues. 5 May : Blue Shirt Day - wear blue for asthma awareness and donate a gold coin  
: Water Care Sessions- Whenua

Thurs. 7 May: Water Care Sessions- Whenua

Friday 8 May: Hearing/Vision testing for some new entrants

#### Week 4: Rotuman Language Week

Swimming starts for Aorangi classes at Moana Nui o Kiwa

### No Riding Bikes on School Grounds

This is a reminder to you all. Electric cycles/motorbikes, scooters, skateboards and bikes are not to be used on school grounds. When you enter the school gates you need to walk it to the caretaker's room and leave it there until school finishes. For our families with electric bikes/motorcycles please park it somewhere safe and walk your child to the classroom. This is to keep everyone safe.

### A reminder to our students when you are in school in the morning you cannot go back out

Parents, please have a talanoa/korero with your child/ren when they are dropped off to school or when they are coming into school early. Once they are in the school gates, they cannot leave the school grounds to go to the shops or go and pick up their friends. Please remind your child/ren about this for their safety.

### Life Education

Thank you Carleen and Harold for coming to teach us at Sutton Park School.



Above: The Rumaki inside the Life Education Caravan with Carleen and Harold.

Left: R4 students with Mrs Kaifa and Mrs Pahulu and their certificates.



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## New Entrant Enrolments and Transitioning Term 2 2026

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

- Week 1 – Intake 1 from Monday 20 April
- Week 2 - Wed - Thurs 29 April-30 April (transitioning) 9am-11am
- Week 3 - Intake 2 - From Monday 4 May
- Week 4 - Tues - Thurs 12 May-14 May (transitioning) 9am-11am
- Week 5 - Intake 3 - From Mon 18 May
- Week 6 - Tues - Thurs 26 May – 28 May (transitioning) 9am-11am
- Week 7 - Intake 4 - From Tuesday 2 June
- Week 8 - Tues - Thurs 9 June- 11 June (transitioning) 9am-11am
- Week 9 - Intake 5 - From Monday 15 June
- Week 10 - Tues - Thurs 23 June- 25 June (transitioning) 9am-11am

## Interested in your tamariki enrolling in the Rūmaki...

You can come and visit the Rūmaki Māori every second week of Term 2 - Thursday mornings between 10am-11am.

## Birthdays this week and next ...

- Today: Jennar R15
- Thursday: Fred R10
- Saturday: Manase R8 and JB R18
- Sunday: Anthony R9A



## ...and during the holidays....

- Ephraim R11A, Nafetalai R7, Grace R9, Lakelynn R6B, Abbey R7, Elixir R21, Samuela R5, Uili R4, Aaron R3, Isoa R21, Alilia R25, Neomai R4A, Foueti R5, Neema R1, **Falaniko R15**, Putua R21, Sosina R7, Fredrick R6, Lesieli R6, Uanitina R5, Yosh-Bert Y10, Ofakipanela R5, Fakaloloma R25 and Semisi R24.

## Best Attendance

The following classes had a Mr Whippy treat today for having the best attendance in Week 9:

- Whenua: R4A 88% Moana: R1 92%
- Aorangī: R16 97% Atea: R9 95%



Left: Well done to Lola Serenity R5 for having perfect attendance this term.

## Whenua End of Term Assembly



# Māngere East Library SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

### Sat 4, All Day:

Lego

Sun 5: Easter Sunday

**LIBRARY CLOSED**

Mon 6: Easter Monday

**LIBRARY CLOSED**

Tue 7 - 10:30am:

Popsicle stick catapult

Wed 8 - 2:30pm:

Paper Flowers

Thur 9 - 10:30am:

Leaf Paintings

Fri 10 - 10:30am & 2:30pm:

Obstacle Course

Sat 11 & Sun 12 - All day:

Dancing Paper People

Mon 13 & Tue 14 - 10am-1pm:

Whiria Te Tangata Weaving Workshop

**\*Registration Required\***

Wed 15 - 2:30pm:

Melty Beads

Thur 16 - 2:30pm:

Leaf Paintings

Fri 17 - 2:30pm:

ANZAC Cookies

Sat 11 & Sun 12 - All day:

Concertina Art



To register, scan the QR code or speak to the staff at the desk at Māngere East Library





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