



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 22 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, আবে

Term 2, Week 1 Wednesday 22 April 2026
Theme: Migration/Citizenship (Ngā Neke me te Mana Tangata)
Value: Diversity

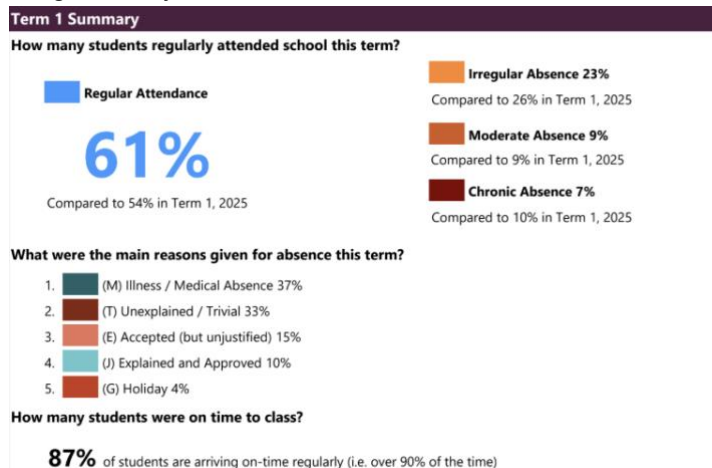
Nau Mai Haere Mai to Term 2

Welcome to Term 2 and I do hope you all had a restful break with your children. Term 2 brings a lot of exciting programmes and activities that will require hard work, dedication and commitment. Our theme for this term is Migration and Citizenship - Nga neke me te Mana Tangata. The global question that we will explore further in is: **How and why has migration shaped the identity of Aotearoa NZ?**

Syndicates and Whanau teams have worked together in order to plan programmes that will fit each of the year levels, so there will be exciting opportunities for all our children to learn about migration and how it has changed our identity over time in Aotearoa New Zealand. It will be good for you to share your experiences with your children, of when you arrived in New Zealand, so they can have a better understanding of what they are learning this term. I welcome all our new students and their families. Welcome to Sutton Park School and I hope you and your child/ren enjoy your time here at our school.

Term 1 Attendance Data

Every term we get our attendance data from the Ministry of Education. We compared last term data to Term 1 of the previous year. I want to thank our parents who make attendance a priority their children. We have done well with improving our data from Term 1 last year, so I want to congratulate you all. Here is the data shown below.



What we all have to do now is to continue following the attendance process of contacting the school if your child is away and bringing in a medical certificate. Communication is important in order to improve our attendance for Term 2. We all know it is getting colder this term and children can become sick. We need to look after ourselves and ensure our children come to school in warm dry clothes.

Fata Vaitimu Togi Lemanu,
Principal



2026 Term 2 Dates: Last day of T2 is Thursday 2 July 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
Friday 1 May: Mr Whippy for best attendance W1

Week 3

Tues. 5 May : Blue Shirt Day - wear blue for asthma awareness and donate a gold coin
: Water Care Sessions- Whenua
Wed. 6 May: Rumaki Whanau Hui 4pm; Community Fonu
Thurs. 7 May: Water Care Sessions- Whenua
: Masina Va'aia parents' meeting 4.30pm
Friday 8 May: Hearing/Vision testing for some new entrants
: Mufti Day -fundraising for Sia Ua
: Mr Whippy for best attendance W2

Week 4: Rotuman Language Week

Community Swim programme starts for Aorangi and Moana classes at Moana Nui o Kiwa.

Thank You to Our Neighbours

I want to thank the school neighbours for keeping an eye on our school during the holidays. I really appreciate your support in looking out for any unusual activity around the school. Nga mihi nui.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR NEXT WEEK

There will be no school next Monday 27 April (ANZAC day) and Tuesday 28 April (Teacher Only Day). Our first day back next week will be on Wednesday 29 April.

A Few Reminders for Term 2

I shared these points to our students at our school assembly on Monday:

- We need to attend school every day in order for you to get the best learning opportunities.
- Our school values - Perseverance, Respect, Identity, Diversity, Excellence - these are the values that make Sutton Park School who we are. We carry these values everywhere we go (on the sports field, when we have visitors, on school trips, when we go to other classes etc).
- Do your best in all the learning experiences in your classroom.
- Work towards assessment in Weeks 4 and 5.
- Be kind to everyone.
- Reports will be issued in the last week of Term 2.

Coaches and Trainers

From time to time, we may need help with coaching and training school sports teams. It would be good if we can get some parents who are available to coach in their field of expertise to help our teachers and sports coordinator. Our sports coordinator will update in the newsletter when any coaches are needed.

Earth Day

Photos Left and Right R24 went on a scavenger hunt around the school to celebrate Earth Day today. They also collected rubbish.



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.

Kia Rite Kia Mau Programme

Tē tōia, tē haumatia, Kia rite, kia mau,
 (Nothing can be achieved without a plan, workforce and a way of doing things, be prepared, to take action).



Aorangi Syndicate students engaged in their Kia Rite Kia Mau session first thing this morning.

Individuals and groups will:

- Develop and apply effective problem-solving skills that will enable them to navigate an unsafe terrain
- Obtain Māori knowledge pertaining to the natural environment and the Māori Gods / guardians associated with the elements
- Learn basic Māori words so that they can use them and apply them in everyday learning situations
- Learn about Māori values and how they can be implemented within their environments as a means to achieving their emergency plans
- Be able to identify a hazard and take the appropriate steps to keeping themselves safe
- Be able to identify environmental impacts for each hazard

Earth Day

Another image of R24 ready for their scavenger hunt. They made special hats for the occasion.



Birthdays this week and next ...

Monday: Kieran R12, Liakruz R12 and Salesi R8
 Yesterday: Lafaele R8, Lesley R24, Penelope R24, Halatoa R10, Saia R6B and Technology R21
 Today: Elijah R11A
 Saturday: Christian R15
 Tuesday: Nazeef R11A



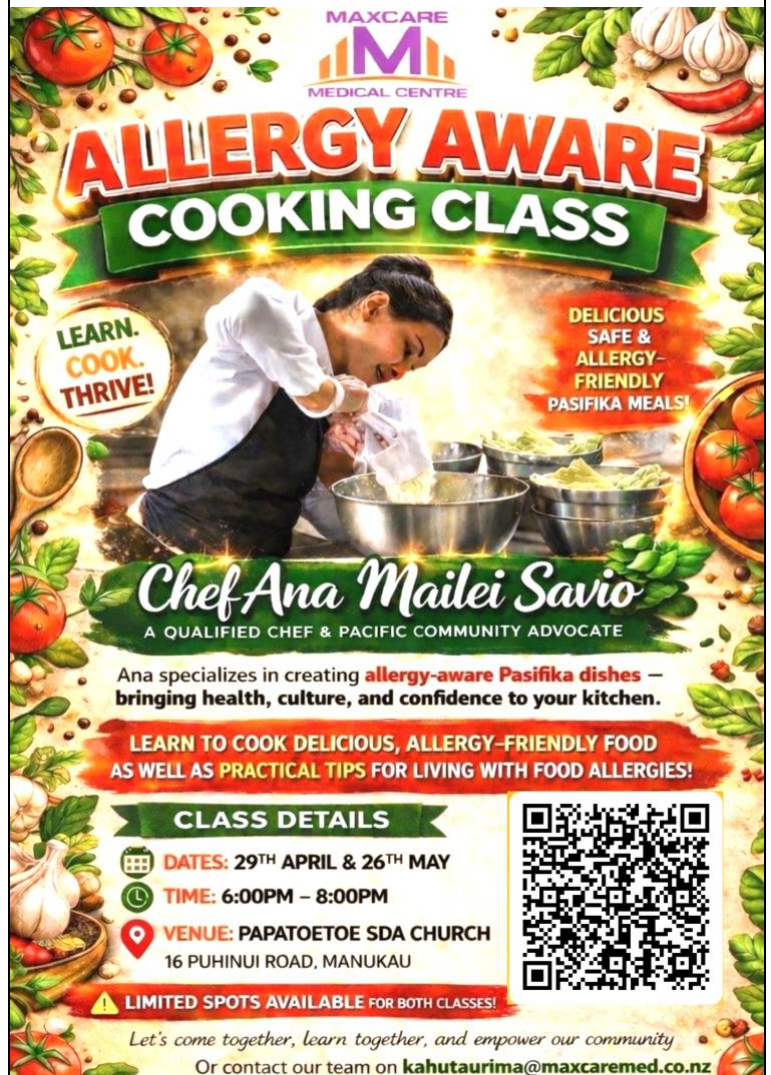
Welcome to Our New Students:

R18: Marion and lafeta
 R17: Poe Jr, Sanele and Fale
 R2: Telesia
 R15: Valena
 R1: Michael
 R11A: Saiful
 R20: Tabassum

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

Best Attendance

Mr Whippy will be back in Week 2 on Friday 1 May.

MAXCARE MEDICAL CENTRE

ALLERGY AWARE COOKING CLASS

LEARN. COOK. THRIVE!

DELICIOUS SAFE & ALLERGY-FRIENDLY PASIFIKA MEALS!

Chef Ana Mailei Savio

A QUALIFIED CHEF & PACIFIC COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

Ana specializes in creating **allergy-aware Pasifika dishes** – bringing health, culture, and confidence to your kitchen.

LEARN TO COOK DELICIOUS, ALLERGY-FRIENDLY FOOD AS WELL AS PRACTICAL TIPS FOR LIVING WITH FOOD ALLERGIES!

CLASS DETAILS

DATES: 29TH APRIL & 26TH MAY
TIME: 6:00PM – 8:00PM
VENUE: PAPATOETOE SDA CHURCH
 16 PUHINUI ROAD, MANUKAU

⚠️ LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR BOTH CLASSES!

Let's come together, learn together, and empower our community
 Or contact our team on kahutaurima@maxcaremed.co.nz



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open Tuesday-Friday mornings. All students are welcome to come to the tech block for a free breakfast (weetbix or toast with milo or fruit) served between 8.15am-8.45am.



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