



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 22 July 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 3, Week 1 Wednesday 22 July 2026

Theme: Embracing Diversity and Wellbeing Through Sports

Values: Perseverance and Respect

Welcome to Term 3

Greetings to you all and welcome to Term 3. It is going to be another busy 10 weeks this term. We are in the 2nd half of the year now and teachers have planned well to make it a great learning time for their students. Our theme and values for Term 3 have been shared and each syndicate has planned accordingly to their respective year levels. Nau mai, haere mai to all our new tamariki who started this week. I am looking forward to meeting with you all.

3-Way Conversations/korero/talanoa

We will be having our 3-way conversations on Friday 7th August 2026. They will start at 9:00am and continue to 4:00pm. Please ensure you book online (see below, or you can come to the office if you need help with this). This is an important time for you to come and see your child's teacher and talk about your child's report from last term.

To book: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Make a booking

Event Code: f5e6z Or scan this QR

code



Term 2 Attendance Data

This is where we are at with our attendance figures from last term:

Term 2 Summary

How many students regularly attended school this term?

Regular Attendance

49%

Compared to 46% in Term 2, 2025

Irregular Absence 25%
Compared to 26% in Term 2, 2025

Moderate Absence 14%
Compared to 16% in Term 2, 2025

Chronic Absence 12%
Compared to 12% in Term 2, 2025

What were the main reasons given for absence this term?

1. (M) Illness / Medical Absence 41%
2. (T) Unexplained / Trivial 29%
3. (E) Accepted (but unjustified) 16%
4. (G) Holiday 8%
5. (J) Explained and Approved 6%

How many students were on time to class?

86% of students are arriving on-time regularly (i.e. over 90% of the time)

Best Attendance

Mr Whippy will visit again next week on Friday 31 July.

Let's see which classes will be the first to get Mr Whippy treats!



Fata Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal

Term 3 Dates:

Week 1:

Friday 24 July: Y7&8 Boy's Hockey @ Kolmar Sports Centre

Week 2:

Wed. 29 July: Rumaki Whanau Hui

Friday 31 July: Mr Whippy for best attendance W1

Week 3: Assessment Week / Cook Island Language Week

Wed. 5 Aug: Y7&8 Vaccine 2nd dose

: TRLI/PBIE Parents' Fono 4.30pm in staffroom

Thurs. 6 Aug: Y5-8 Sia Ua Tongan Speeches

: Y7&8 Netball

: Mr Whippy for best attendance W2

Friday 7 Aug: 3-Way Talanoa only, no classes

Our School Facebook Page

I encourage you all, if you have not done so, to join our Sutton Park School Facebook page. A lot of information will be put up on our page, even before our weekly newsletter.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast is an important part of our daily lives, as we grow older we tend to skip breakfast and wait to have a big lunch or we have a cup of coffee as our breakfast. We know that it is tough out there and families are finding it hard to provide for their families. A hearty breakfast fuels children's brains and helps them stay focused for a full day of learning. You can encourage your child to visit the school's Breakfast Club, running **Tuesday through Friday between 8:00am to 8:30am**, where they can enjoy a warm, nutritious meal and a positive start to their day.



Above: R7 students preparing toast with peanut butter or jam at breakfast club.

Masina Va'aia Staff FAGASA Trip

FAGASA: Fa'alapotopotoga Mo Le Ao'ao'ina O Le Gagana Samoa i Aotearoa, is the New Zealand association for teachers of the Samoan language. It works to support, protect, and promote the teaching of **Gagana Samoa** in schools across Aotearoa.

During the holidays all the Masina Va'aia staff went to Samoa to participate in the annual FAGASA conference, where Samoan teachers from NZ and Samoa gathered together to share ideas and support each other.

Thank You to our School Neighbours

To all those who live in houses that surround our school, thank you for looking after our school during the school holidays.



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Winter Wellbeing

Early mornings are getting cold and so we need to ensure that our children are coming to school nice and warm. Parents, this is your responsibility - it saddens me when I see children come to school early in the morning with no school jumper or jacket and no shoes and it is very cold. This then starts a ripple effect of children becoming sick due to cold and flu by simply not keeping warm. We can help out if you are finding it difficult to provide. You need to let our SWIS Eunice know if you need any help: Ph 021 417 321 or email eunice@mefsc.org.nz. We also provide breakfast from Tuesday to Friday.

Reminder

Please let the office know if you have changed your address, email or phone numbers. You can do this via the school website, call, email or visit the school office.

Uniform Donations

We welcome any washed uniforms that your child may have outgrown or no longer requires. Please drop off to the office.

New Entrant Enrolments and Transitioning Term 3 2026

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

Transitioning Dates Term 3: 2026

Week 1 - Intake 1 - From Mon 20 July (for those who transitioned before the holidays)
Week 2 - Tues. - Thurs. 28 July- 30 July (transitioning) 9am-11am
Week 3 - Intake 2 - From Mon 3 August
Week 4 - Tues. - Thurs. 11 Aug- 13 Aug (transitioning) 9am-11am
Week 5 - Intake 3 - From Mon 17 August
Week 6 - Tues. - Thurs. 25 Aug- 27 Aug (transitioning) 9am-11am
Week 7 - Intake 4 - From Mon 31 August
Week 8 - Tues. - Thurs. 8 Sept- 10 Sept (transitioning) 9am-11am
Week 9 - Intake 5 - From Mon 14 September
Week 10 Tues. - Thurs. 22 Sept- 24 Sept (transitioning) 9am-11am
Interested in your tamariki enrolling in the Rūmaki...
You can come and visit the Rūmaki Māori every odd week of Term 3 - Thursday mornings between 10am-11am.



Rūmaki Māori o Whaia te Matauranga

Nau mai! Haere mai! Kuhu mai ra!

Ko wai ēnei? Ko ngā tamariki o te Rūmaki Māori o Whaia te Matauranga. He akomanga taumata - maha (multi-level) Teina ma: Tau Ako 1-3. tuakana mā: Tau Ako 4-6.

Ngā Kaiako



Whaea Molly Whaea Uru

For more info

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Camp Payments

Payments can be made in the office by Eftpos or cash, or via bank transfer from the convenience of home:
ASB 12 3079 0198868 00 (Sutton Park School Board)
Please use your child's name and CAMP26 as references.

Birthdays this week and next

Monday: Zaylan R3 and Leopoli R3
Yesterday: Tyson R21 and Joanna R1
Today: Hopoate R9, Mercy R25, Mathew R18 and Tevita R4
Thursday: Liston R17 and Mele M R4
Saturday: Sione-Joseph R14
Sunday: Sami R6 and Paulo R13A
Tuesday: Ezra R4

Welcome to our new students:

William R7, Samuela R4, Grace R4, Feangai R4, 'Apitanga R4, Lanlee R8 and Carmella R13A
We hope your learning journey at SPS leads to great things!



Breakfast Club – Check New Time

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 **8am - 8.30am**.

Rangatahi internship available - apply now!

Kia ora e te whānau,
We are excited to share an opportunity for **two rangatahi** to take part in a **9-month paid internship** with **Te Maara Kai o Wiriha** and **Auckland Botanic Gardens**.

Please share with eager to learn rangatahi, passionate to work with growing kai, community and te taiao. Help us reach rangatahi from South Auckland who may be interested in this opportunity! Applications are now open. (Close Sunday 26th July). Share link: <https://shorturl.at/XQS7U>.

Any pātai feel free to reach out to Rory or Kim:

Rory.lenihan-ikin@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Kim.lovet@ Aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

MAARA KAI INTERNSHIP

Are you 18-26 and interested in...

Growing Kai Te Taiao

Exciting opportunity for 9 month paid internship between Te Maara Kai o Wiriha and Auckland Botanic Gardens

Tuesday - Friday
9am-4pm
28 hours per week

Seedling production,
planting, community
engagement, and more

September 2026-
May 2027

He kōrero mōu | About you

- Have a passion for growing plants
- Enjoy working with community
- Comfortable engaging people
- Positive attitude, pride in your mahi
- Commitment to growing your skills

Nau mai, haere mai | Apply Now
Applications close: 26th July



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