

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 5 Wednesday 19 August 2026

Theme: Embracing Diversity and Wellbeing Through Sports

Values: Perseverance and Respect

Celebrating Tongan Language week 2026

'Ko 'etau hiva, ko e fe'unu mahu'inga ia ki he mo'ui 'a e Tonga -

Our music is a vital strand of our Tongan culture'.

On Monday we had a lovely opening ceremony for Tongan Language Week 2026. Seeing our Tongan students dress up in their best Tongan attire makes me feel proud, as I see the students take pride in their culture and the Tongan community. I am looking forward to the rest of the celebrations this week, (see pg2) especially the Tongan music.

Parents, you are most welcome to attend any of the daily events to help support your child/ren.

Malo 'aupito to Mrs Paea and the Sia Ua staff for your organisation in making this week a success for our Tongan children at Sutton Park School.

Photos: Celebration of Tongan music - Hiva Fakalotu & Hiva 'a Kuini Salote



New Zealand General Elections 2026 Registrations

I am wanting to ensure that those who are eligible to vote in the NZ elections 2026 have already registered. You need to register first in order for you to vote. You must be enrolled by midnight 25 October to vote in the 2026 General Election. The link below will take you to the voting website.

<https://vote.nz/enrolling/enrol-or-update/enrol-or-update-online>



Last Friday, Duffy Books in Homes brought their theatre group to SPS and put on a fun show for the children. Left: Some R21 students, along with Amanaki R7, and the actors from the Duffy Theatre production.

 **Fata Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal**

Term 3 Dates:

Week 5: Tongan Language Week

Thurs. 20 Aug: Mr Whippy for best attendance W4

: FAGASA national speech competition

Week 6: Book Character Week

Tues. 25 Aug: Y7&8 Tongan Speeches at Finlayson Park Int.

Wed. 26 Aug: Rehu Tai @ Al-Madinah School

Y5&6 9.30-11am; Y7&8 11.45-1pm

: LIT at Bader Int. for school leaders (TBC)

Thurs. 27 Aug: Mr Whippy for best attendance W5

Friday 28 Aug: Book Character Parade

: Masina Va'aia Sausage Sizzle \$2.50

Week 7:

Friday 4 Sept: Mufti Day – gold coin Masina Va'aia

: Mr Whippy for best attendance W6

Pedestrian Crossing at Sutton Park School

The pedestrian crossing is used for ensuring all our children are safe when crossing the road to either come to school in the morning or go home in the afternoon. Our teachers will be reminding all of our children they need to be sure it is safe to cross before they do so. We have road patrol monitors and travel wise monitors on duty to help, so students need to be on time to use their services. If your child/ren are late to school they need to look both ways to see there are no cars before crossing. Some of our younger children are just running across the pedestrian crossing without looking and this is very dangerous. Please have a talanoa about the importance of being safe when crossing the road.

Results from Y1-Y4 Tongan Speeches

Well done to the following Sia Ua Speech winners!

Y1: 1st Sione R5, 2nd Ezra R4 and 3rd Palu and Mele R5

Y2: 1st Haitelenisia R5, 2nd Simaima R5 and 3rd Faiva R5

Y3: 1st Kulukona R6, 2nd Kelekolio R6B and 3rd Luhama R6B

Y4: 1st Alilia R6, 2nd Sione K R6 and 3rd Sinai R6

All the Best to our Speech Finalists

This week and next, some of our students will be representing our school in various speech finals. Tongan Y5-6 speeches were held today at Otahuhu Primary and the Y7-8 will be held at Finlayson Park Intermediate on Tuesday, next week. Tomorrow, our Samoan finalists will be competing in the National Samoan speeches held at Maota Samoa in Mangere, and the Y5,6,7, & 8 Rehu Tai (English Speeches) will be held at Al-Madinah School next Wed. 26 August.

Term 3 - Week 4 attendance

This is our attendance data for Week 4. We are trying to support our families in getting children attending school every day. So, this is a start for you to monitor our school attendance data, week by week.

Y1 - 83% Y2 - 83% Y3 - 85% Y4 - 84%

Y5 - 91% Y6 - 87% Y7 - 85% Y8 - 93%

Our Year levels are all in the 80% and over range which is good. It will be extremely good we can get our Year levels all in the 90% range. We can get there by working together. We can do this.

Our top classes from each syndicate are as follows:

Whenua – R13B (90%) Moana – R1 (91%)

Aorangi - R12 (93%) Atea - R10 (95%)



Congratulations to each of the top classes who are all in the 90% range, this is a great effort and Mr Whippy will reward you tomorrow.



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Winter Wellbeing

Early mornings are very 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 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.

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.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast is an important part of our daily lives. 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 (weetbix or toast with milo or fruit) and a positive start to their day.



Coming up in **Week 6:**
Sausage Sizzle for
Masina Va'aia fundraising.

Students of the Week (Week 4)

Well done to the following students on the right:

Birthdays this week and next

Today: Henisoni R6B

Friday: Corinthian R24, Amanaki R9 and Tupou R5

Saturday: Roman R14 and William R13A

Sunday: Elizabeth R9

Monday: Viliami R7, Molisi R9A, Qoholeth R6 and Finau R5

Tuesday: Kata R8 and Rosevalu R6B

Welcome to our new students:

Pomana R4, Paea R4, Moerangi R13B, Sumaya R24 and

Nikita R18. **Welcome back** to Temanea R11A.

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



2027 Year 9 High School and College Enrolments

It is that time of the year when parents and caregivers of all Y8 students should be applying for and enrolling in high school/college. It is important to do this by the end of term 3 to give your child a seamless transition to their new school. Once you have enrolled your Y8 child, please advise us at SPS which college they have enrolled in.

Otahuhu College Enrolments

"Enrolments for 2027 at Otāhuhu College are now open and with our Year 9 entrance exam taking place this December, it is important that you get your enrolments in as soon as possible. Over the past ten years, the academic performance of Otāhuhu College students has seen a significant and steady improvement, thanks to the efforts of our teachers, our families and our community support. We strive to have all students transition from education with the highest qualification possible. Ten years ago, we were on par with other similar demographic schools. Now, our school leavers have more than double the University Entrance rate. In 2020 half of all students from Decile One schools studying Engineering came from Otāhuhu College. In 2023 five former students graduated as Doctors. We want to continue to build on our successes so that our students and our community can have a brighter and more prosperous future."

Enrolment forms can be picked up from our SPS office or found online on the Otahuhu College website.

McAuley High School (for Girls)

We have enrolment forms in the office if you would like one.

Thursday and Friday's programme for Tongan Language Week:

	Tu'apulelulu 20 'o 'Akosi	Falaite 21 'o 'Akosi
9-9.45am	Lotu Kamata Loki 6b MC: Cathrina & Vaiola	Lotu Kamata Loki 9a MC: Vaimoana & Grace
10am	Faka'ali'ali Ta'ovala Taimi Teuteu Ta'ovala parade	Faiva fakakalasi Performance
11.30-1pm	Faka'ali'ali ta'ovala Ta'ovala parade	Faiva fakakalasi Performance
1-1.40pm		Lunch together
1.40-3pm	Foki ki he kalasi	Kai Fakataha Lukuluku mai pe

R1 Nikolasi, R2 Maryann, R3 Leopoli, R4 Grace, R4A Roy, R6 Sione, R6B Henisoni, R7 William, R8 Joshua, R9 Elizabeth, R9A Mesui, R10 Elizabeth, R11A Mele, R12 Lisaki & Ana, R13A Samisoni, R13B Clarence, R14 Roman, R15 Awatef & Zeld, R20 Feviriah, R21 Frank, R24 Corinthian, and R25 Veisinia



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