



Sutton Park School Newsletter – 5 August 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 3 Wednesday 5 August 2026

Theme: Embracing Diversity and Wellbeing Through Sports

Values: Perseverance and Respect

Cook Island Language Week 2026

The official 2026 theme is "Me kite koe i te tuatua i to'ou reo tupuna, e turanga rangatira tena nō'ou no te uki amuri atu" (With our language as our foundation, we will embrace the future)

We had a lovely Cook Islands Language Week assembly on Monday, hosted by Luke (R2) and



Carlos (R10). They did a marvellous job at hosting. You could sense the pride and the joy in their culture, language and identity. Well done boys. Thank you to Miss Silva and Miss Fifita for helping out a group of students to perform a Cook Island item. Enjoy the week. Meitaki ma'ata.

3 Way Conversations/Korero/Talanoa- Friday 7th August

This is another big push for you, our parents, to meet the teachers and listen to the learning that your child/ren is/are doing in class. If you have any questions about your child's school report from last term, this is the time to ask the teacher. A reminder that there is no school on this day for our tamariki.

Conversations start from 9am 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).

Note: R18 will hold their conversations on a different day.

To book: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Make a booking

Event Code: f5e6z

Or scan this QR code



Term 3 - Week 2 Attendance

This is our attendance data for last week, (Week 2). We are supporting our families to have children attend school **every day**. So this is a start for you to monitor our school attendance data, week by week.

Y1 - 89% Y2 - 83% Y3 - 82% Y4 - 86%

Y5 - 87% Y6 - 87% Y7 - 90% Y8 - 87%

Our Year levels are all in the 80% and over which is good and it will be extremely good if all our Year levels are 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 - R4a (98%)

Moana - R6 (94%)

Aorangi - R7 (91%)

Atea - R3 & R10 (94%)

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.



Principals Award - 100% Attendance in Term 2

On Monday at our school assembly I presented my Principals Awards to all those students who had 100% attendance in Term 2. This achievement is worth celebrating and I want to thank you, as parents, for supporting your children to come to school every day.

Fata Vaitimu Togi Lemanu

Fata Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal

Term 3 Dates:

Week 3: Assessment Week

Cook Island Language Week

Wed. 5 Aug: TLRI/PBIE Parents' Fono 4.30pm in staffroom

Thurs. 6 Aug: Y7&8 Boys' & Girls' Netball

@ Auckland Netball Centre, St Johns

: Mr Whippy for best attendance W2

: Masina Va'aia Parent Fono 4.30pm

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

Week 4: Assessment Week

Tues. 11 Aug: Atea Speech Competition 9.15am

: Y5&6 Girls' & Boys' Soccer @ Seddon Fields in Western Springs

Wed. 12 Aug: Aorangi Speech Competition 9.30-11am

: Y7&8 Girls' League @ Norana Park

: LIT at Bader Int. for school leaders 3.15pm

: Community Fono 4.30pm

Thurs. 13 Aug: Y7&8 Girls' Hockey- Auckland Champs

@ Northcross Intermediate, Browns Bay

: Mr Whippy for best attendance W3

: Sia Ua Parents' Fono 4.30pm

Friday 14 Aug: Mufti Day for Sia Ua fundraising

: Duffy Assemblies 11am and 1.30pm



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.

Otahuhu College Enrolments

"Enrolments for 2027 at Ōtāhuhu 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 Ōtāhuhu 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 Ōtāhuhu 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.



Left: Mr Lemanu presenting the students, who had 100% attendance in T2, with their awards.



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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 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.

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.

Students of the Week

Well done to the following students:

R1 Neema, R3 Christina, R4 'Apitanga, R4A Leiola, R5 Samuel, R6 Kulukona, R6B Luhama, R7 Emeline, R8 Lanlee, R9 Jeremiah, R9A Siasoi, R10 Fred, R11 Teraupa, R11A Jordan, R12 Ezra and Harley, R13A Makayla, R13B O'shea, R14 Setiva and Jeremiah, R15 AJ, R16 Alonu'u, R17 Poe and Evari'i R20 Tabiyya, R21 Amelia, R24 Myron and R25 Judah

Birthdays this week and next

Today: Setiva R14 and Railiz R15

Thursday: Paige R20

Friday: Lucas R24, Kingston R15, Saifa R20 and Amy R12

Sunday: Vaiola R9, Maata R6B and Jeremiah R14

Monday: Ma'ata R7

Tuesday: Leroy R2 and Tiare R11A

Welcome to our new students:

Leo and Kiani R13A, PJ and Sarifa R13B

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



MediaWorks Throwback Festival

Saturday 8 August | Western Springs Stadium

This isn't just a rugby match – it's a huge family festival with something for everyone! Families can enjoy:

- The Mai FM Bullrush Battle (our safer 2026 version!)
- A supersized kids' zone
- A FREE Coolish ice cream for every child
- Live music and entertainment
- Games, activities and great food
- Auckland v Wellington in our first home game of the season

Tickets are great value, starting from just **\$5 for children** and **\$10 for adults**, making it an affordable day out for the whole family.

Friday Night Netball – Semi Finals!

What an incredible season it has been! Both of our Sutton Park School netball teams have worked tirelessly week after week—training and playing through the sunshine, cold, and rain. Their hard work, resilience, perseverance, fitness, and teamwork have paid off.

We are so proud to announce that **both our Girls and Boys teams have made the Semi Finals!**

As their coach (Mrs Tangi Katoa), I couldn't be prouder of the determination and heart they have shown all season.

This Friday, 7th August at the Bader Netball Courts:

Girls Semi Final: 5:30pm

Boys Semi Final: 6:30pm

We would love to see our Sutton Park School whānau and community come down to support our amazing players. Wear your **green**, bring your **pom poms**, and let's create a sea of green as we cheer our teams on!

Right: The Friday Night Girls' Netball Team.



Left: The Friday Night Boys' Netball Team with their coach, Mrs Tangi Katoa.



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