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BDAY WEEK



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BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to all of the following students for August!
We hope you had a fantastic day!!

1-August	Axcel C, Sara P, Jayden G
2-August	Tadeho L
3-August	Christopher F, Emmanuel D, Ma'afu A
4-August	Zara P, Luisa T, Thomas B, Lana P
5-August	Lily-Milan M, Dylan A, Dakshit R
6-August	Isaac Y, Jaiden S
7-August	Kylee A
8-August	Fifita H
9-August	Susana T
11-August	Maellarnz D, Jubiana C, Wiremu M
12-August	Benjamin H
14-August	Shanvi R, Scarlett F
15-August	Abdullah S
16-August	Kairo K, Jhene M, Laker B
17-August	Miah A, Marius F
18-August	Dhruv S, Hena U
19-August	Saviour W
21-August	Cruze F, Whitney-Kai T, Sofia D
22-August	William T, Fuatai M
23-August	Airiana P
25-August	Noah S, Harry T
26-August	Dantaye W, Patrick E, Sebastian V, Grace S
27-August	Alexander W
28-August	Rodina F
30-August	Jisha R, Angie L
31-August	Palae L





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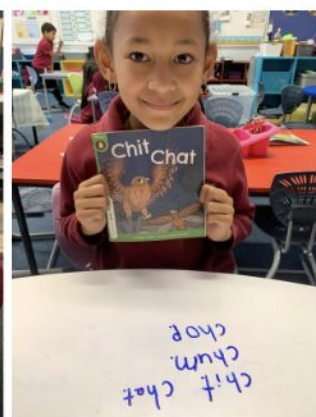
LEARNING Room 4



Room 4 has been trying lots of different art mediums for our inquiry this term. We were lucky enough to do a workshop with a volunteer, Ming, who showed us how to use balloons and paint to get a pattern.

After doing some cleaning up around the Native garden, we took a visit to the bee garden to learn a bit more about the bees we have at SPS. We also checked out the bug motels and tried to spot some insects!

In reading, we have been doing word chains where we substitute one sound per word. This helps us to understand each sound well when we are segmenting and blending.





SPS LEARNING Room 24



For Pakirehua and Writing in Room 24 this week we have been creating our own children's storybooks on CANVA. The stories are 'based on' the ones we were told on our trip to Maungarei Mountain in Week 1 of this term. We will be sharing these stories with our buddy class and reading to them when they are all finished next week. For Pangarau (math) we have been playing a variety of Basic Facts math warm up games. In other news, Room 24 is so lucky to have a special guest to our class, Julie, who is an international student that will be staying in our class for 4 weeks! We are all so excited to have Julie in our class. We have been learning more about her culture and sharing our own with her too.





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LEARNING Room 17

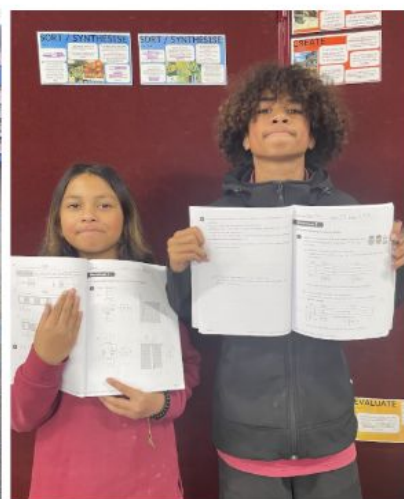


Kia orana tātou katoatoa

On Monday we had a whakatau for our new international students from China. It was an amazing way to showcase our Māori culture to our manuhiri. It also gave our tuakana a chance to practise their orator skills.

In Pakirehua we have started looking at different art mediums, the first one being collage. We had to rip or cut coloured paper into small pieces and glue it onto our tiki picture.

In Pāngarau the Year 7 and 8 students have been learning to compare ratios to find a quantity and solving word problems involving ratio. Our Year 6 students have been learning to convert fractions to percentages and comparing proportions using percentages.



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Harvard University

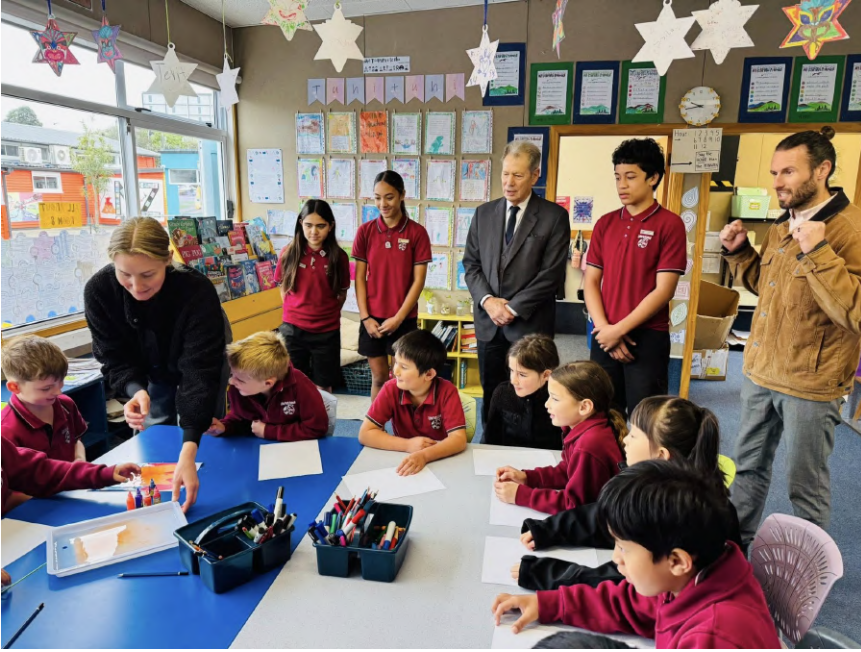
On Tuesday 5th August we had the privilege of hosting Dr Rik Campbell from [Harvard University](#) at Sylvia Park School!

Dr Campbell is a global leader in education, known for his work in inclusive practices and systems that empower every learner to succeed. During his visit, he was deeply moved by the unique character of our kura – from the warmth of our tamariki and whānau to the purposeful learning that fills our classrooms.

He shared how inspired he was by the way SPS creates a strong sense of belonging, connection, and care for every student, while maintaining high expectations for achievement. Dr Campbell was particularly impressed by our commitment to teaching and learning that is grounded in identity, culture, and relationships.

It was an honour to share our story with someone shaping educational thinking on a global scale. Ngā mihi nui, Dr Rik Campbell – we're proud to be showing the world what's possible when you lead with heart, purpose and community.







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SPS Speeches

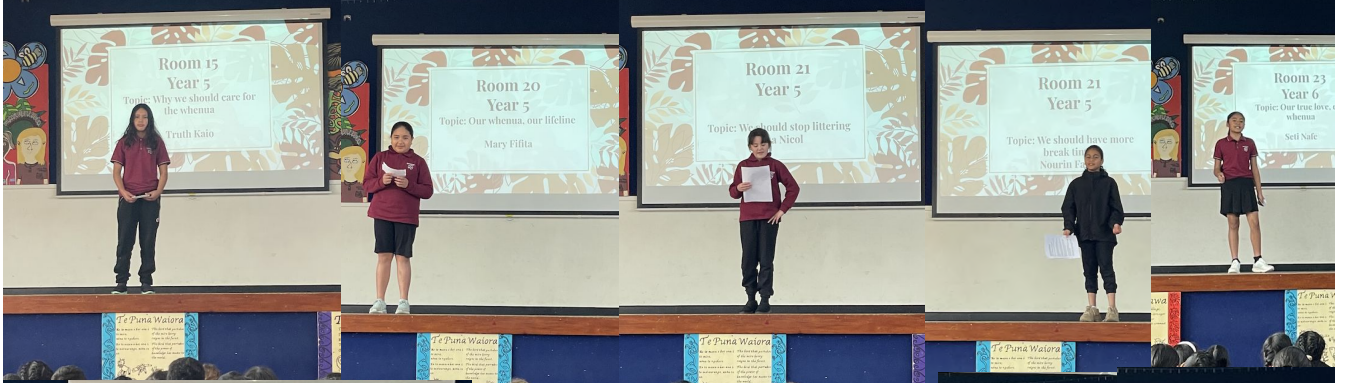
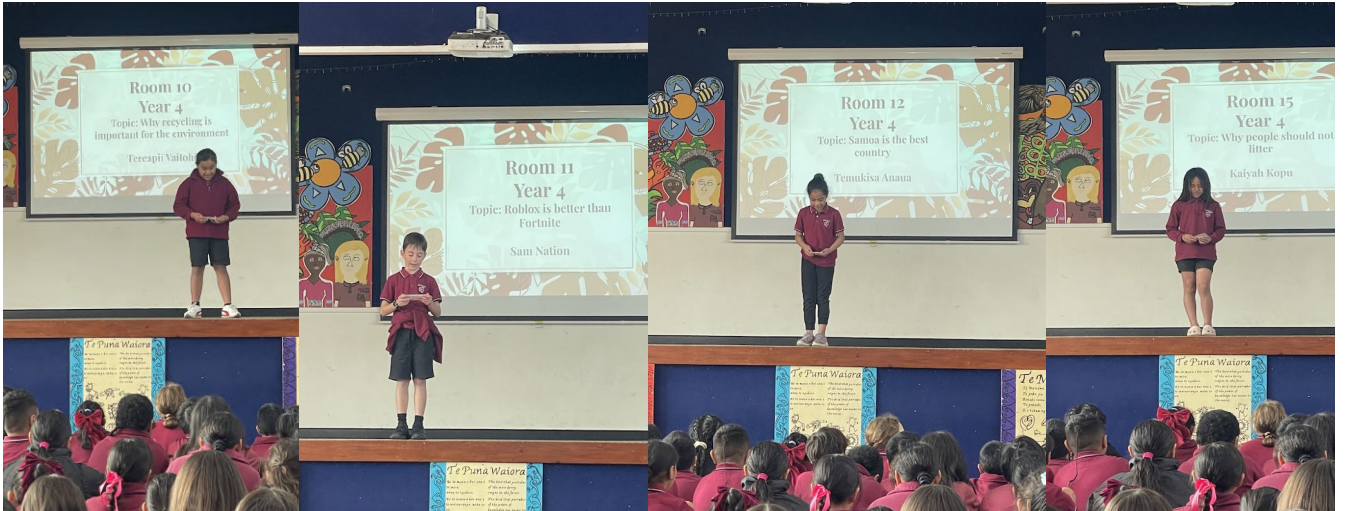
On Monday 4th August, our incredible Year 3 to Year 8 students stood tall and spoke from the heart in our school speech finals. The topic was whenua – our land, our connection, our stories – and each speaker brought it to life with bravery, passion, and powerful voice.

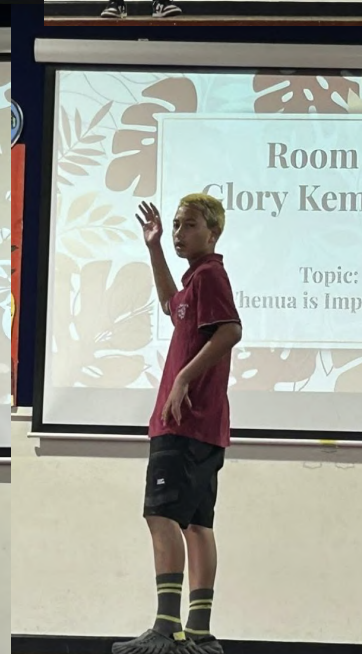
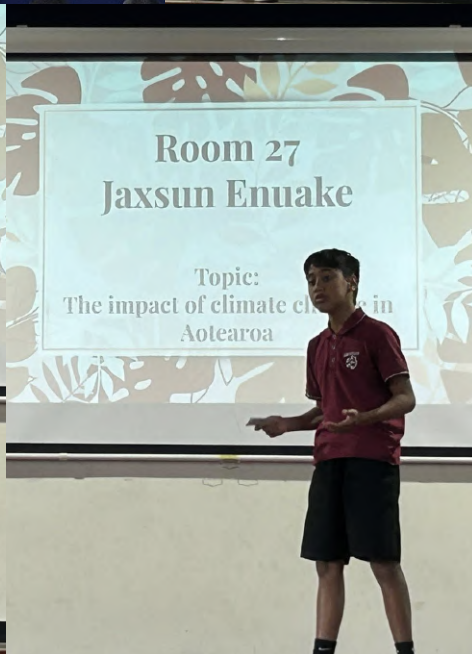
We were moved by their pride, inspired by their creativity, and impressed by the depth of thought shared by our young speakers.

Ngā mihi nui to all who participated – you made us proud!

Winners will be announced at Prize Giving in Term 4. Ka mau te wehi!









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Maungakiekie Kāhui Ako Rehu Tai – Festival of Oral language



We are incredibly proud of our talented tamariki who represented us at the recent Rehu Tai Zone Speech Competition!

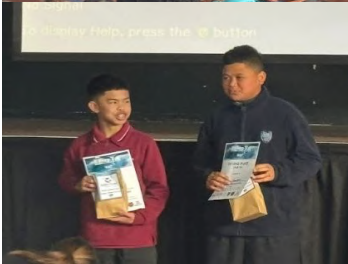
The theme this year was "Whenua" – our land, our identity – and our students delivered powerful and heartfelt performances.

Year 5 & 6 Speech Category: Congratulations to Seti Nafe for placing 2nd with a moving and passionate speech.

Year 7 & 8 Speech Category: A huge well done to Georgia Evans, who took out 1st with her outstanding delivery and deep connection to the kaupapa.

Year 7 & 8 Rap Category: Shout out to Julio Lacang, who brought energy, rhythm, and insight to the stage and won this category!

We are so proud of all our speakers for their courage, creativity, and mana. Ka mau te wehi!





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APPA Rehu Tai

Following on from our Maungakiekie Kāhui Ako Rehu Tai as Georgia and Julio both placed first, they made it through to the Auckland Primary Principals' Association Rehu Tai. This year the theme is 'Whenua'. On Thursday 28th August Georgia performed her speech - Whakapapa and Julio performed his rap - Toitū te Whenua. Both students represented SPS with absolute pride, engaging their audience with their powerful messages and tenacious delivery. Georgia Evans delivered a personal speech that moved everyone in the room. Georgia is an absolute superstar – her voice, courage, and heart promise big things ahead.

Julio Lacang stormed into the rap section with full confidence and lyrical genius. He pulled off the performance of his life, taking out the top spot! His rhythm, flow, and message lit up the room and left no doubt who the champion was. Thank you to the whānau, friends and staff who supported our taura. We are so proud of you both!







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Daffodil Day



Cancer Society
Daffodil Day
Te Rā Daffodil

29 August 2025

On Friday 29th August we supported Daffodil Day by having a non-uniform day. Students could wear yellow, green or clothes other than school uniform for a gold coin donation to go towards the Cancer Society. We all came together for our annual 'drop a coin in the daffodil' event where each child places their gold coin in the daffodil created by our lovely learning assistants. We raised an incredible - **\$882.40!** Being a record for SPS! Thank you students, whānau and staff for supporting a worthy cause!





SPS Years 1-3

Pakirehua

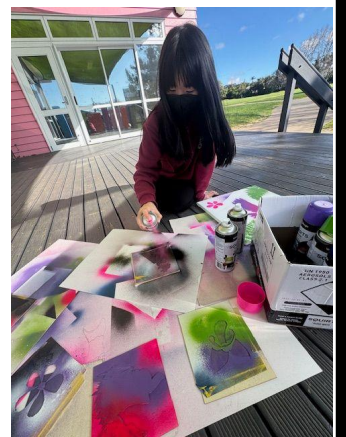
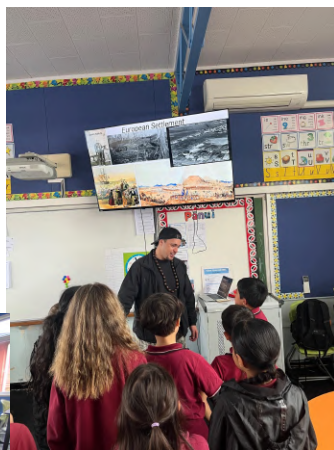
The junior school have had a fabulous time exploring all of the different art mediums in Pakirehua! We had an amazing time at the Auckland Art Gallery where we spent two hours exploring the gallery and doing a hands-on workshop. We also had the Volcano Van come and visit SPS where we spent an hour immersed in pūrākau and exploring maunga puia across Aotearoa. Now we are all creating our beautiful art pieces to share in the SPS art gallery! We cannot wait to share our masterpieces!



SPS - Years 4-6

Pakirehua

Year 4-6 are creating their masterpieces using different mediums. Each class is telling a different story from our maunga. Room 20 had an expert, Matua Thomas Rawiri, come in to teach them the history and stories of Mutukāroa to help guide their creations.



The year 7 & 8 classes have been busy deciding on what story to tell about our maunga: Ōtāhuhu, Maungarei and Mutukāroa. Rooms 27 and 28 had our special expert, Matua Thomas Rawiri, visit their classes to learn more about the history, settlement and significance of their maunga: Mutukāroa.



We've explored a range of different art mediums and have decided on what type of art we will create for our art gallery outcome to show our school, whānau and community Monday 8th September. All whānau are invited!

**SPS
ART
GALLERY**

SELF GUIDED TOUR
2025
MONDAY **8th** SEPTEMBER
2:30 - 4:00 PM

LOCATED IN:

HALL
OFFICE & HALLWAY
COVE
CLASSROOMS

HOUSE POINTS FOR
EVERY WHĀNAU MEMBER
WHO ATTENDS!

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★ Cook Islands Language ★



Week



This month we celebrated 'Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Airani - Cook Islands Māori Language Week. The theme for 2025 was 'Ātui'tui'ia au ki te raurau a tōku matakeinanga – "Connect me to the offerings of my people'. Over the week there were different lunch time activities for students including:

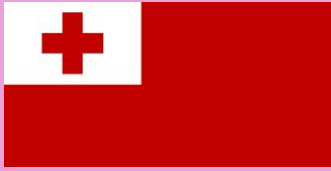
- Year 1-3: Colouring in Competition (*to be done in classrooms - if completed, send them down to Room 15 by Thursday morning tea*).
- Years 4-6: Design an 'Ei Katu ([reference image](#))
- Year 7&8: Introduce yourself in Cook Island Māori

We also ended the week with our Cook Islands group assembly where we watched beautiful performances by our junior and senior students. The assembly was a true celebration of Cook Islands culture – colourful, vibrant, and full of energy! Our performers wowed the crowd with their amazing, well-rehearsed items that brought smiles, applause, and a whole lot of island spirit. Meitaki ma'ata to Fofu, Whaea Nive and everyone who helped make today such a special occasion.

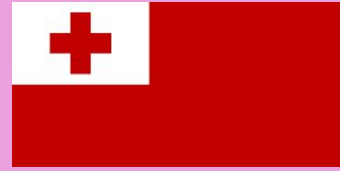


Cook Islands Language Week continued





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Tongan Language Week



This year the theme for Tongan language week is 'Ko 'etau lea, ko e fe'unu mahu'inga ia ki he mo'ui 'a e Tonga' which translates to "Our language is a vital strand of our Tongan culture." To begin our week in celebration we proudly raised the Tongan flag. The ceremony included the singing of both the Tongan hymn National anthem, words of encouragement, and reflections on the importance of keeping lea faka-Tonga alive for future generations. This year's theme reminds us of the value of language in strengthening identity, belonging, and pride. At SPS, we celebrate the unique cultural heritage of our learners and whānau, and today we stood together in unity – mālie, mālō e lelei, faka'apa'apa.



Another SPS celebration for Tongan language week - enjoying a shared meal together. We would like to say a massive malo 'aupito to Tina, Leni, Ana and our Tongan group families for putting on a beautiful Tongan feast for our staff. Our staff enjoyed many different Tongan delicacies - delicious!



On Friday 22nd August we came together for a very special Tongan Language Week celebration assembly. We were treated to outstanding performances from our Year 1–3 boys and girls, Year 4–6 boys and girls and Year 7–8 boys and girls. Each group shone with pride, energy, and talent. We were also blessed with beautiful speeches in Tongan, showcasing the confidence, knowledge and pride our students hold for their language and culture. It was an honour to welcome two very special guests – Jenny Salesa, Member of Parliament, and Paea Wolfgramm, the first and only Tongan Olympic medal winner. The highlight of the assembly was a stunning Tau'olunga and a marvellous Ma'ulu'ulu performed by our entire Tongan group – a powerful celebration of culture and unity. What a privilege it is to celebrate the beating heart of SPS – our Tongan community. Mālō 'aupito to Tina, Leni, Ana, Nive and Fofu for their tireless preparation, and to the kāinga and families of our students – your support makes our school truly special. We are so proud to say we have the best community in the world here at Sylvia Park School!







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★ Philippine Language Week ★

This term we celebrated Philippine Language Week. The theme for 2025 is *"Ang Paglinang ng Filipino at Katutubong Wika: Makasaysayan sa Pagbuo ng Bansa"* which means *"The Cultivation of Filipino and Indigenous Languages: Historical in National Unity."* On Monday morning we proudly opened our celebrations for Filipino Language Week with a special flag raising ceremony. The sound of the Philippine national anthem filled our school grounds as we honoured the rich culture, traditions, and language of the Philippines. Our tamariki stood with pride and respect, showing the value of unity and manaakitanga as we came together to celebrate.

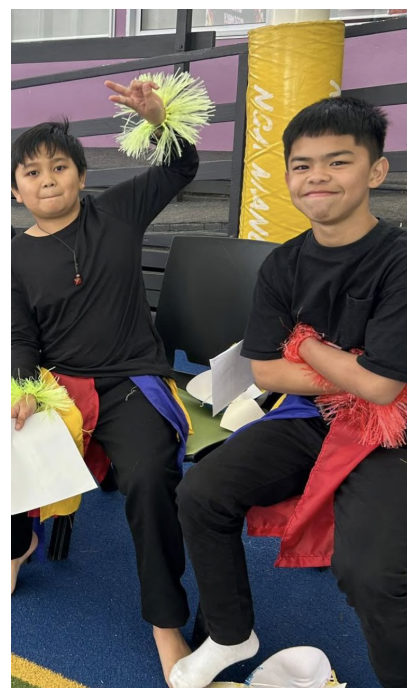


We also celebrated Filipino Language Week with a beautiful staff morning tea. A huge thank you to our amazing staff and whānau who brought in such delicious food to fill our tables – and our bellies! Your generosity and aroha helped create such a warm and joyful atmosphere. Sharing kai together is one of the best ways to celebrate culture and community, and today was a perfect reminder of how lucky we are to have such a supportive SPS whānau.

Maraming salamat!



Our assembly was a beautiful showcase of all things Filipino – from the many languages to the vibrant dances representing the different islands of the Philippines. It truly felt like a festival! The amazing costumes and colourful masks truly added to the experience, making the celebration even more vibrant and memorable. We were also inspired by our amazing and engaging presenters, who spoke so beautifully in many different languages – reminding us of the richness and diversity of this special community. As the rain fell half way through the celebration it didn't stop the great vibes of the assembly, reminding us of Filipino resilience that shines through even during a storm! We were treated to wonderful performances from our Year 1–3s, Year 4–6s, and Year 7–8s. Each group brought so much energy, colour, and pride to the stage. A huge thank you to Whaea Cielo, Miss Leuii and Mr Gumaga for all the mahi you put into making this celebration so special, and to our Filipino whānau and wider school community for your support.



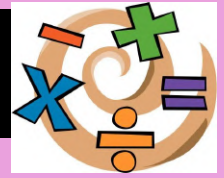




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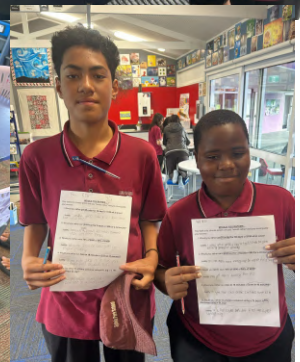
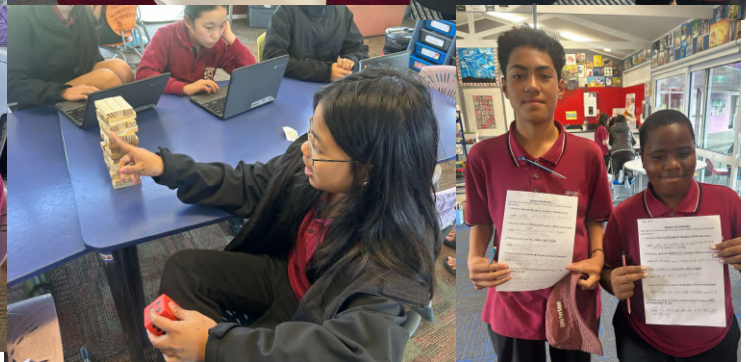
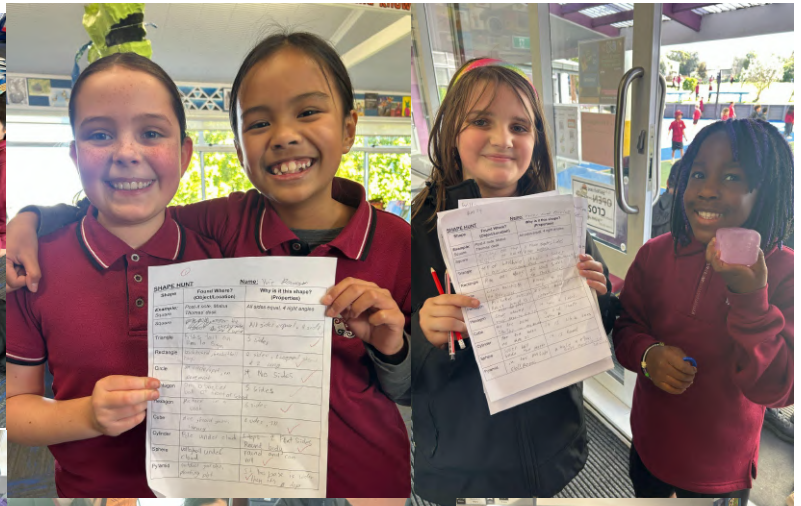
Maths Week 2025



Our statement for Maths Week was ***"Roll the dice, make maths nice!"***

This Maths Week our classes dove into creativity and strategy by designing their own maths-themed board game. They used number knowledge, problem-solving skills, and imagination to create a games that challenges others and makes maths fun to play and even more fun to learn.

Each class took part in a mini inquiry in maths, designed to build engagement and teach students that maths is all around us. The idea of Maths Week 2025 was to break the stigma of "Maths is boring". Students could maths as engaging as they wanted. Classes took old tradition board games and put a modern spin on them. The only rule was they had to include dice. Students had a lot of fun designing rules for their new games. They prize is having their games professionally made for their class to keep! Students also took part in maths games and challenges during lunchtime in Te Puna Ngoi. These were highly engaging and another great reminder that maths should be fun and require problem solving in groups and teams.



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SPS on the weekend

Briyanna competed in her first Taekwon-Do Nationals Tournament on Saturday & Sunday. She achieved the below results:

Silver - Individual Patterns
Bronze - Individual Sparring
Bronze in Team Patterns

Her medals contributed towards Counties Manukau winning best overall region for 2025.

Congratulations Briyanna, you are amazing!





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High School Transition Evening

A big thank you to our Year 8 whānau who joined us for our High School Enrolment & Transition Information Evening!

On Thursday 14th August we held our first ever transition and high school enrolment information evening for our whānau and year 8 students.

It was wonderful to connect with our families and provide guidance on enrolling your child into high school, as well as tips and support to ensure a smooth transition into this exciting next chapter.

This year, our cohort have been pretty good with enrolling their child into families, with 34 of our students already accepted into a high school or college by the end of Term 3. Awesome mahi from our community!

Our aim was to make the process less daunting and give you the information, resources, and confidence to help your tamariki take this big step with success.

Ngā mihi to everyone who attended and contributed to the kōrero – your involvement makes a huge difference for our students' future journeys.

SPS PRESENTS
YEAR 8 HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION
Evening

We are holding an information evening for our Year 8s and their families to support transition and enrolling for high school or college.

When: Thursday 14 August
Where: Room 25
Time: 4.15–5.00pm
What to bring: Mid-year report, proof of address (2 types such as a bank statement), NZ Birth Certificate or NZ Residency





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Ki o Rahi Staff vs Students

What an incredible game of Ki o Rahi at our school today! Our students showed amazing skills and great teamwork. Huge shoutout to our staff for their awesome energy and epic skills – you all rocked it!

Stay tuned and get ready, because the next big Staff vs Students showdown is coming soon!







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Tamaki Cluster Basketball

During week 4 some of our SPS students had a stellar day at Bruce Pulman Park today. Each team played 3 games against other schools, we showed resilience, perseverance and excellence throughout the day. Lots of fun was had and great memories made. Our teams can be very proud of their effort today! While we didn't win with height, we did win with heart!







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Eastern Zone Boys Basketball



WOW - WOW - WOW. Today the year 7 and 8 boys basketball team headed off to the Eastern Zone tournament at Barfoot and Thompson stadium. They have been practising every day over the last week or so and have been paying particular attention to making their shots count. They played amazing in their pool games, beating Pt England 18-12, Orakei 46-4 and then went down to Dilworth in their final pool game. Then it was a nervous wait to see if they had made it through to semis on points difference and guess what, they did by a close 3 points! Then they had to see who they would face in the semi with St Kents, Sacred Heart or Kings Prep. It ended up being St Kents and although the boys left it all on the court they went down to them after a tough second half. Taking 3rd place overall is a wonderful achievement for this team - well done to everyone, we are so proud of you!



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Eastern Zone Girls Basketball



What a day of grit, teamwork, and determination from our Sylvia Park School Year 7 & 8 Girls Basketball team! Our girls left it all on the court and showed huge courage, energy, and aroha in every game.

Results:

- Game 1 vs Saint Kentigern – 14–18
- Game 2 vs Ellerslie – 14–8 ✓
- Game 3 vs Saint Thomas – 31–18 ✓
- Game 4 vs Stanhope Road – 16–5 ✓
- Semi Final vs Baradene – 16–21
- 3rd/4th Playoff vs Glendowie – 34–8 ✓

That final game sealed us 3rd place overall – an awesome achievement against tough competition! We are so proud of the way our girls represented SPS with skill, heart, and great sportsmanship. Ka mau te wehi, team!





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Auckland Champs Boys Netball



Although the sun was shining at Te Pai courts and the air was cold, that didn't stop our year 7 and 8 boys netball team leaving it all out there on the court at the Auckland Champs netball tournament. With tough 1 goal losses to Kelston Intermediate and Northcross Intermediate this led to a 9-12 semi against Glen Eden Intermediate. After giving their all they again went down by 1 point, 7 goals to 6. They then recovered and took out a hard battle against Hobsonville School, winning 13-11 and taking 11th place overall. Well done boys, we are so proud of the way you represented our school.





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Tamaki Cluster Rippa

The rain stayed away for our Tamaki Cluster Rippa tournament allowing our students to showcase their full set of skills out on the field. Selected students from years 5 to 8 gave it their best, showing determination, great sportsmanship and support towards each other. Across 2 mixed grades, both teams came away with wins across the board. Awesome work team!







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Enviro-Warriors



Spring is coming! That means our Enviro-Warriors have been hard at work planting new seedlings in the outdoor classroom. They have just started sprouting so we will have new vegetables in no time! Our recycling group has been outstanding at keeping our school clean and ensuring our fruit boxes are either reused or recycled. Keep up the great mahi Enviro-Warriors, bring on summer!



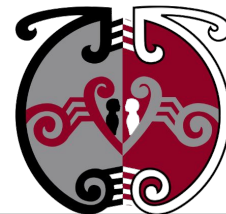
Principal Awards Congratulations



ROOM	NAME
1	Maisie Berg
2	Sosina Taungakava
3	Claudia Veiqaravi Codina
4	Ved Sharma
5	Cloe Cuison
6	Fipe Taulanga
7	Lynton Tata-Moyle
8	Mason Mar
9	Fhinn Due
10	James Matthew Dulay
11	Johnbill Chen
12	Lavina Paulo Faatili
15	Blain Cassidy
16	Amara-Leigh Veikosos-Wikitera
17	Galilee Rapata-Smith
20	Alexander Wong
21	Anamalina Pasi
22	Brucepoloie
23	Bauliaji Taumoepeau
24	Dakshit Rana
25	Khrisanne Vasquez
26	Kelo Saina
27	Georgia Evans
28	Jairese Lavasii

WEEK 4

Principal Awards Congratulations



ROOM	NAME
1	Sarah Camal
2	Ezra Somers
3	Zoe Tang
4	Liliana Zahran
5	Ateliana Fifita
6	Jayden Agi
7	Oscar
8	Tevita Taumoefolau
9	Fhinn Due
10	Amethyst Herewini-Raea
11	Thomas Fisi'hoi
12	Tadeho Laborda
13	Sekonia
14	Sekope
15	Patrick Evans
16	Oakley McAuley
17	Emerald Herewini
20	Jordan Tau
21	Raymond Cassidy
22	Alayah Maui
23	Sam Hopoi
24	Airish Evangelista
25	Paul Tapaitau
26	John Pasi
27	Julius Kumar
28	Airiana Puafisi

WEEK 5



COMMUNITY KEY DATES

TERM 3 2025

TERM 3

Wednesday 3rd September - Tamaki Cluster Netball

Sunday 7th to Saturday 13th September - Papua New Guinea Language Week

Wednesday 10th September - Wig Wednesday

Friday 19th September - Last day of Term 3



WHATS COMING UP

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COMMUNITY KEY DATES

TERM 4 2025

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Sunday 28th September to Saturday 4th October - Tuvalu Language Week

Monday 6th October - First day of Term 4

Sunday 5th to Saturday 11th October - Fijian Language Week

Tuesday 14th October - Junior School SPS Athletics and Cross Country Day

Wednesday 15th October - Senior School SPS Athletics Day

9-11:30 am - Yrs 4-6

11:40-2:30 pm - Yrs 7-8

Thursday 16th October - Eastern Zone Volleyball

Sunday 19th to Saturday 25th October - Niue Language Week

Wednesday 22nd October - Tamaki Cluster Touch

Monday 27th October - Labour Day (No school)

Sunday 26th to Saturday 1st November - Tokelau Language Week

Tuesday 28th October - Eastern Zone Touch

Thursday 30th October - Sports and Cultural Photos

Wednesday 5th November - Tamaki Cluster Have a Go Day

Monday 10th November - STAFF ONLY DAY (No school)

Tuesday 18th to Friday 21st November - Year 8 Camp at Lakewood Lodge

Thursday 20th November - Eastern Zone Athletics

Wednesday 26th November - Tamaki Cluster Athletics

Sunday 23rd to Saturday 29th November - Solomon Islands Language Week

Monday 1st December - Reports go home

Tuesday 2nd December - 3 way conferences - 3 to 5pm

Wednesday 3rd December - 3 way conferences - 3 to 5pm

Monday 8th December - Senior School Sports Prizegiving: 11am

Wednesday 10th December Junior School Prizegiving: 9:15am Senior School Prizegiving: 11:30am

Friday 12th December - Last day of Term 4



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High School Enrolment



YEAR 8 PARENTS PLEASE READ:

It's an exciting year for your child. This is their last year at primary school as next year they will be at a college.


This is to inform you of the choices that you have regarding your child's college education.

When thinking of your child's future, you need to look at the following factors.

Some of you are thinking of looking at schools outside of your local community you may want to think of the following –

- Some schools have an education system called Cambridge international exams – these work best on learners who can cope with mainly just end-of-year exams. Whereas other schools have NCEA which shows credits and grades for separate skills and knowledge throughout the year.
- Where is the school in comparison to your home? Ask yourself – how will your child get to school? Can you find the cost of a train or bus from your budget so that your child is not missing out on school as they cannot get there? If they participate in extra school activities such as sports or drama, think of the extra time they will need to be at school, can your family life accommodate these extra demands?
- If you are looking at a school that is not local, you need to consider the school's enrolment closure dates. This is because these schools have a zone, and if you are not a local, you are applying for limited placement in the school. (many colleges are taking less and less out of zoners each year) These ballots close at different times depending on the school. If you do not get the application in on time you will not be able to get your child into that school. (you also have to apply for your local school as when a school tells you that your child is on a waiting list - this does not guarantee a place in the school, so have a plan B)
- Look at the cost of the fees and the uniform and start budgeting this year so that your child does not miss out on the first few days of school, which are very important as they cover orientation and class choice, settling in with their home tutor teacher and social groups.
- A lot of colleges are now part of a BYOD programme. This means that students are expected to bring their own devices (computers) to school. All schools are part of a programme to assist you in purchasing a device. Please beware of this extra cost.

What you may also want to look at is talking with the students in regards to the following documents that their parents will need when applying for school - The following may need to be shown to the students.

- Passport or Birth Certificate
 - Passport sized photograph
 - Residence Visa
 - Previous School Report
 - Proof of address - latest utility bill
 - Tenancy agreement/proof of ownership.
 - There will likely be a Justice of the Peace in your neighbourhood so you could give this info to your families.
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High School Enrolment



YEAR 8 PARENTS PLEASE READ:

Here are the following close-off dates for our local Auckland schools.

**NB: IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL THAT HAS A BALLOT YOU
MUST APPLY FOR YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL AS WELL.**

This does not mean that it will affect your 1st choice application but it gives you options.

Remember an enrolment is not acceptance. You will need an official acceptance letter and/or email from your respective school

The following colleges' close-off date for enrolment is the 30th of August. (the exact date has not been given by the MOE but aim for this date)

Auckland Boys Grammar - <https://www.ags.school.nz/enrolment/>

Auckland Girls Grammar online or by mail - <http://www.aggs.school.nz/enrolment>

Epsom Girls Grammar - <https://www.eggs.school.nz/enrolments/>

Glendowie College - <https://www.gdc.school.nz/school/enrolments/enrolment-process/>

One Tree Hill College - <https://www.onetreehillcollege.school.nz/enrol-now/>

Selwyn College - <https://selwyn.school.nz/new-students/>

Tamaki College - <https://tamaki.school.kiwi/index.php/enrolment>

Edgewater College - <https://www.edgewater.school.nz/enrolment>

Integrated schools:

St Peter's College in Epsom. Enrolment closes 4pm on Friday 4th April 2025.

<https://www.st-peters.school.nz/enrolment/> (open day 18th Feb)

Sacred Heart Close of enrolment date- 4pm on Friday 4 April, 2025 (open day 26th Feb)

<https://www.sacredheart.school.nz/enrolment/enrolment>


Scholarship schools:

King's College: <https://www.kingscollege.school.nz/admissions/scholarships-and-bursaries>

St Kentigern College: <https://www.saintkentigern.com/college/apply/scholarships/>

St Cuthbert College: <https://stcuthberts.school.nz/join-us/scholarships/st-cuthberts-scholarship/>

Diocesan: <https://www.diocesan.school.nz/assets/uploads/Scholarship-Application-Form-New-Student-for-2025-Entry.pdf>



Sylvia Park School Hours

To help keep our tamariki safe and support their learning, please make sure they're dropped off and picked up within school hours.

If your child walks or travels home on their own, please remind them to head straight home after school – no detours, just straight home with a smile unless in after school commitments.

Students can come back to school anytime, if they are in mufti-gear and have notified their whānau.

8AM – SCHOOL OPENS

8:15AM – STUDENTS CAN ENTER CLASSES

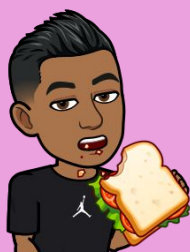
8:55AM – START OF SCHOOL DAY

2:45PM – END OF SCHOOL DAY





SEE YOU AT SCHOOL



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

We love having your children here at school! They bring life, energy and learning! While we know that some days we have appointments, family events and celebrations, we feel sad when students miss out on school unnecessarily, so we wanted to share these facts with you:

If your child misses:	That equals:	Which is:	And over 13 years of schooling, that is:
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

“How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won’t affect my child...”

If your child misses:	That equals:	Which is:	And over 13 years of schooling, that is:
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 mins per day	1 hr 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years

Not only does lateness affect a child’s education, but it also has an impact on our office staff, who need to meet with these students and adjust the morning register. This takes them away from completing other important tasks that benefit our students.

Learning & teaching starts at 8:55 am each day. All students must arrive at school before then to prepare for the day. Please do your absolute best to ensure your child arrives at school on time. Get in touch with us if you have special circumstances, so we are aware of what is happening for your whānau.



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS AT SPS

LET'S KEEP OUR TAMARIKI LEARNING ALL DAY, EVERY DAY!
AT SYLVIA PARK SCHOOL, WE BELIEVE EVERY MOMENT AT SCHOOL IS A CHANCE TO GROW, LEARN, AND SUCCEED. WHEN STUDENTS LEAVE EARLY, THEY MISS VALUABLE TIME WITH THEIR KAIAKO AND CLASSMATES THAT HELPS BUILD STRONG LEARNING HABITS.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING BY MAKING SURE THEY STAY FOR THE FULL SCHOOL DAY.

✓ ACCEPTABLE REASONS FOR EARLY PICK-UP INCLUDE:
MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS (PLEASE BRING AN APPOINTMENT SLIP)
ILLNESS OR INJURY
WHĀNAU EMERGENCIES

✗ NOT ACCEPTABLE:
BEATING THE TRAFFIC
EARLY HOLIDAYS
"THEY WERE TIRED" OR "WE HAD PLANS"

IF YOU NEED TO PICK YOUR CHILD UP EARLY, PLEASE VISIT THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND SIGN THEM OUT.

TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A FUTURE OF SUCCESS
ONE FULL SCHOOL DAY AT A TIME!

NGĀ MIHI NUI,
SYLVIA PARK SCHOOL



**Te Tāhuhu o
te Mātauranga**
Ministry of Education

Set a good example... walk to school!



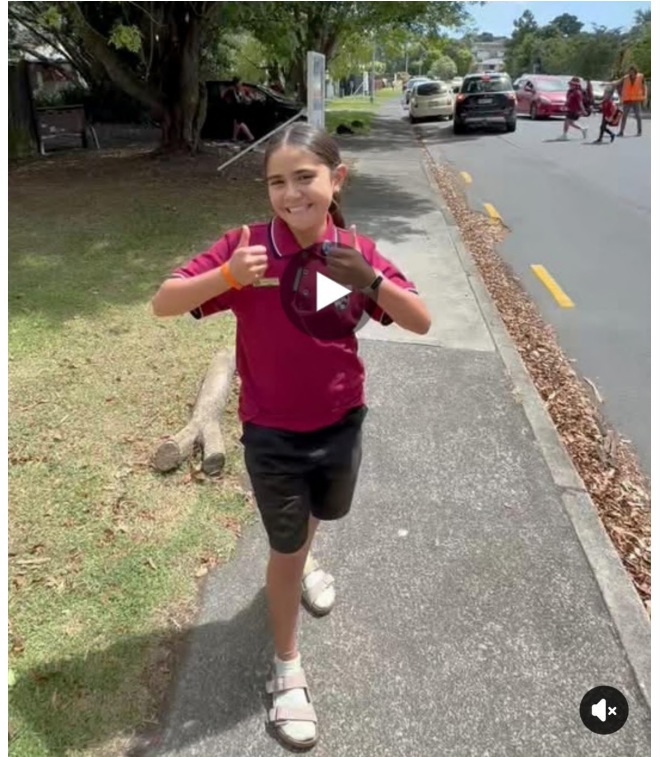
Why not walk to or from school with your child? It's the perfect opportunity to teach your child road safety skills and it is good for family fitness.

Walking is Fun, Free, Fast and Enviro-Friendly!



For more information about the **Walking School Bus** programme, please contact Delia on email: Delia.Matthias@at.govt.nz

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Park and Walk Sylvia Park School

Let's all make our school a safer and less congested place.

Why not give Park and Walk a try?

Check out the map below and plan your safe journey to and from school.

Walking to/from school:

- ✓ Improves health and fitness
- ✓ Reduces the number of cars outside our school making it safer for everyone
- ✓ Teaches road sense
- ✓ Is great for the environment
- ✓ Is social and fun with friends & whānau



Parking Longford Street



**DON'T LEAVE YOUR CAR
PARKED UNATTENDED**

SYLVIA PARK SCHOOL



**NZ POLICE AND AUCKLAND TRANSPORT
ARE DOING RANDOM SPOT CHECKS!**



PARKING FINE

**NO
PARKING**


UNAUTHORISED VEHICLES
WILL BE TOWED AT
OWNERS EXPENSE

LET'S PROTECT OUR TAMARIKI WHĀNAU



Breakfast Club

School Hall

Please make sure your child attends our Breakfast club if they need breakfast.
#StudentLed #FreeBreakfast #Everyday #830am #BeThere



We're still running our Kickstart Breakfast Club, we'd love to see you there.

All welcome!

Your tamariki can find us at:

Location: The School Hall

Time: 8.30am Monday to Friday



SPONSORS



Keeping our SPS Van running smooth and most importantly, keeping it safe. For all of your mechanical needs pop in and see Gareth and the team at Gast Automotive.

91 Mays Road, Onehunga, Auckland 1061
09 634 4278



Star Dreaming



Sale See Reception



Matariki at Sylvia Park (Star Dreaming) - Written by Sylvia Park students are selling out quickly. So come to reception if you would like to purchase a copy for \$10. Some great reading for your tamariki before bed.



ONLY A FEW LEFT!

GET IN QUICK!

GENERAL ONGOING SCHOOL NOTICES AND REMINDERS

PLEASE NAME IT

We try to help your child look after their belongings. It would make our task considerably easier and would drastically reduce levels of stress for students if ALL ITEMS – INCLUDING ALL UNIFORM ITEMS, PE SHOES, SPORTS EQUIPMENT, JACKETS, JERSEYS, LUNCHBOXES, WATER BOTTLES, BAGS etc. WERE ALL CLEARLY NAMED!!

OPEN DOOR POLICY

This means that should you have any questions or concerns about anything please do not hesitate to contact us. Don't be a stranger, but pop in anytime you can. We'd love to see you!

If at any time you wish to see any of your child's teachers about something specific please telephone the school to organize an appointment. At times there are bound to be issues that crop up and we encourage you to air your concerns but ask that you speak to the person involved first. If you have done this and feel there has been no success, you are more than welcome to see the classroom teacher, the relevant senior staff member or Matua Thomas.

SMOKE AND VAPE FREE ENVIRONMENT

In accordance with legislation I remind parents/caregivers and students that our entire school and boundary is Smoke and Vape Free.

If you are wanting information on your child's progress, it is advisable to book a time to see the classroom teacher. This will enable the teacher to give you the time you deserve to have the proper conversation. Classrooms are busy places in the mornings before school and immediately after, and it is not always possible for the teacher to give full attention to your queries if you do not book in advance.

MESSAGES FOR/FROM STUDENTS

We accept there will be occasions when students need to contact members of their family during the school day. With the approval of their classroom teacher, students are able to use a school telephone to do this. Because of the demands of school management and school activities, these calls will be restricted to important matters – not to have forgotten homework, lunch etc. dropped off or to arrange an after school social occasion! If things are forgotten then children will need to learn to accept the consequences for their actions. Likewise, the school accepts with today's busy schedules there will be occasions when parents need to get important messages to their children.

The school will make every effort to forward these messages, if received before 2.00pm. However, the administration staff cannot accept responsibility if a student does not receive a message.

ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school please call the office on 09 5276526, before 8.50am to advise us. If you do not do this we contact you immediately through our text system. After the second day of no notification the teacher or administration staff will contact the home directly as well. After 10 half days absent per term of absence, whānau may be asked to provide a medical certificate or the student may be referred to Attendance Services (ASA).

MASKS

Masks are strongly advised for Year 4 - 8! Hygiene - regular handwashing & well ventilated classrooms will continue.

LATENESS

All students who are late (i.e. arriving at school after the 8.55am bell) report to the office before heading to class. This is to ensure we keep a track of attendance and student safety. We appreciate your support with this!

UPDATE OF INFORMATION

If there have been any changes to the custodial arrangements, change of address, change of telephone number, change of emergency contact numbers, or any other changes we would be very grateful if you would inform us as soon as possible, so our records can be corrected.

MONEY

Money is not to be left in bags or clothing when not being worn. Hand to the office or classroom teacher for safe keeping. If the procedure is not followed and technology or money is 'lost' or 'stolen', we will unfortunately not be responsible.

DRINK BOTTLES

A reminder with hydration being related to concentration levels in the classroom, we want to encourage SPS kids to carry water bottles with them in class. A common sense approach and one we will remind all children throughout the term! Your support with this is much appreciated in the form of naming drink bottles and providing them! We encourage all children to drink water regularly throughout the school day.

MOBILE PHONES

If students bring cellphones to school they are left at the office before school and collected after school. If students keep them on them or in bags during the day and they are 'lost' or 'stolen' we will not waste any time in following up. Owner beware - follow the procedures!

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

No medication should be kept in your child's school bag. If your child has antibiotic/medication that needs to be administered during the school day please ensure you have filled out a permission slip at the office. No medication can be administered to your child without approval.

VISITORS

Whenever you visit the school please do so via the office so you can be checked in, instead of going directly to the classroom. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL PROPERTY

The school has a policy of “abuser pays”. Students who carelessly or wilfully damage school property or equipment will be asked to meet the cost of the repairs, or at the very least pay a fair share of the replacement. We hope this will become a rare occasion at Sylvia Park School, however when this does occur, parents/caregivers will receive an explanatory letter and a tax invoice to cover costs. In addition to the fact that schools operate on very tight budgets, we see the development of personal responsibility as an important outcome of our school programmes.

INTERNET SAFETY

We are well aware that the internet is a wonderful educational resource, but we all know there are dangers.

As you know, to use the information and communications technologies resources, including accessing the internet at school, students and their parents are required to sign a CYBER SAFETY AGREEMENT. This agreement spells out very clearly what is acceptable and what is not acceptable both in terms of use and internet site access. This is done at enrolment.

Students use individual logons and our system records for audit all logons, the date and time of the logon, the location of the computer and a list of all searches attempted and sites accessed. Please discuss with your child the appropriate use of the internet. Teachers also do this on a regular basis.

SCHOOL HOURS

Students are expected to be in school by 8.30am, ready for an 8.55am start. The school day ends at 2.45pm. We expect all students to be at school until the end of the day, every day unless special circumstances permit. EG: Doctor appointment.

HOME STUDY/HOMEWORK

Our stand on home study is that it is useful and helps develop good work habits but can also be a contentious and emotional issue, that can cause much conflict in the home and at school. There is always a wide range of views on the subject with some parents wanting more and others wanting less.

We believe that home study at this level gives students practice at managing their time to do some self-directed learning and therefore encourage the importance of reading. Reading is crucial in all areas of life. Our children need to learn to read for sustained periods (at least 15 minutes at a time) – so if your child says’ “I don’t have any homework”” hand him/her a good book!

NO to BAD FOOD as we are a HEALTHY EATING SCHOOL

No fizzy drinks, lollies, chocolate or chewing gum are to be brought to school or given by teachers. If a student has any of these, they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day! We look forward to your support with this as we are a healthy eating school and so are many of our SPS families. Health and safety is taken into account as some of our kids are also allergic to certain foods. Lunches are provided free to every child, so no need to do drop offs, or birthday celebrations with food during class time etc.

We hope you understand, as not every child is fortunate enough to have surprise bday celebrations at school, and we want every child to feel valued in a consistent manner at SPS.

If food by families arrives, you will kindly be redirected to take it home and teachers will also have the same message if you contact them about bringing food.

PARK SAFELY AND KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE

This term our school is participating in Auckland Transport’s ‘Safety at the School Gate’ programme. Drivers who stop in the wrong place to drop off passengers put the safety of children at risk. Parking officers will be on patrol outside the school this term and will be issuing tickets to drivers who park illegally.

The agreed approach is ‘zero tolerance’ - there will be no warnings issued, you will receive a ticket if you are double parked, parked on yellow lines, or over someone’s driveway - or for any other vehicle safety offence. This includes driving into the school car parks and neighbours’ driveways. Please note – park on the street if coming into school, not inside the school car parks at all. Thank you!

Please park legally to keep our children safe and to avoid being ticketed. Before and after school is a busy time for everyone. Parking rules help protect our children and keep them safe. Drivers who park illegally put our kids at risk.

Please do not call your child to cross the road before or after school to where you are parked. There are pedestrian crossings at some exits. Encourage your child to use them!

