



# Pānui o te kura Spotswood #10

School Goal: Take turns

Rāapa 3 Paengawhāwhā

Pepeha o Te kura Spotswood  
Tēnā koutou katoa  
Ko Taranaki te mounga  
Ko Herekawe te awa  
Ko Tokomaru te waka  
Ko Te Atiawa te iwi  
Ko Ngati Te Whiti te hapu  
Ko Takahere, ko Pukewhero, ko Papawhero, ko Ngāmotu,  
ko Maungaroa ngā pā tawhito  
Ko Spotswood te kura  
No reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou,  
tēnā koutou katoa



## Te Puna Reo Māori

Our staff have been participating in weekly professional development in reo Māori. This is then taught in our classrooms. This week we have been practicing:

*Kia ora*

Ko \_\_\_\_\_ te maunga (My mountain is \_\_\_\_\_)

Ko \_\_\_\_\_ te awa (My river is \_\_\_\_\_)

Ko \_\_\_\_\_ te iwi (My iwi is \_\_\_\_\_)

Ko \_\_\_\_\_ te hapū (My hapū is \_\_\_\_\_)

Ko \_\_\_\_\_ tōku kura (My school is \_\_\_\_\_)

Nō \_\_\_\_\_ ōku tīpuna (My ancestors are from \_\_\_\_\_)

Nō \_\_\_\_\_ ahau (I am from \_\_\_\_\_)

Ko \_\_\_\_\_ tōku māmā (My mum is \_\_\_\_\_)

Ko \_\_\_\_\_ tōku pāpā (My dad is \_\_\_\_\_)

Ko \_\_\_\_\_ ahau (My name is \_\_\_\_\_)

*Tēnā koutou*

## Term 1 Calendar 2024

Week 10 (1 – 5 April)

Monday 1 April – Easter Monday School Closed

Tuesday 2 April – Easter Tuesday School Closed

Thursday 4 April – Swimming Lessons

Friday 5 April – Room 15 Assembly

Week 11 (8 – 12 April)

Tuesday 9 April – Board Meeting at 7 pm

Thursday 11 April – Swimming Lessons (final session)

Friday 12 April – Principal's Assembly & Last day of Term 1

## Greetings from our Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou

I hope you all had a lovely break over Easter. Thank you to everyone who came to our goal-setting interviews. Our teachers really appreciate being able to discuss your child's progress kano ki te kano (face to face). The school goal for this week is: Take turns. It seems to be something we need to keep working at. Sometimes students find it a bit of a challenge to share equipment such as the slide or flying fox. Sometimes they want to play with the same things and there is not enough to go around. We need to make sure everyone gets a turn and that we are always willing to share. It is a very important focus for our kura. Enjoy the short week!

Kia pai tō ra

## Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser by donating Easter Eggs, selling raffle tickets or purchasing tickets. Thank you to our organisers who did such an amazing job with this fundraiser. We raised over \$2070! All profits go towards our Water Safety Fundraising. Special mention must go to Hunter (R7) who sold 120 tickets and to Sassy (R9) who sold 70 tickets. They each received a certificate and a prize. What an outstanding effort! The raffle was drawn last Wednesday.

Prize-winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> – Karen Sturgess

2<sup>nd</sup> – Murray Cotter

3<sup>rd</sup> – Jan Goss

4<sup>th</sup> – Gillian Edwards

5<sup>th</sup> – Grace

Congratulations to all of our winners!



# Student Absences

Please note that there are two types of absences from school, justified and unjustified. A justified absence is where a student is away from school for medical reasons because they are sick or attending a medical appointment. There are three main types of unjustified absences. If we are unable to establish why your child is away this is coded as 'T' for truant. There are also explained absences that are coded 'E'. Explained absence examples are; getting a haircut, going shopping or having a day off because it is the child's birthday. **None of these are suitable reasons for being away from school. Explained absences are still unjustified.** The third type of unjustified absence is coded as 'G' which is a holiday during term time. This could be overseas or in Aotearoa. If your child has more than 5 unjustified absences in a term you will get a call from the principal asking for an explanation and an improvement in attendance. If your child has more than 10 unjustified absences in a term they will be referred to Attendance Services. The Ministry of Education advises that the learning of students with attendance less than 90% is negatively affected. In a normal 10 week term this means that your child should have **no more than 5 days away** from school before it is likely to have an adverse effect on their learning.

## Marae Trips

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, the marae trips have been postponed to early next term. We will update you with more information, dates and permission slips next term.

## Home Learning Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed this survey. Over 75% of survey participants felt that we should continue home learning. Please click the link for the full results: [Home Learning Survey](#)

## Term 2 Calendar 2024

### Week 1 (29 April – 3 May)

Monday 29 May – Haka pōwhiri  
Wednesday 1 May – Duffy Show  
Friday 3 May – Principal's Assembly

### Week 2 (6 – 10 May)

Tuesday 7 May – Board meeting  
Friday 10 May – Pouakai House Leader Assembly

### Week 3 (13 – 17 May)

Tuesday 14 & Wednesday 15 May – NYLD//24 Trip  
Friday 17 May – Assembly hosted by Room 15

### Week 4 (20 – 25 May)

Wednesday 22 May – Spotty Talk #3  
Friday 3 May – Kaitake House Leader Assembly

### Week 5 (27 – 31 May)

**Friday 31 May – Teacher Only Day**

### Week 6 (3 – 7 June)

Monday 3 June – King's Birthday  
Tuesday 4 June – Board meeting  
Friday 7 June – Assembly hosted by Room 10

### Week 7 (10 – 14 June)

Friday 14 June – Paritutu House Leader Assembly

### Week 8 (17 – 21 June)

Friday 21 June – Assembly hosted by Room 6

### Week 9 (24 – 28 June)

Friday 28 June – Assembly hosted by Room 11

### Week 10 (1 – 5 July)

Tuesday 2 July – Board meeting  
Friday 5 July – Singalong Assembly

## Welcome to New Students

It has been a little while since we have done this. Welcome to the following students and their whānau who started at our kura this term:

***Freddy (R8), Armani-Rose (R6),  
Souljah (R8), Sharvey (R15),  
Avaline (R14), Kayston (R6), Saint (R7)  
& Claysuda (R8)***

Nau mai haere mai ki te kura o Spotswood!

