



Pānui o te kura Spotswood #01

School Goal: Me ako tātou

Rāapa 31 o Kohitātea

Pepeha o Te kura Spotswood Primary

Tēnā koutou katoa

Ko Taranaki te mouna

Ko Herekawe te awa

Ko Tokomaru te waka

Ko Te Atiawa te iwi

Ko Ngāti 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



Welcome to our New Staff

We formally welcomed Whaea Greta, the new kaiako (teacher) in Room 14 and Kylie Seales who a new kaiawhina (teacher aide) to our school at the haka pōwhiri on Monday. We are so pleased to have them both on the team!



Greetings from our Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou!

Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o Spotswood. Welcome back to school everyone! I hope you all had fantastic holiday and are feeling refreshed and energised, ready to make the most of 2024. We have lots of fun activities planned for the term so keep an eye out for what is happening in the newsletter. Remember that these come out every Wednesday during term time. I would like to welcome Whaea Greta Dean to our team. She is the Room 14 Class Teacher. I am really looking forward to what this year brings us and I hope you are too!

Kia pai tō ra!

Stationery 2024

Please note that the school is again supplying stationery, free of charge, for all students. This is to ensure that all students have everything they need to start the year. However, we would gladly accept a koha to help cover the more than \$10,000 it costs to do this for our ākonga.

Swimming Lessons

We are very excited to announce that all of our students, Moana, Awa and Maunga, will be going to the Fulton Swim School for lessons this year. The lessons were a huge success last year for Awa and Maunga so we wanted to extend this to all students. Each student will have 10 free lessons. Thanks to the amazing efforts of our Water Safety Fundraising Committee and a very generous grant of \$20k from the Toi Foundation there are **NO COSTS** to parents. Lessons and bus trips to and from the pool are all covered. This is a total cost of \$25k but we want to make sure that all of our ākonga are able to learn how to be safe in the water. Without a functioning school pool we have to outsource. This is a massive commitment for our kura but incredibly important! Lessons will be every Thursday for Term 1, starting on 8 February.

Term 1 Calendar 2024

Week 1 (29 January – 2 February)

Monday 29 January – Haka pōwhiri
Wednesday 31 January – Whānau Fun
Friday 2 February – Principal's Assembly

Week 2 (5 February – 9 February)

Monday 5 February – Board Meeting
Tuesday 6 February – Waitangi Day School Closed
Thursday 8 February – Swimming Lessons start
Friday 9 February – **Paritutu House Leader Assembly**

Week 3 (12 – 16 February)

Wednesday 14 February – Splash n' Dash
Thursday 15 February – Swimming Lessons
Friday 16 February – Room 14 Assembly

Week 4 (19 – 23 February)

Tuesday 20 February – Friday 23 February – Life Education Trust
Wednesday 21 February – Whānau Hui
Thursday 22 February – Swimming Lessons
Friday 23 February – **Pouakai House Leader Assembly**

Week 5 (26 February – 1 March)

Monday 26 February – Tuesday 27 February – Life Education Trust
Thursday 29 February – Swimming Lessons
Friday 1 March – Room 9 Assembly

Week 6 (4 – 8 March)

Monday 4 March – Board Meeting
Thursday 7 March – Swimming Lessons
Friday 8 March – **Kaitake House Leader Assembly**

Week 7 (11 – 15 March)

Monday 11 March – Taranaki Anniversary Day School Closed
Thursday 14 March – Swimming Lessons
Friday 15 March – Room 8 Assembly

Week 8 (18 – 22 March)

Wednesday 20 March – Whānau Hui
Thursday 21 March – Swimming Lessons
Friday 22 March – **Paritutu House Leader Assembly** & Goal Setting Reports issued

Week 9 (25 – 29 March)

Tuesday 26 March – Goal setting interviews
Wednesday 27 March – Easter Tabloids & Goal setting interviews
Thursday 28 March – Swimming Lessons
Friday 29 March – Good Friday School Closed

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)

Monday 8 April – Board Meeting
Thursday 11 April – Swimming Lessons
Friday 12 April – Principal's Assembly & Last day of Term 1

2024 Classes

Our teaching teams are organised as follows:

Moana

Room 5 (Year 2) – Mrs Tania Furness
Room 6 (Year 1&2) – Mrs Tiffany Rice
Room 7 (Year 1&2) – Whaea Sonya Short
Room 8 (Year 1&2) – Mrs Sophie O'Connor (Team Leader)

Awa

Room 9 (Year 3&4) – Mrs Kirstyn Fisher (Team Leader)
Room 10 (Year 3&4) – Miss Nicola Powell
Room 11 (Year 2&3) – Whaea Lisa Graham
Room 12 (Year 3&4) – Matua Callum Wood

Maunga

Room 13 (Year 5&6) – Miss Jody Barker (Team Leader)
Room 14 (Year 5&6) – Whaea Greta Dean
Room 15 (Year 5&6) – Mr Eugen Daughtery

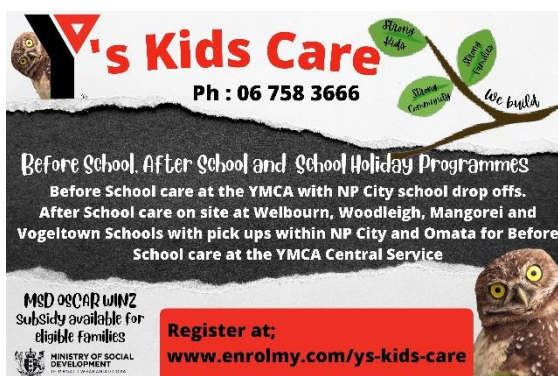
Bure (Reading Recovery) – Miss Joanna Coombes
Room 4 (Learning Support Class) – Miss Joanna Coombes

Board Meetings

The School Board meets regularly each month, except in January. Minutes from the meetings are available upon request. Meetings are public. Dates and times are published in our newsletter. Our first meeting is Monday 5 February at 7 pm. However, if you wish to speak at a meeting you must apply, in writing, to the Presiding Member, Dulcina Beynon. Her email is: dulcina.board@spotswoodprimary.co.nz

Sunhats

A number of students have been at school without sunhats. During Terms 1 and 4 students and staff are expected to wear full-brimmed hats when they are outside. This is part of our sunsmart policy. We have a small number of hats to share with students to use when they go out for class activities but those without hats during break times have to stay in the shade. Please support us with this. If you are having trouble getting a hat for your child please let us know so we can help.

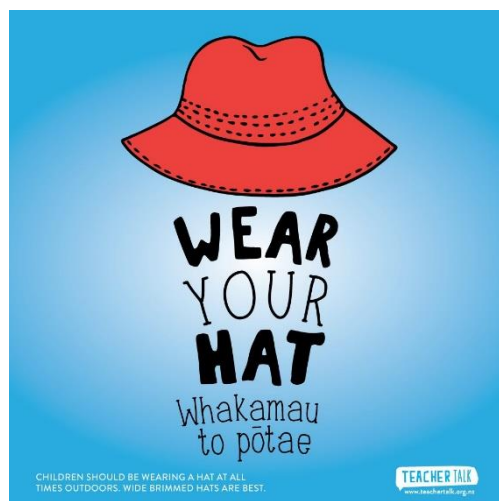


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WEAR YOUR HAT
Whakamau to pōtae

CHILDREN SHOULD BE WEARING A HAT AT ALL TIMES OUTDOORS. WIDE BRIMMED HATS ARE BEST.

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