



# Pānui o te kura Spotswood #02

School Goal: Always be willing to try something new Rāapa 7 o Huitāngaru

Pepeha o Te kura Spotswood Primary

Tēnā koutou katoa

Ko Taranaki te mounga

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 New Students

Welcome to the following students and their whānau who started at our kura recently:

*Madi (R15), Ryder (R8), Harlow (R9), Oscar (R6), Grace (R6), Harlin (R6), Tekeuea (R8), Kairo (R7), Ahayva (R6), Rangiwhia (R13), Karneti (R10), Myzpah (R14), Kaylantic (R15) & Jet (R7)*

Nau mai haere mai ki te kura o Spotswood!

## 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.

## Greetings from our Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou!

We have had a wonderful start to the year. It was great to see so many people at our Whānau Fun Time last Wednesday. We have put some pics on our website. We start swimming this week. We are all looking forward to it! We have a lot on over the next few weeks. Keep an eye out in the newsletter for what is coming up!

Kia pai tō ra!

## Shining Peak 5% Project

We were presented with a 'cheque' for \$4347.29 on Friday from the awesome team at Shining Peak Brewery. This is from their 5% Project. We were lucky enough to be selected for January. The funds will be used to help pay for swimming lessons. Thank you to Brittany Scown for nominating our school and to everyone who participated in this fundraiser. You can help Shining Peak Brewery to continue to do their amazing work for charity by supporting them!



## 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 this week.

## Term 1 Calendar 2024

### 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

Thursday 22 February – Swimming Lessons & Whānau Hui

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

## Sports Coaches Needed

We need help with coaches for miniball, basketball, hockey and netball next term. If you are able to help please contact Mrs Rice by phoning the school office (06 7511331) or email: [t.rice@spotswoodprimary.co.nz](mailto:t.rice@spotswoodprimary.co.nz).

Students will be issued with notices about sports next week if they are keen to play but we need to ensure that we have enough coaches. If you are able to assist, please let us know ASAP.

## Celebrating the Success of our Students

We had a school assembly in the hall last Friday, hosted by Mr Fisher. The following students were presented with **Caught Being Good Awards**:

***Lumari (R5), Kira-Reine (R6), Bodhi (R7), Ryder (R8), Harlow (R9), Jackson (R10), Shiloh (R11), Ava (R12), Mohi (R13), Sophia (R14) & Jarquon (R15)***

Well done to all of these students, first to receive Caught Being Good Awards this year! We are so proud of you all! Ka rawe tamariki ma!



## 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 next meeting is Monday 4 March 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](mailto:dulcina.board@spotswoodprimary.co.nz)

## Spotty Talks (Whānau Hui)

We are hosting the first of our Spotty Talks (Whānau Hui) on Thursday 22 February at 2 pm in the staffroom. We are going to be talking about home learning. We will have a couple of these hui each term to fill you in what we are doing in our kura. It is also a chance for you to ask questions on the topic and give us some feedback. Some of the topics we are going to cover this year are:

- Reading
- Writing
- Mathematics
- Te Reo Māori

Come along and enjoy the aircon if it is a hot day. Tea and coffee is provided. See you there!