



# Pānui o te kura Spotswood #03

School Goal: Be an upstander, not a bystander Rāapa 14 o Huitāngaru

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



## Te Puna Reo Māori

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

**Ko \_\_\_\_\_ ahau (My names is \_\_\_\_\_)**

This week we have been practicing:

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

This is working towards building our own pepeha. Kia haha te reo Māori!

## Healthy Eating Kaupapa

We have had many inquiries regarding our healthy eating kaupapa. We are trying our best to ensure that your children make healthy eating choices during their time at school. It is not compulsory that your child eats the school lunches. However, we do ask that you support our kaupapa by giving your child healthy options for lunch and morning tea. Please click the link to see our healthy eating policy. You will also find the policy on our app and the school website.

[Healthy Eating at School](#)

## Greetings from our Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou!

It is nice that the weather has cooled down a little bit. It is certainly much better for learning. It is amazing to think that we are already into our third week at school. The first lot of swimming lessons went off without a hitch. Lesson #1 was all about establishing the skills of the students. This week they will be working in groups. The lessons are such a great opportunity for our students! Thank you to everyone who worked hard with fundraising to make them happen!

Kia pai tō ra!

## Spotty Talks

We are hosting the first of our Spotty Talks next week, 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. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided. See you there!

## 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.

## 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 Tuesday 5 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)**

## Term 1 Calendar 2024

### Week 3 (12 – 16 February)

Wednesday 14 February – Splash n' Dash  
Thursday 15 February – Swimming Lessons  
Friday 16 February – Room 13 Assembly

### Week 4 (19 – 23 February)

Tuesday 20 February – Friday 23 February – **Life Education Trust**  
Thursday 22 February – Swimming Lessons & Spotty Talks  
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

## Sunflower Growing Competition Winner

Congratulations to Monique (R5) who won a \$50 Palmers voucher in the Professionals sunflower growing competition. Ka pai tō mahi māra (gardening)!



## Celebrating the Success of our Students

We had a school assembly in the hall last Friday, hosted by our **Paritutu House Leaders**. They interviewed Mrs Cotter who would love to be able to fly so she can travel anywhere around the world. The following students were presented with **Caught Being Good Awards**:

*Isla (R5), Harlin (R6), Sass (R7), Emy (R8), Enari (R9), Yashna (R10), Ruanuku (R11), Ryder (R12), Libby (R13), Alec (R14) & Levin (R15)*

Well done to all of these students! We are so proud of you! Ka rawe tamariki ma!



## Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons at the Fulton Swim School have started. They are for all students every **Thursday** this term. Please make sure your child has their togs and towel in a named bag every Thursday. Remember that there are no costs to parents. We have fundraised to make this happen. Thank you to everyone who has supported us with the fundraising! Check out Room 12 on their first day of swimming.

