



Pānui o te kura Spotswood #06

School Goal: Use your WITS – Ignore

Rāapa 6 Poutūterangi

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 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



Greetings from our Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou!

Wow! Who would believe that it is March already? Our students have been having a great time catching up with Megan and Harold. The Life Education lessons are amazing and so beneficial. These lessons come at a cost that is covered by the school. It is just one of the many fantastic opportunities that our students have access to. Please remember that this can only happen through the fundraising efforts of whānau and staff and careful budgeting. There are many more fun things to come!

Kia pai tō ra!

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 _____ tōku māmā (My mum is _____)

Ko _____ tōku pāpā (My dad is _____)

Nō _____ ōku tīpuna (My ancestors are from _____)

Ko _____ ahau (My names is _____)

Nō _____ ahau (I am from _____)

This week we have been practicing:

Ko _____ te maunga (My mountain is _____)

Ko _____ te awa (My river is _____)

We are working towards building our own pepeha. Kia kaha te reo Māori!

New Policies

You may be aware that the government requires that all Year 0-8 students to spend an average of one hour each, five days a week, learning reading, writing and mathematics. These rules came into effect from the beginning of this term. This is outlined in our **Curriculum Delivery Procedures** that are on our website and app. You may also be aware that students in all schools will not be able to use cell phones at school. At our kura students have been required, for many years, to hand in their cell phones at the main office when they come onsite. The new government rules must be actioned by the beginning of Term 2 but ours are already in place. Our **Cell Phone Use at School Procedures** may be found on the school website and app.

Home Learning Survey

We are interested in your thoughts about home learning (homework). Please complete the survey in the link by **9 am on Monday 18 March** to have your say.

[Home Learning Survey](#)

Goal Setting Interviews

Goal setting interviews (parent/teacher/student interviews) are on Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 March from 3.20 to 5.50 pm. This year we are only having interviews in Term 1 so it is super important that we see as many parents as possible. We will still send home Goal Setting Reports in Term 2 but formal interviews will only be held on request. Please make a booking by contacting the school office by phone: 06 7511331 or email: office@spotswoodprimary.co.nz

Sports Coaches Needed

We still need help with coaches for miniball, basketball, hockey. We also need at least 3 more coaches for netball to accommodate all of the students who wish to play. If you are able to help please contact Mrs Rice by phoning the school office (06 7511331) or email: t.rice@spotswoodprimary.co.nz. If you are able to assist, please let us know ASAP.

House Leader Carwash

Our house leaders are running a carwash and sausage sizzle in the school staff carpark on Saturday 16 March from 8.30 am to 12 pm. This is to fundraise for their trip to NYLD/24 next term. Come along for a bite to eat while you get your car cleaned!



Term 1 Calendar 2024

Week 6 (4 – 8 March)

Monday 4 March – Wednesday 6 March – **Life Education Trust**
Monday 4 March – Life Education Drop-in session for whānau
Tuesday 5 March – Board Meeting
Wednesday 6 March – Maunga Swimming Sports
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
Saturday 16 March – House Leader Carwash

Week 8 (18 – 22 March)

Wednesday 20 March – Spotty Talks #2
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 – Tabloids, Goal setting interviews & Paid Union Meeting for Teachers
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 & Marae Trip for Maunga
Tuesday 9 April – Marae Trip for Awa
Wednesday 10 April – Marae Trip for Moana
Thursday 11 April – Swimming Lessons (final session)
Friday 12 April – Principal's Assembly & Last day of Term 1

Communication After Hours

Please note that we will not respond to Seesaw or email messages after 5 pm on weekdays or at all during the weekend. We will respond as soon as possible the next week day morning after 8 am. This is to avoid disruptions for staff during personal time. If *we* have a serious matter to discuss with you this will be done by phone or face to face, not email or Seesaw.

Easter Raffle

Our Water Safety Fundraising Committee are holding an Easter raffle. To do this we would appreciate donations of Easter Eggs. These can be dropped off at the Main Office Reception by Friday 15 March. A note has been sent home asking who is willing to sell tickets. These will be on sale from Friday 15 March. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 27 March. All proceeds will go towards funding future swimming lessons.



Life Education Trust

Harold and Megan have been back for Life Education Trust classes. The final lessons are today. Moana students have been learning about emotions. Awa students have been finding out about relationships and resilience. Maunga students have been learning about pubertal change. Thanks Harold and Megan. We love having you in our kura!



Welcome to New Students

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

Leo (R6), Jack (R8) & Selena (R6)

Nau mai haere mai ki te kura o Spotswood!

Celebrating the Success of our Students

We had a school assembly in the hall last Friday, hosted by Room 9. They shared a great introductory clip with some dancing and showed some of their beautiful art, inspired by . Thank you Room 9. It takes a lot of effort to put together an assembly. We loved it! The following students were issued with **Caught Being Good Awards**:

Nanaah (R5), Delia (R6), Sophia (R7), Jesslyn (R8), Sassy (R9), Ataahua (R10), Jonathan (R11), Callum (R12), Te Oata (R13), Mandy (R14) & Mallory (R15)

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

