



# Pānui o te kura Spotswood #08

School Goal: Use your WITS – Seek help

Rāapa 20 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 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



## Greetings from our Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou!

The term is racing by. There is a bit more of an autumn chill in the air. Please make sure you that buy some tickets to support our Easter Egg Raffle. All proceeds go towards our swimming lessons. These have been selling extremely well so do not miss out! There are 5 baskets to win! Please also make a goal-setting interview appointment if you have not already. We wish to see all parents/caregivers. Come along and hear about the wonderful progress of your children!

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. 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 names is \_\_\_\_\_)

**Tēnā koutou**

## Goal-Setting Interviews

Goal-setting interviews are next week 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. Please make a booking by contacting the school office by phone: 06 7511331 or email: [office@spotswoodprimary.co.nz](mailto:office@spotswoodprimary.co.nz) Please note that all appointments must be made by 11 am on Tuesday 26 March. No late bookings will be accepted.

## Term 1 Calendar 2024

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

## Carwash

Thank you to everyone who helped with the carwash last Saturday 16 March. We raised over \$1000! What an amazing effort! Tu meke!



## Celebrating the Success of our Students

We had a school assembly in the hall last Friday, hosted by Room. They sang 'Old Macdonald' and shared some facts about cows and showed us their awesome cow pictures. The following students were issued with **Caught Being Good Awards**:

*Alistair (R5), Leo (R6), Jet (R7),  
Heavenly (R8), Taylor-Khalani (R9),  
Juanette (R10), Austin (R11), Legacy (R12),  
Elkora (R13), Sahar (R14) & Aanshi (R15)*

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



## 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 will have an adverse effect on their learning. Your child should absolutely stay home if they are ill. However, please consider very carefully if you need to keep your child home for any other reason than sickness. We do not want our students to miss out on any more time at school than is necessary!

## 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 14

### 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 (No classes for students)**

### 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

## Easter Egg Raffle

We have 5 Easter Egg baskets to raffle. Thank you to everyone who donated Easter Eggs. Thank you to those of you who have offered to sell tickets. Tickets (even those you have not sold) and money must be returned to the office by **9 am on Monday 25 March**. Tickets can also be purchased from the school office for \$2 each.

