



Pānui o te kura Spotswood #09

School Goal: Use your words

Rāapa 27 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!

I hope you all have a lovely break over Easter. It has been a very busy term so it is nice to have a break during the term. Easter is usually in the school holidays. Please remember that Easter Tuesday is a holiday for all schools. We only have three swimming lessons to go. We have seen amazing progress in the skills of our students. Remember that swimming is on Thursdays.

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

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 is likely to have an adverse effect on their learning.

Term 1 Calendar 2024

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

Thursday 11 April – Swimming Lessons (final session)

Friday 12 April – Principal's Assembly & Last day of Term 1

Celebrating the Success of our Students

We had a school assembly in the hall last Friday, hosted by our Paritutu House Leaders. The following students were issued with **Caught Being Good Awards**:

Maci-Ann (R5), Kayston (R6), Jack (R8), Madison (R9), Holly (R10), Zac (R11), Charli (R12), Bosston (R13), Uale (R14) & Sharvey (R15)

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



Duffy Role Model Assembly

We had our Duffy Role Model Assembly on Thursday 21 March. Leslie Dowding, renowned storyteller told us a couple of very funny stories, accompanied by Aaron on the accordion. The students love their books!



Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser by donating Easter Eggs, selling raffle tickets or purchasing tickets. Thank you to our organisers who did such an amazing job with this fundraiser. We raised over \$2070! All profits go towards our Water Safety Fundraising. Special mention must go to Hunter (R7) who sold 120 tickets and to Sassy (R9) who sold 70 tickets. What an outstanding effort! The raffle was drawn this morning. Prize-winners were:

- 1st – Karen Sturgess
- 2nd – Murray Cotter
- 3rd – Jan Goss
- 4th – Gillian Edwards
- 5th – Grace

Congratulations to all of our winners!



Home Learning Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed this survey. Over 75% of survey participants felt that we should continue home learning. Please click the link for the full results:

[Home Learning Survey](#)

Marae Trips

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, the marae trips have been postponed to early next term. We will update you with more information, dates and permission slips next term.

Easter Holidays

Please note that all schools are **CLOSED** on the following days:

- **Friday 29 March – Good Friday**
- **Monday 1 April – Easter Monday**
- **Tuesday 2 April – Easter Tuesday**

Happy holidays whānau!

