



Spotswood Primary Newsletter #21

Wednesday 6 July 2022

School Goal: Be kind

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 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



Kōrero ō te wiki

Over the year we have a 'Phrase of the week' or 'Kōrero ō te wiki' to boost the amount of reo Māori spoken in our school. We have been learning:

Ka taea e au = I can do it
Ka taea e koe = You can do it
Ka taea e koutou = We can do it
Kaua e wareware = Do not forget
He rōpū manaaki = We are respectful
He rōpū whakarongo = We listen
He rōpū ako mātou = We learn
Horoia ō ringaringa = Wash your hands
Tēnā koa = Excuse me
Ka mau te wehi! = That's awesome!
Tukuna ki te ipupara = Put it in the rubbish
Kia tere! = Be quick!
Haere ki waho = Go outside

Our phrase for this week is:

Kia pai te mahi = Work hard

kupu.maori.nz

Mauri mahi, mauri ora:
"Do the mahi, get the treats"
(through work, we prosper)

Greetings from our Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou! We have just about made it to the end of the term. Well done to everyone for coping with what has been another tricky term to navigate. Sickness for students and staff has made it hard but I am so proud of what everyone has achieved. I hope you are all able to rest and recuperate over the break. We have an exciting term ahead. Take care whanau! See you next term!

Mark Fisher

Home Learning Packs

A small number of students are isolating due to COVID-19. Some students have even had to isolate for a second time. Please be aware that from now on home learning packs will only be delivered to students who are isolating upon request. We would also like to direct you to our school website using the link below:

<http://www.spotswoodprimary.co.nz/>

Once you are on the website click the menu tab and then the 'Supporting your child's learning from home' tab. You will find a huge range of ideas and resources. You can use this any time your child needs to be away from school for more than a day or two.



Term 3 Calendar of Events

Here is an outline of some of the main events planned for Term 3:

Week 1 (25 – 29 July)

Friday 29 July – **Paritutu** House Leader Assembly

Week 2 (1 – 5 August)

Monday 1 August – Board meeting

Friday 5 August – Assembly hosted by Room 10

Week 3 (8 – 12 August)

Monday 8 August – Moana Scooter Skills

Tuesday 9 August – Awa Scooter Skills

Wednesday 10 August – Puke Scooter Skills

Friday 12 August – **Pouakai** House Leader Assembly

Week 4 (15 – 19 July)

Monday 15 to Thursday 18 August – Maunga Cycle Skills

Friday 19 August – Assembly hosted by Room 7

Week 5 (22 – 26 August)

Friday 12 August – **Kaitake** House Leader Assembly

Week 6 (29 August – 2 September)

Tuesday 30 August – Moana & Awa Speech Finals

Wednesday 31 August – Puke Speech Finals

Thursday 1 September – Maunga Speech Finals

Friday 2 September – Assembly hosted by Room 11

Week 7 (5 – 9 September)

Monday 5 September – Board meeting

Friday 9 September – **Paritutu** House Leader Assembly

Week 8 (12 – 16 September)

Friday 16 September – Principal's Assembly

Week 9 (19 – 23 September)

Wednesday 21 September – Fun run

Thursday 22 September – Fun run postponement

Friday 23 September – **Pouakai** House Leader Assembly

Week 10 (25 – 29 September)

Friday 29 September – Singalong Assembly



Staff Carpark

We are concerned about the large number of parents/caregivers driving into the staff carpark before school and the early afternoon. This through traffic is dangerous for our students. For this reason, the carpark gate will be shut from 8.30 to 9 am each day and from 2 to 3.15 pm. Please do not try to drive through our staff carpark at these times.

Farewell Ms Watkins

Last week we had an official farewell for Ms Watkins. The staff, along with some special guests, had morning tea and speeches and then we had a whole school assembly, hosted by Room 15. The weather was kind enough to allow us to have everyone there together. As part of the farewell we presented Ms Watkins with our beautiful korowai, Aroha and a stickpin. We will miss her bright and cheery smiles. She was always so kind and generous. We look forward to hearing about her successes at Eltham Primary as their new principal. Ka kite ano Ms Watkins!



Sports News

Congratulations to our players of the day:

Netball

Blue – Leya Sullivan

White – Amani-Rose Phillips

Aces – Everyone!

Diamonds – Everyone!

Hearts – Everyone!

Hockey

Alannah Chand

Basketball

Mason Poihipi



New Assistant Principal

We are pleased to announce that Ms Gower has been appointed as the new Assistant Principal to replace Ms Watkins. You will be aware that Ms Gower was Acting Assistant Principal last year and for all of this term. We are very excited for Ms Gower and know she will continue to do an amazing job in this very important role. Congratulations Ms Gower!



Happy Holidays

Term 2 finishes at 3 pm this Friday 8 July. We are closed for two weeks for the holidays. School starts again at 9 am for Term 3 on Monday 25 July. Happy holidays whanau!

School Board Elections

You may be aware that School Board Elections are this year. Voting is to be completed by Wednesday 7 September. Being a School Board Member is an important and very interesting role. As a Board Member you get to find out about the inner workings of a school and serve the community in a valuable way. Most of our current Board members will be stepping down. You do not have to be a parent/caregiver at the school to be a Board member. Anyone who has a heart for the school and wants the best for the students and staff is able to apply. If you are interested in finding out more about being a Board Member please click the link below:

[Information on becoming a Board member](#)

Some important dates to note about the upcoming Board Elections are:

- Friday 15 July - Nominations for Board Members open
- Friday 5 August - Nominations close
- Voting closes - Wednesday 7 September

This year we are offering digital voting but we must have an email address. If you have not already provided an email address please contact the School Office on 7511331 ASAP. Most of the information on the elections will be emailed so please check your emails regularly.

Mrs Lyndal Cotter is the Returning Officer for our school. If you wish to have more information on the elections you are more than welcome to speak to her.

Thank You Sports Coaches

Thank you to our fantastic sports coaches. You give up so much of your time for our tamariki! We really appreciate all you do! Netball is done for the season so thank you to our netball coaches, especially. Our winter sports coaches are:

Netball

Diamonds – Dani Cowley
Hearts – Joanna Coombes
Aces – Kelly Hill
Blue/White – Rachel Bright

Hockey – Naomi Sangster

Basketball – Blake Marston



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Next Term we have NED's Mindset Mission coming to school.

The aim of this is to Transform how students face challenges.

The assembly introduces a cartoon boy named NED who is on a very important mission: to find his mindset. Led by clues and memorable characters, he overcomes Mt. Everest's toughest obstacles, uncovers inner-treasures on a Caribbean island, and grows his brain while repairing a sputtering spaceship. Throughout the performance, your students discover how to activate their growth mindset to overcome social, emotional and academic challenges.

You can find out more by visiting:

[NED's Mindset Mission](#)

Inspiring students to:

Never give up - understand the Power of Yet
Encourage others - spark courage in other people
Do your best - always be learning and growing



Thank you to the awesome team at Spotswood Countdown! They are amazing to our school. Many of you will not know that they supply fruit for the Breakfast Club and for our tamariki to have at munch n' crunch time and morning tea. They are also very generous whenever we have a special event at school. They gave us a \$50 voucher to purchase bread and sauce for our Matariki/Puanga celebrations, for example. We are so fortunate to have their support!

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holidays!