

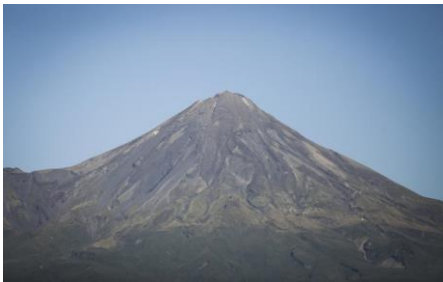


# Spotswood Primary Newsletter #12

Wednesday 4 May 2022

School Goal: Me ako tātou - We are learning together

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



## Greetings from our Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou! Welcome back to school. I hope you all had a chance to rest and relax, especially over Easter. The weather has been amazing. Hopefully it last a little longer. The term has started well but we are still dealing with COVID-19. We have three staff away but not too many students. It has been great to see so many back at school! We have an exciting term ahead so keep an eye out in the newsletter to remain up to date. Have a fantastic week!

Mark Fisher

## 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:

Our phrases for this week are:

***Ka taea e au*** = I can do it

***Ka taea e koe*** = You can do it

***Ka taea e koutou*** = We can do it



## Opening Hours for the School Office

Please be aware that the school office is open between the hours of 8.30 am and 3.30 pm. If you have any queries outside of these hours you may wish to contact us via:

email:

[office@spotswoodprimary.co.nz](mailto:office@spotswoodprimary.co.nz)

Text: 027 211 3489

Or phone: 06 7511 331 and leave a message. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

## Term 2 Calendar of Events

Here are some of the events scheduled for Term 2:

### Week 1 (2 – 8 May)

Monday 2 May – Start of Term 2

Friday 8 May – Paritutu House Leader Assembly

### Week 2 (9 – 13 May)

Tuesday 10 May – Board Meeting

Friday 13 May – Assembly hosted by Room 14

### Week 3 (16 – 20 May)

Friday 20 May – Assembly hosted by Room 3

### Week 4 (23 – 27 May)

Wednesday 25 May – NYLD//22

Friday 27 May – Pouakai House Leader Assembly

### Week 5 (30 May – 3 June)

Friday 3 June – Teacher Only Day

### Week 6 (6 – 10 June)

**Monday 6 June – Queen's Birthday Holiday**

Friday 10 June – Assembly hosted by Room 6

### Week 7 (13 – 17 June)

Monday 13 June – Board Meeting

Friday 17 June – Kaitake House Leader Assembly

### Week 8 (20 – 24 June)

Wednesday 22 June – Matariki Celebrations at school

**Thursday 23 June – Teacher Only Day**

**Friday 24 June – Matariki Holiday**

### Week 9 (27 June – 1 July)

Friday 1 July – Assembly hosted by Room 15 and Goal Setting Reports issued

### Week 10 (4 – 8 July)

Wednesday 6 July – Goal Setting Interviews

Thursday 7 July – Goal Setting Interviews

Friday 8 July – Assembly hosted by Room 4

## Masks at School

Many of you will be aware that mask wearing is not mandatory for students. We cannot make your child wear a mask. However, mask wearing is encouraged for the safety of others. For this reason, staff will continue to wear masks inside. We also encourage Puke and Maunga students to wear masks inside. If you do not wish for your Puke or Maunga child to wear a mask please contact your child's teacher. You can do this via email (addresses are found on the school app), messaging on Seesaw, texting the school mobile (027 211 3489) or by sending a note to school. This means we can be sure it your choice as a parent that your child is not wearing a mask. Please remember that we are just trying to do our best to keep your child and our staff safe at school.

## School App

We send out lots of reminders on our school app. There is also a calendar of school events, email addresses for our teachers and you can complete an absence notification. If you have not already done so please scan this QR code for the school app.



## Orange COVID-19 Protocols

As you are aware we are now in **orange** under the COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF). Our community has lower vaccination rates than the national average so it is important that we do everything we can to keep ourselves safe. If you wish to find out more about vaccination rates please click this link:

[Map of vaccination rates in NZ](#)

We have changed our rules and guidelines slightly. Please note the following:

- All Puke and Maunga students are **encouraged** to wear facemasks inside.
- Parents and caregivers who **do not** wish their children to wear masks need to contact their child's teacher to ensure this is your choice as a parent.
- Parents and caregivers are asked to stay off-site if possible. Parents/caregivers/visitors on-site will be asked to wear facemasks inside and avoid going into classrooms.
- All parents/caregivers visiting during the day, even to pick up and drop off students, must report to the school office and sign in.
- Staff are encouraged to wear masks inside.
- Rooms will be well-ventilated.
- Students who are showing obvious symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home.
- Good hygiene such as washing hands for 20 seconds with soap and hot water and coughing or sneezing into elbows will continue.
- Singing can take place if students maintain reasonable physical distancing
- Whole school assemblies will continue to be outside if it is fine. If it is wet assemblies will be by Zoom.



## Sports News

Congratulations to our netball players of the day:

Hearts – Dani McLeod Room 10

Diamonds – Lushay Boyd de Thierry Room 16

Aces – Lily Ratford Room 15

Year 3&4 netball starts tomorrow (Thursday).

Hockey starts Saturday.



## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club has started again on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We need more helpers. If you are able to help with this really important service for our students please leave your name and number at the school office by  
phone: 06 7511331  
or text: 027 211 3489.