



# Spotswood Primary Newsletter #13

Wednesday 11 May 2022

**School Goal: Ask for help when you need it**

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 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



## 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

Our phrase for this week is:

***Kaua e wareware*** = Do not forget

## Greetings from our Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou! The weather has definitely become cooler. We have enjoyed very warm weather up until this week. We have had a lot of students away. This is mostly due to sickness but we know this is not always quite the case. Many of you are anxious and genuinely concerned about COVID-19 but your children learn best at school. If we can help in any way please let us know. Your children need to be at school if they are well. We have a great deal to look forward to over the next few weeks! Term 2 is exciting. Have a great week everyone!

Mark Fisher

## 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 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

## 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.

## Paritutu

### House Leader Assembly

The Paritutu House Leaders held a school assembly last Friday. The weather was amazing! We gave out Caught Being Good Awards and some Bronze AKO Awards. Ka pai tō mahi tamariki mā! Here are some photos for you to enjoy. Room 14 are hosting assembly this week.



## 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 players of the day:

### **Netball**

Blue – Mia Davey

White – Aanshi Ram

Aces – Arleah Christensen-  
Johnston

Diamonds – O'Connor Lea'ana

Hearts – Hannah Baird

### **Hockey**

Maunga – Azaria Riddick

AKO – Devon Williams

### **Basketball**

Maunga – Ace-Marley Peipi Tepou

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club has started again on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8.15 am in the hall. 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.

## Board News

We had a Board meeting yesterday. We are still looking to appoint another Board member by selection. If you are interested please phone out school office and we will get back to you as soon as possible.



## Pink Shirt Day

We are planning to observe Pink Shirt Day next Friday 20 May. Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting positive social relationships. It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, or cultural background. On Pink Shirt Day we are asking everyone in our school to ***Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atū, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!***

Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students, David Shepherd and Travis Price, took a stand against homophobic bullying after a new year 10 student was harassed and threatened for wearing pink. New Zealand has been celebrating Pink Shirt Day in Aotearoa since 2009 and the campaign grows stronger and larger every year. We are encouraging everyone to wear pink next Friday 20 May. We would love for everyone to take part.