



Spotswood Primary Newsletter #15

Wednesday 25 May 2022

School Goal: Use friendly school language when talking to others

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

Our phrase for this week is:

Horoia ō ringaringa = Wash your hands



Greetings from our Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou! It is awesome to see some snow on our beautiful Maunga. It has also been fortunate that the students have been able to get outside most of the time to enjoy some fresh air. Now that it is getting a little colder please make sure your children bring warm clothes to school. Please also make sure everything is named. We end up with too much lost property because clothes are not named. I have been visiting classes over the last few days and I am pleased to say that the students are all working hard and classes are very settled. There is a lot of fantastic learning happening. Keep up the good work everyone!

Mark Fisher



Teacher Only Days

There are two Teacher Only Days scheduled for this term. They are to provide time for in-school teacher professional development. School is not open to students on the following days:

Friday 3 June (This is next week)

Thursday 23 June (Day before Matariki)

Please make alternative arrangements for the care of your children on these days.



Term 2 Calendar of Events

Here are some of the events scheduled for Term 2:

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.

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

Text: 027 211 3489

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

Sports News

Congratulations to our players of the day:

Netball

Blue – Mallory Reed

White – Pagan Fry

Aces – Jade MacKenzie-Gray

Diamonds – Chantelle Graham

Hearts – Lisa Nairn

Hockey

Maunga – Steven Tongariro

AKO – Alannah Chand

Basketball

Maunga – Nyjah Broughton

Room 3 Assembly

Room 3 hosted assembly last Friday. Due to the terrible weather we had to do this by Google Meet. They shared some of their beautiful artwork and some interesting facts about the Titanic. We gave out Caught Being Good Awards and Bronze AKO Awards. We also learnt a little bit about being an upstander and helping people when they are being bullied as part of Pink Shirt Day. Thanks to everyone who supported this day by wearing pink! Here are some photos for you to enjoy.



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.

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 Google Meet.



Student Absences

Please note that if your child is absent from school you may notify us by:

School app

School mobile: 027 211 3489

or the school phone: 06 7511331

We have also noticed that many parents/caregivers have been regularly driving into the school carpark and picking up their children early. Firstly, the carpark is for staff only and our students are learning right up to the end of the day. If you are regularly picking them up early or dropping them off late they are missing out on valuable learning time.

School App

We send out lots of reminders on our school app. It is free. 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!



New Website

Don't forget that we have a cool new website. Check it out using this link:

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

School Board

Our next Board meeting is Monday 13 June at 6 pm. You may be interested to know that all Board meetings are public but you must contact the Board Presiding Member (Chairperson) if you wish to have speaking rights. Board meeting minutes are available upon request. The role of the Board is governance of the school, meaning they make sure that everything that needs to be done in the school happens, legally, ethically and in the best interests of the students. It is an important responsibility. We are very grateful to our Board members for giving up their time to ensure that our students receive the education they deserve. Our Board members are:

Stephen Casey (Presiding Member)

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Ali Gibson

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Siniva Isaia

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Dulcina Beynon

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Sandra Gower (Staff Representative)

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Mark Fisher (Principal)

email: principal@spotswoodprimary.co.nz

Impetigo or School Sores

Impetigo is a common skin infection that causes blisters, often on the face around the nose or mouth, but they can be anywhere on the body where the skin has been damaged in some way, eg. cuts or scrapes.

Impetigo sores are crusty-looking and they are very contagious. That means they can be spread easily to other parts of your own body or to other people by touching. We have had a number of students getting school sores. They must be treated to prevent the spread to others. If your child has some suspicious looking sores please get them checked by a health professional. It is very frustrating for parents/caregivers who are getting their children treated but then they are reinfected when they return to school. For more information please see click link:

[School Sores Ministry of Health](#)