



# Spotswood Primary Newsletter #16

Wednesday 1 June 2022

**School Goal: Do the right thing, even when no one is watching**

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 o te wiki

Over the year we have a 'Phrase of the week' or 'Kōrero o 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

Our phrase for this week is:

***Tēnā koa*** = Excuse me



## Greetings from our Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou! The year is flying by. Now we are in June! There seems to be quite a few students away with coughs, colds and other ailments. Thank you to parents/caregivers for keeping these students home. Thank you, also, for your understanding when they need to be sent home. We know it can be difficult to manage this with work commitments. Please remember that we have a teacher only day this Friday and Monday is Queen's Birthday so your children will get an extra long weekend. Have a fantastic week 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 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 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)

Tuesday 5 July – Goal Setting Interviews

Wednesday 6 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.

## News about Ms Watkins

Ms Watkins has been offered and has accepted the Principal's position at Eltham Primary. She takes on this new role at the beginning of next term. Although we will be very sorry to see her go we are pleased for her that she can take this next step in her leadership journey. There will be time to farewell her properly but, for now, we wish her all the best. For now, this makes no difference to our school organisation as Ms Gower will continue her work in the Acting Assistant Principal role this term. We will advise you of staffing changes as we make appointments to cover the role of Ms Watkins.

## 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.

## Sports News

Congratulations to our players of the day:

### Netball

Blue – Kendra Whitcombe

White – Scarlett Leishman

Aces – Mercy Ryder

Diamonds – Jazmin Korau

Hearts – Saylor Miller

### Hockey

Arleah Christensen-Johnson and Jazmin Korau  
(teams have now combined)

### Basketball

Maunga – Dylan Jansen Van Rensburg

### Pouakai House Leader Assembly

Our Pouakai house leaders hosted assembly last Friday. Due to the terrible weather we had to do this by Google Meet. Please note that we do not record assemblies and put them on the website because there are issues for many students around their photos being on the internet. We gave out Caught Being Good Awards and AKO Awards. Ka pai tō mahi tamariki ma!



### 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!



## 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.



## 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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Sandra Gower (Staff Representative)  
email: [sandra@spotswoodprimary.co.nz](mailto:sandra@spotswoodprimary.co.nz)

Mark Fisher (Principal)  
email: [principal@spotswoodprimary.co.nz](mailto:principal@spotswoodprimary.co.nz)

## New Website

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

<http://www.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 re-infected when they return to school. For more information please see click link:

[School Sores Ministry of Health](#)

## Room 14 Pirates

Miss Barker has been away this week. Room 14 have been enjoying learning about pirates with Mrs Tippett. Today they had a lot of fun dressing up and causing a nuisance around the school! Here is a photo of the Room 14 pirates.

