



Spotswood Primary Newsletter #17

Wednesday 8 June 2022

School Goal: Let others learn

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

Kia ora koutou! I hope you all enjoyed the extra-long weekend. We are concerned that there is a lot of sickness around at the moment. Many of students have been getting sick with tummy bugs and colds so please take care whanau. Please remember that if your child has had diarrhoea or vomiting they should not return to school until 24 hours after the last event. Parents and caregivers are doing a great job with this, thank you. The term is racing by. We are getting through lots of work. There is a great deal of amazing learning happening in classes. Have a wonderful week everyone!

Mark Fisher

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 o ringaringa = Wash your hands

Tēnā koa = Excuse me

Our phrase for this week is:

Ka mau te wehi! = That's awesome!



Paid Union Meeting for Teachers

On **Friday 17 June** there is a Paid Union Meeting for all teachers in the afternoon. The NZEI Te Riu Roa (Primary Teacher's Union) is aiming to:

- Address widespread understaffing
- Value and recognise teachers' work
- Gain time for teachers to complete their work during work hours
- Support for teachers working with high needs students
- Recognition of the importance of cultural skills
- Greater support for health & safety in schools
- Job security for relievers

To enable teachers to attend this meeting we ask that parents/caregivers collect their children at 1 pm on Friday 17 June. We will send the students home with their lunch. If you are not able to collect your child at 1 pm we will supervise them at school. We have sent home a note today asking parents/caregivers to let us know if their children will be going home at 1 pm or staying at school. Please send these notes back to school ASAP. We apologise for any inconvenience but we are required by legislation to allow teachers to attend these meetings.

Teacher Only Day

Thank you for keeping your children home on Friday 3 June for our Teacher Only Day. Teacher Only Days are really helpful for us. They provide time for in-school teacher professional development. We have one more Teacher Only Day this term scheduled for:

Thursday 23 June (Day before Matariki)

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

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.

New Website

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

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

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.

Sports News

Congratulations to our players of the day:

Netball

Blue – Kendra Whitcombe

White – Scarlett Leishman

Aces – Amelia MacDonald

Diamonds – Maraea Body

Hearts – Bailey Vincent

Hockey

No game

Basketball

No game



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. 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

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 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

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](#)

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!



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)
email: stephen.board@spotswoodprimary.co.nz

Ali Gibson
email: ali.board@spotswoodprimary.co.nz

Siniva Isaia
email: siniva.board@spotswoodprimary.co.nz

Dulcina Beynon
email: dulcina.board@spotswoodprimary.co.nz

Sandra Gower (Staff Representative)
email: sandra@spotswoodprimary.co.nz

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

Samoan Language Week

Last week was Samoan Language Week. We have several Samoan families at our school. Apologies for not mentioning this last week but you might like to try using the following words in honour of Samoan Language Week.

Talofa = Hello

Manuia le taeeo = Good morning

Manuia le aso = Good day

Manuia le po = Good night

la manuia le aso = Have a nice day!



Interschool Sports vs Oakura School

We had interschool sports vs Oakura School on Tuesday. Although the results were not quite as we wanted everyone play hard and fair. Thank you to our coaches and to Maunga Teachers for organising the event. A special thank you to the referees from Spotswood College who helped even though they did not have school! Final results were:

Netball - 16 - 10 (to Oakura)

Football - 8 - 0 (to Oakura)



Rippa Rugby Tournament

We sent three teams from our kura to Corbett Park for a Rippa Rugby Tournament today. There were two competitive and one social team. Both competitive teams got into the semi-finals. Thank you to the Year 4 students who joined in and had to play against Year 5 and 6 students. Thank you to Miss Barker for managing the teams and to Mrs Thorburn for organising our students the event.

