



Spotswood Primary Newsletter #18

Wednesday 15 June 2022

School Goal: Talk it out

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! It is great to have a full week at school! Our students have been learning about predators and how this affects our native birdlife. They have discovered some very interesting facts. The weather has been very cold and wet this week so please make sure your children are dressed appropriately. Don't forget about the Paid Union Meeting coming up for teachers this Friday. Please also make a booking for a parent/teacher interview through our school office. Have a fantastic week whānau!

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 mātotu = We learn
Horoia o ringaringa = Wash your hands
Tēnā koa = Excuse me
Ka mau te wehi! = That's awesome!

Our phrase for this week is:

Tukuna ki te ipupara = Put it in the rubbish



Paid Union Meeting for Teachers

This **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 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

Please remember that we have one more Teacher Only Day scheduled for **next week**:

Thursday 23 June (Day before Matariki)

Please make alternative arrangements for the care of your children on this day.

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. We would also like to direct you to our school website using the link below:

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

Once you are on the website click the menu tab and then the 'Supporting your child's learning from home' tab. You will find a huge range of ideas and resources. You can use this any time your child needs to be away from school for more than a day or two.

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 – Nakesha Potroz

White – Tasha Macleod

Aces – Shara-Leigh Rolleston-Tamatea

Diamonds – Everyone!

Hearts – Holly O'Sullivan

Hockey

Game cancelled

Basketball

Jackson Marston



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.

Welcome to New Students

Welcome to the following students and their whānau who started at our school recently:

Roman Te Runa Room 6, Ezekiel Ngaia Room 7 and Akilah Yee Room 15

Haere mai ki te kura o Spotswood Primary!



Term 2 Calendar of Events

Here are some of the events scheduled for Term 2:

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 and Board Meeting

Friday 8 July – Assembly hosted by Room 4

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 Wednesday 6 July 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

Hybrid Learning

We are working at strengthening connections between home and school. Each week we are going to put a little exercise on the website and Seesaw for students and their whānau to do together, related to our school value. You should see the following on our website or Seesaw. Give it a go. We would love to hear from you!

School Values

Our school values are Aroha, Kōrero and Ora.

Each week there is a value focus for the school. We share this in the newsletter, home learning sheets and school events calendar on our school website.

This weeks value is Kōrero.

Ways we show this at school are:

- Using kind words
- Talking it out
- Sharing stories about who we are and where we are from
- Talking about our feelings

What does Kōrero look like at your house? We would love to hear about what Kōrero means for your whānau. You can upload a video, record a message or share a photo through Seesaw or you could email it to your child's teacher. All email addresses are available on our website.





Goal Setting Interviews

Goal setting reports will be issued on Friday 1 July. These outline some of the main goals students have been working on in the core curriculum areas of reading, writing and mathematics. They also show what the students are going to work on next. Goal setting interviews (parent/teacher interviews) are scheduled for **Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 July**. Interviews will be conducted by phone only. Parents/caregivers will not come on site. This is to help prevent not only the spread of viruses that are around like influenza, colds and, of course, COVID-19. Parents/caregivers will need to phone in to make a booking for an interview through the school office by phoning: 06 7511331. **Bookings are open now.**

Room 6 Assembly

Room 5 hosted our assembly last Friday. Due to the weather this had to be done by Google Meet. Room 6 shared some amazing art that they had done and some very interesting facts about rats, predators that eat our native birdlife. We also gave out AKO Awards and Caught Being Good Awards. Ka pai tō mahi rūma ono!

