



Spotswood Primary Newsletter #19

Wednesday 22 June 2022

School Goal: Manage yourself responsibly during wet break times

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! Thank you to parents/caregivers for picking your children up early last Friday. It meant that all of our teachers could attend the Paid Union Meeting. Do not forget that school is **CLOSED** this Thursday for a Teacher Only Day and also on Friday for Matariki. It is a very short week for our taura! If you have not done so already Please 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 mātou = We learn
Horoia o ringaringa = Wash your hands
Tēnā koa = Excuse me
Ka mau te wehi! = That's awesome!
Tukuna ki te ipupara = Put it in the rubbish

Our phrase for this week is:

Kia tere! = Be quick!



Term 2 Calendar of Events

Here are some of the remaining events scheduled for Term 2:

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



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.

School is **CLOSED** Thursday and Friday this week.

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.

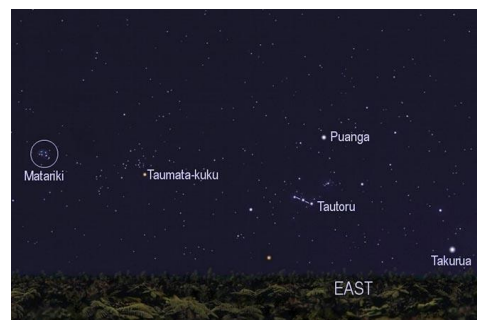


Matariki Public Holiday

Aotearoa is set to mark Matariki for the first time as a public holiday this Friday 24 June. Matariki is the Māori name used to describe the entire star cluster also known as Pleiades. It is also the name given to the time when the star cluster is visible in our night skies. Before sunrise during New Zealand's winter, the cluster can be seen as a faint sparkle of tiny dots when you look towards the northeast horizon. The rising of the star cluster known as Matariki signals the Māori New Year and it will be a time for:

- Remembrance - honouring those we have lost since the last rising of Matariki
- Celebrating the present - gathering together to give thanks for what we have
- Looking to the future - looking forward to the promise of a new year

In Taranaki we celebrate Puanga. Puanga is the star known as Rigel. This is the brightest star that sits above the belt of Orion. Pleiades or Matariki is very difficult to see in Taranaki as it sits so low on the horizon so we celebrate Puanga instead. Puanga is still a time to remember those who have passed, celebrate the present and look to the future.



We had a day of fun activities to celebrate Matariki/Puanga. Hopefully we can share some photos in our newsletter next week.

Sports News

Congratulations to our players of the day:

Netball

Blue – No game

White – No game

Aces – Jayah Isaacs-Buckland

Diamonds – O'Connor Lea'ana

Hearts – Kaylahni King



Hockey

Bye

Basketball

Angus Batten

Staff Carpark

We are concerned about the large number of parents/caregivers driving into the staff carpark before school and the early afternoon. This through traffic is dangerous for our students. For this reason, the carpark gate will be shut from 8.30 to 9 am each day and from 2 to 3.15 pm. Please do not try to drive through our staff carpark at these times.

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.**

Kaitake House Leader Assembly

Our Kaitake House Leaders, Holly, Titiwai and Anna, hosted our assembly last Friday by Google Meet. They were great presenters. They gave out AKO Awards and Caught Being Good Awards. Ka pai tō mahi tamariki ma!

