



Spotswood Primary Newsletter #22

Wednesday 27 July 2022

School Goal: Show our AKO values

Pepeha o Te kura Spotswood Primary
Tēnā koutou katoa
Ko Taranaki te mounga
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. Our phrase for this week is:

Haere mai ki konei = Come over here

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.

Greetings from our Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou! It is so great to see everyone back at school after the holidays! I hope you all had the chance to rest and relax. We have an exciting term ahead! Keep an eye out in the newsletter! Have a fantastic week whānau!

School Board Elections

You may be aware that School Board Elections are this year. Voting is to be completed by Wednesday 7 September. Being a School Board Member is an important and very interesting role. As a Board Member you get to find out about the inner workings of a school and serve the community in a valuable way. Most of our current Board members will be stepping down. You do not have to be a parent/caregiver at the school to be a Board member. Anyone who has a heart for the school and wants the best for the students and staff is able to apply. If you are interested in finding out more about being a Board Member please click the link below:

[Information on becoming a Board member](#)

Some important dates to note about the upcoming Board Elections are:

- Friday 15 July - Nominations for Board Members opened
- Friday 5 August - Nominations close
- Voting closes - Wednesday 7 September

This year we are offering digital voting but we must have an email address. If you have not already provided an email address please contact the School Office on 7511331 ASAP. Most of the information on the elections will be emailed so please check your emails regularly. Mrs Lyndal Cotter is the Returning Officer for our school. If you wish to have more information on the elections you are more than welcome to speak to her.



Masks matter

Wearing a mask to protect others is an intentional act of kindness.

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COVID-19

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government



Term 3 Calendar of Events

Here is an outline of some of the main events planned for Term 3:

Week 1 (25 – 29 July)

Friday 29 July – **Paritutu** House Leader Assembly

Week 2 (1 – 5 August)

Monday 1 August – Board meeting

Tuesday 2 August – NED's Mindset Mission

Friday 5 August – Assembly hosted by Room 10

Week 3 (8 – 12 August)

Monday 8 August – Moana Scooter Skills

Tuesday 9 August – Awa Scooter Skills

Wednesday 10 August – Puke Scooter Skills

Friday 12 August – **Pouakai** House Leader Assembly

Week 4 (15 – 19 July)

Monday 15 to Thursday 18 August – Maunga Cycle Skills

Friday 19 August – Assembly hosted by Room 7

Week 5 (22 – 26 August)

Friday 12 August – **Kaitake** House Leader Assembly

Week 6 (29 August – 2 September)

Tuesday 30 August – Moana & Awa Speech Finals

Wednesday 31 August – Puke Speech Finals

Thursday 1 September – Maunga Speech Finals

Friday 2 September – Assembly hosted by Room 11

Week 7 (5 – 9 September)

Monday 5 September – Board meeting

Friday 9 September – **Paritutu** House Leader Assembly

Week 8 (12 – 16 September)

Friday 16 September – Principal's Assembly

Week 9 (19 – 23 September)

Wednesday 21 September – Fun run

Thursday 22 September – Fun run postponement

Friday 23 September – **Pouakai** House Leader Assembly

Week 10 (25 – 29 September)

Friday 29 September – Singalong Assembly

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.



Mask Wearing at School

Due to the ongoing risk of COVID-19, influenza, cold and other respiratory viruses the government has advised schools to enforce mask wearing for at least the next 4 weeks. Please note the following:

- Puke and Maunga students and staff will be required to wear masks inside
- Parents/caregivers will need to stay out of classrooms and wear masks when on site
- Moana and Awa staff will wear masks as much as practicable
- Moana and Awa students are encouraged to wear masks if possible
- Masks will be provided for staff and students to wear at school
- Parents/caregivers collecting their children during the day must report to the school office

If your Puke or Maunga child has an exemption to wear a mask (and you have not already done so) please contact your child's teacher. You can do this via email (addresses are found on the school app), messaging on Seesaw, texting the school mobile (027 211 3489) or by sending a note to school. **If we have not heard from you we will be expecting your child to wear a mask.** This means we can be sure your child has a mask exemption and it is not simply your child's choice not to wear a mask.



Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member

Returning Officer Contact Details
 Lyndal Cotter
 Email: office2@spotswoodprimary.co.nz
 Phone: 06 7511331





Next week we have NED's Mindset Mission coming to school.

The aim of this is to transform how students face challenges.

The assembly introduces a cartoon boy named NED who is on a very important mission, to find his mindset. Led by clues and memorable characters, he overcomes Mt. Everest's toughest obstacles, uncovers inner-treasures on a Caribbean island, and grows his brain while repairing a sputtering spaceship. Throughout the performance, your students discover how to activate their growth mindset to overcome social, emotional and academic challenges.

You can find out more by visiting:

[NED's Mindset Mission](#)

We are able to see this show free because another school community has paid-it-forward to us. We are selling yo-yos to pay-it-forward to another school. These can be purchased before and after school. An order form has been sent home to each family or you can download one from our school website:

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

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

EAT YUMMY APPLES FOR NEW SPORTS GEAR FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Collect the stickers from Yummy Apples and cut-outs from 1.5kg bags of Yummy Apples for your school's share of sports gear worth **\$200,000**

*** RUNS THROUGH TO END OF TERM 3**
EATING HEALTHY FOR COOL SPORTS GEAR SINCE 1998...

Yummy Apples at: NEW WORLD, PAKISAVE

School Topic Term 3

We have a really exciting topic this term. We are finding out about what people do in our neighbourhood. Do you have an interesting or unusual job? Would you be prepared for some students to interview you about it? Please email jenn@spotswoodprimary.co.nz so we can organise a time to give you a call.

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.

Music Classes

We have been really fortunate to employ a part-time music teacher, Cynthia McCracken. She will be at our school every Wednesday during Terms 3 and 4. Cynthia is running music sessions with each class every second week. She is also teaching ukulele to a group of 21 Maunga students and running a choir for Puke and Maunga students in the afternoons. This is a very exciting development for our kura!