



Pānui o te kura Spotswood #24

School Goal: Play fair and include others

Rāapa 7 o Hereturikōkā

Pepeha o Te kura Spotswood
Tēnā koutou katoa
Ko Taranaki te mounga
Ko Herekawe te awa
Ko Tokomaru te waka
Ko Te Atiawa te iwi
Ko Ngāti Te Whiti te hapū
Ko Takahere, ko Pukewhero, ko Papawhero, ko Ngāmotu,
ko Te Maungaroa ngā pā tawhito
Ko Spotswood te kura
No reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou,
tēnā koutou katoa



Celebrating the Success of our Students

We had an assembly last week, hosted by our Paritutu House Leaders. They interviewed our newest teacher aide, Norman Mangu. Norman is an ex-student from our kura. His favourite food is lasagne and his best holiday was in Hawaii. The following students were awarded Caught Being Good Awards:

*Ally (R5), Kaizah (R6), Hunter (R7), William (R8),
Sassy (R9), Tyson (R10), Nathasha (R11),
Kristen (R12), Amani-Rose (R13), Sahar (R14)
& Ayman (R15)*

The following students received **Bronze** AKO Awards:

*River (R9), Ezrah (R13), Mohi (R13), Ollie (R13)
& Jack (R8)*

The following students received a **Silver** AKO Award:

*Bodhi (R7), Madison (R9), Kyla (R9),
Armani-Rose (R13) & Hyacinth (R13)*

Well done to everyone. Ka rawe! We are so proud of you!



Greetings from our Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou

I hope everyone had a great start to the term. Our school goal this week is to 'Play fair and include others'. Many of the problems we have in the playground are because students are playing together and someone is not sticking to the agreed rules. We also have issues, from time to time, where students find it difficult to join in with games. We want all of our students to play fair and to be inclusive. This will make the playground a much better place for everyone!

Kia pai tō ra!

Sports News

Here are our players of the day from Week 2 of Term 3. Netball has finished for the year.

Basketball Nets – Noah (R15)
Miniball Spotty Stars – Bye

Ka pai tō mahi tamariki mā!



Te Puna Reo Māori

Our staff have been participating in weekly professional development in reo Māori. This is then taught in our classrooms. This week we have been learning to use the phrase:

Āhea tōu rā huritau? = What is the date of your birthday?

Last week we were learning:

E hia ōu tau? = How old are you?

Term 3 Calendar 2024

Week 3 (5 – 9 August)

Tuesday 6 August – Board Meeting at 7 pm
Friday 9 August – Assembly hosted by Room 7

Week 4 (12 – 16 August)

Wednesday 14 August – Spotty Talk #5
Friday 16 August – Principal's Assembly & LEAD Conference

Week 5 (19 – 23 August)

Wednesday 21 August – Fun Run
Friday 23 August – **Pouakai House Leader Assembly**

Week 6 (26 – 30 August)

Wednesday 28 August – Fun Run Postponement
Friday 30 August – Assembly hosted by Room 5

Week 7 (2 – 6 September)

Tuesday 3 September – Board Meeting at 7 pm
Friday 6 September – **Kaitake House Leader Assembly**

Week 8 (9 – 13 September)

Thursday 12 September – Spotty Talk #6
Friday 13 September – Assembly hosted by Room 12

Week 9 (16 – 20 September)

Monday 16 September – NP Cross-country
Tuesday 17 September – NP Cross-country Postponement
Friday 20 September – **Paritutu House Leader Assembly**

Week 10 (23 – 27 September)

Friday 27 September – Assembly hosted by Room 11

Water Safety Fundraising Committee Hui

This is on Thursday 22 August at 2.30 pm in the school staffroom. Everyone is welcome. We wish to get a fundraiser for Term 3 underway. We had an extremely successful pie fundraiser and want to keep that momentum going. See you there!

Chickenpox

Please be aware that we have Chickenpox in our kura. Chickenpox starts as a red itchy rash that results in blisters with a yellow fluid. Chickenpox is very contagious. Your child can keep spreading the disease until all of their blisters have dried up. This usually takes 5 to 7 days. If you suspect that your child has Chickenpox please keep them home to help prevent further spreading. Please see the link for symptoms and how to help your child if they have Chickenpox.

[Kids Health advice on Chickenpox](#)

Spotty Talk #5

We are hosting a Spotty Talk on Wednesday 14 August at 3.15 pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome. Feedback from the last Spotty Talk was that you would like us to hold them after school. For this reason, we are running a creche. The talk is focused on attendance. We are looking at what the problems are and how we can all help. This is an extremely important issue. We would love to see you there!

Regular Attendance

There is a lot of talk in the media about attendance in schools. The government is aiming to have 70% of students attending school regularly this year. Regular attendance is being at school for 90% of the time or having no more than 5 days away from school each term. Last term we had 47% of students with regular attendance (90% or more). This compares with 41% in Term 2 last year so there has been some improvement but we need to do better. We have an amazing support person in our school, Kelly Wilson, our Tū Tamariki Kaiāwhina. We have secured some extra funding to have a staff member to support students and parents with attendance. If you wish to find out more please contact the school office and we will be in touch.

In Week 1 we had **87%** of our students, in total at school. Last week we had **89.4%** of our students present. This is a positive improvement on the week before. Let's keep working together to exceed the government's attendance goals!

Noodle Head Promotion

If you purchase takeaways from Noodle Head in Bell Block or Blagdon on Tuesday 27 August our school will get 15% of the order. All you have to do is mention Spotswood Primary!

