



# Pānui o te kura Spotswood #10

School Goal: Play smart and stay safe

Rāapa 2 o Paengawhāwhā

Pepeha o Te kura Spotswood

Tēnā koutou katoa

Ko Taranaki te mouna

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

## Greetings from our Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou!

I hope all is well. Our school goal this week is; **Play smart and stay safe**. A few students, over the last couple of weeks, have been playing in areas where they are not safe. Some have also been playing games that have ended badly, due to disagreements. This is may be because it is near the end of a very busy and long term. However, we want everyone to feel safe in the playground. Kia pai tō ra!

Mr Fisher



Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week (31 March to 6 April):

**Harper (R10), Esme (R14), Sass (R5),  
Makayla (R14) & Mandy (R13)**

Rā whānau ki a koutou!

## Celebrating the Success of our Students

We had an assembly last week, hosted by Room 8. They shared some of their amazing art. The following students were awarded Caught Being Good Awards:

**Hunter (R5), Kaizah (R6), Zoey (R7),  
Armani-Rose (R8), Athena (R9),  
Ruanuku (R10), Jonathan (R11), Jaxon (R13),  
River (R14) & Chen (R15)**

We also presented some Bronze AKO Awards. These went to the following students:

**Kezia (R9), Ellie (R8), Avaya (R7) & Isla (R9)**

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



## Easter Egg Raffle

This is going really well. All tickets and money, even if they have not all been sold, need to be returned to the school office by **9 am on Friday 4 April**. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 9 April. All proceeds will go towards funding future swimming lessons.



## Term 1 Calendar 2025

### Week 10 (31 March – 4 April)

Tuesday 1 April – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 10 – 15 & Goal Setting Interviews  
Wednesday 2 April – Goal Setting Interviews  
Thursday 3 April – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 5 – 9  
Friday 4 April – Room 14 Assembly at 10.15 am

### Week 11 (7 – 11 April)

Tuesday 8 April – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 10 – 15  
Thursday 10 April – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 5 – 9  
Friday 11 April – Principal's Assembly at 10.15 am

## Term 2 Calendar

### Week 1 (28 April – 2 May)

Monday 28 April – School Starts & Haka Pōwhiri at 9.30 am  
Friday 2 May – Room 15 Assembly at 10.15 am

### Week 2 (5 – 9 May)

Tuesday 6 May – Board Meeting at 7 pm  
Friday 9 May – **Pouakai House Leader Assembly** at 10.15 am

### Week 3 (12 – 16 May)

Friday 16 May – **Pink Shirt Day Assembly** at 10.15 am

### Week 4 (19 – 23 May)

Monday 19 May – NYLD//25 Trip for House Leaders  
Tuesday 20 May – NYLD//25 Trip for House Leaders  
Friday 23 May – Room 11 Assembly at 10.15 am

### Week 5 (26 – 30 May)

**Friday 30 May – Teacher Only Day (No school for students)**

### Week 6 (2 – 6 June)

**Monday 2 June – King's Birthday Holiday (School Closed)**  
Tuesday 3 June – Board Meeting at 7 pm  
Friday 6 June – **Kaitake House Leader Assembly**

### Week 7 (9 – 13 June)

Friday 14 March – Room 5 Assembly at 10.15 am

### Week 8 (16 – 20 June)

Tuesday 17 June – School Matariki Celebrations  
**Friday 21 March – Matariki Holiday**

### Week 9 (23 – 27 June)

Friday 27 June – **Paritutu House Leader Assembly** at 10.15 am

## Attendance

We are all trying hard to improve attendance at our school. Attendance over the last few weeks has been as follows:

**Week 1: 91%**

**Week 2: 91%**

**Week 3: 88%**

**Week 4: 89%**

**Week 5: 89%**

**Week 6: 91%**

**Week 7: 92%**

**Week 8: 90%**

**Week 9: 89%**



Week 7 was our best result this term! Keep it up! Please make sure you phone the school office (06 7511331), text the school mobile (027 211 3489) or use the school app to notify us that your child is away.

## Goal Setting Interviews

These were yesterday, **Tuesday 1 April** and today, **Wednesday 2 April**, from 3.20 to 6 pm. Please make bookings for interviews through our school app or click the parent interviews button on our [school website](#). These are our only formal parent/teacher interviews for the year so they are very important for you to attend. Students are encouraged to go to these interviews with their parents. Some helpful questions for parents/caregivers to ask at interviews are:

- How is my child progressing academically and what specific areas can we focus on at home?
- How does my child interact with classmates and participate in class?
- What can I do as a parent to support my child's learning and well-being at school?

## AFTER-SCHOOL Process Art Classes

Ages 5-8 and 8-12 | TERM 2

"My kids have absolutely loved their art class this term, they come home happy, inspired and excited about their projects. The free expression and child led nature of the program is the perfect way to round of their day."

Let your child create and express themselves freely in a fun, nurturing, and intentional environment while learning important life skills along the way.

### What is Process Art?

Process art encourages children to think outside the box, experiment with materials, and explore their own ideas without the pressure of creating a perfect final piece. This approach strengthens:

Creative Thinking Skills | Confidence | Emotional Expression & Regulation | Decision-Making Skills | Persistence | Critical Thinking Skills | Focus | Individuality

Tuesday and Wednesday  
Afternoons

St. Chad's, New Plymouth

Email  
[imagineplayinspire@gmail.com](mailto:imagineplayinspire@gmail.com)  
to register



@imagineplayinspire

## Haka Pōwhiri

Please note that there will be a haka pōwhiri for all new students and whānau at 9.30 am in the hall, at the beginning of next term on Monday 28 April. New students and whānau please wait outside Room 3 at 9.20 am to be formally welcomed into our school. There will be staff there to assist. Whānau who have already been welcomed into our school may join us in the hall as tangata whenua.



# Weet-Bix Tryathlon

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Weet-Bix Tryathlon last week. We had a fantastic day. It was so great to have such a big group this year. The sponsorship from Sport Taranaki, for some of our students, boosted the numbers considerably. It was so neat to see the students challenge themselves and everyone finished with a smile! Thanks to Mr Scouller, Mr Daughtery and Whaea Lisa for setting up the gazebo on Monday after school. Thanks again to Mr Scouller for dropping off and picking up the bikes. Thanks to Ms Gower for organising the entries and thanks to Miss Barker for helping the students on the day. It was a huge team effort but well worth it. Well done to all of the students who participated. You were amazing!



## Grandstand

We have a welcome addition to the school field, a grandstand. This is for supporters during sports events at our school. The concrete pad was made possible through a grant from Grassroots Trust Central and the grandstand itself was purchased using a grant from the New Zealand Community Trust. Thank you to Mr Scouller for assembling the grandstand. Make the most of it when we have our next sports event!



## Community Consultation

The School Board is conducting a brief survey to find out areas to focus on in the future. Please use the camera on your device to scan the QR code and complete the survey. Your feedback is valuable!



It doesn't matter  
what others are doing,  
it matters what you  
are doing.