



Pānui o te kura Spotswood #7

School Goal: Use your WITS

Rāapa 12 o Poutūterangi

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

Greetings from our Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou!

I hope all is well. Our school goal this week is; **Use your WITS**. This is something we remind our students when they are having trouble with another person. **W** is for **W**alk away. **I** is for **I**gnore the person. **T** is for **T**alk it out and **S** is for **S**eek help. This teaches our students that they have some control in a tricky situation. They are not able to control the other person but they have control over how they react. It is important to remember that you always have a choice in how you respond when someone is being annoying or upsetting you in some other way. Kia pai tō ra!

Mr Fisher



Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week (March 10 to 16):

Sahar (R14) & Kayston (R5)

Rā whānau ki a koutou!

Celebrating the Success of our Students

We had an assembly last week, hosted by our **Kaitake House Leaders**. They shared some of their art and introduced themselves to the school. The following students were awarded Caught Being Good Awards:

**Rieko (R5), Annika (R6), Hazel (R7),
Selena (R8), Zian (R9), Thea (R10),
Kaynin (R11), Jewell (R13), Jarquon (R14)
&Sharlene (R15)**

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



House Leader Carwash

Our house leaders are running a carwash and sausage sizzle in the school staff carpark this **Saturday 15 March** from 8.30 am to 12 pm. This is to fundraise for their trip to NYLD/25, next term. Come along for a bite to eat while you get your car cleaned! Please note that the NPDC have given us permission to go ahead with this fundraiser, even though there are water restrictions.



Welcome to New Students

Welcome to the following student and their whānau who started at our kura recently:

Micah (R7)

Nau mai haere mai ki te kura o Spotswood!

Easter Egg Raffle

Our Water Safety Fundraising Committee are holding an Easter raffle. To do this we would appreciate donations of Easter Eggs. These can be dropped off at the Main Office Reception by this **Friday 14 March**. A note will be sent home next week, asking who is willing to sell tickets. These will be on sale from Monday 17 March. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 9 April. All proceeds will go towards funding future swimming lessons.



Term 1 Calendar 2025

Week 7 (10 – 14 March)

Monday 10 March – Taranaki Anniversary Day

Tuesday 11 March – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 10 – 15

Thursday 13 March – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 5 – 9

Friday 14 March – Room 9 Assembly at 10.15 am

Saturday 15 March – NYLD//25 Carwash

Week 8 (17 – 21 March)

Tuesday 18 March – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 10 – 15

Wednesday 19 March – Maunga Swimming Sports

Thursday 20 March – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 5 – 9

Friday 21 March – **Paritutu House Leader Assembly** at 10.15 am & Goal Setting Reports Issued

Week 9 (24 – 28 March)

Tuesday 25 March – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 10 – 15 & Weet-Bix Tryathlon

Thursday 27 March – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 5 – 9

Friday 28 March – Room 8 Assembly at 10.15 am

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

Maunga Swimming Sports

These are on **Wednesday 19 March** at the Spotswood College pool, from 11 am to 1 pm. All parents/caregivers are welcome to attend. If you are willing to help with judging or as a lifeguard please contact Miss Barker via email: j.barker@spotswooprimary.co.nz or phone: 06 7511331.

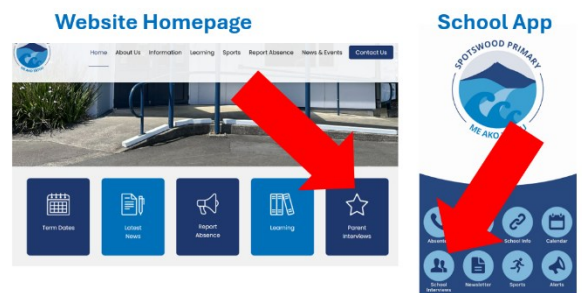
Weet-Bix Tryathlon

The Weet-Bix Tryathlon is on **Tuesday 25 March** at Ngamotu Beach. This year, thanks to a generous donation from Sport Taranaki, we have a team of more than 30 students competing. It should be an amazing event. Miss Barker is attending with the students. Look out for our school gazebo! Kia kaha tamariki mā!



Goal Setting Interviews

These are on **Tuesday 1 April** and **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](#). Please see the diagram below for instructions. 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.



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% - Keep it up!



We need to keep working at this. 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.