



Pānui o te kura Spotswood #12

School Goal: Start strong!

Rāapa 30 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 you all had a safe and relaxing break. We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term. Our school goal this week is; **Start strong!** Our aim is for everyone to begin the term with a positive mindset and keep it up. Learning is not easy. It takes a lot of effort but if you stay in the right mind-frame the sky is the limit! Start how you mean to carry on whānau! Kia pai tō ra!

Mr Fisher

Term 2 Calendar

Week 1 (28 April – 2 May)

Monday 28 April – School Starts & Haka Pōwhiri at 9.30 am

Wednesday 30 April – Duffy Show

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 13 June – Room 5 Assembly at 10.15 am

Week 8 (16 – 20 June)

Tuesday 17 June – School Matariki Celebrations

Friday 20 June – Matariki Holiday

Week 9 (23 – 27 June)

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



Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week (28 April to 2 May):

**Aidyn (R10), Ryder (R8) Reef (R8)
& Jesslyn (R5)**

Rā whānau ki a koutou!

Breakfast Club

We have an amazing team who run Breakfast Club in the hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We are looking for more volunteers. If you can help please contact Nicole Whitcombe via email: noodleroxs@hotmail.com or phone: 0279040310. Breakfast Club started today.

Celebrating the Success of our Students

At our last assembly for Term 1 the students received their Duffy Books. The Duffy Books in Homes programme was started by a famous New Zealand author, Alan Duff, in 1994. That is 31 years ago, before I started teaching, even. Alan Duff started the programme because he was worried that too many students didn't have books in their homes. Since the programme started, over 100,000 students have been involved from 560 schools and 270 Early Childhood Centres. Over 15 million books have been given to students through the programme. We are one of those lucky schools!



The following students were awarded Caught Being Good Awards:

**Saxon (R5), Kuzey (R6), Luka (R7),
Kiakia (R8), Jesse (R9), Matthew (R10),
Taylor (R11), Kavahn (R13), Shanvi (R14)
& Keivah (R15)**



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

**Robert (R6), Harper (R6), Annika (R6),
Armani-Rose (R8), Jet (R8), Luka (R7), Malika (R7),
Cody (R7), Zian (R9), Manu (R10), Aidyn (R10),
Luck (R10), Vanshi (R5), Sassy (R13), Ellie-May (R13)
& Kendra (R13)**

Well done to everyone! Ka rawe!

Water Safety Fundraising Committee Meeting

There is a Water Safety Fundraising Committee Meeting tomorrow, **Thursday 1 May at 2.30 pm** in the Staffroom. We are going to discuss our Term 2 fundraiser. Everyone is welcome!

Attendance

As many of you know, some of our students do not attend school as often as they should. Last term, every week, our attendance was around 90%. This is great. However, our overall results for attendance for our students for Term 1 are as follows:

63% had less than 5 days absence

24% had up to 10 days absence

9% had up to 10 days absence

5% had 15 or more days absence

The government target for this year is to have 80% of students with less than 5 days absence a term so we have some work to do.

One of the things we have noticed that affects students is that many go to bed late at night, some even later than 10 pm. This means that they do not want to get up in the morning and, if they come to school, they are likely to be tired, unable to focus properly on their work and less tolerant of others. According to the NZ Ministry of Health the recommended amount of sleep for 5 – 13 year olds is 9 – 11 hours. This means that most of our students should be in bed between 8 and 9 pm. Some, of course may need more sleep, especially if they are younger but going to bed at 10 pm is just too late!

We are also aware that many of our students have a lot of screen time before bed. The NZ Ministry of Health recommends no more than 2 hours a day of screen time for primary school students and no screens at least an hour before bed. Children need time for their brains to relax before they go to bed so please monitor that screen time! A good night's sleep will help your children to be better prepared and happier to come to school!



Road Changes Survey

Many of you will be aware of the alterations to the parking areas across the road from school. A bicycle lane has been created and cars now have to be parked further out onto the road. **If you do park there please make sure your children get out of the car on the left hand side to be safe.** We are collecting feedback to provide to the council about the changes. What are your thoughts? Please click the link to respond to this survey by 9 am on Friday 9 May.

[Road Changes Survey](#)