



Pānui o te kura Spotswood #13

School Goal: Make sensible choices in the playground

Rāapa 7 o Haratua

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



Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week (5 to 11 May):

**Enari (R13), Kiana (R15), Crystal (R13),
Zoey (R5), Ava (R15)
& Hunter-Rose (R10)**

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.

Greetings from our Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou!

We certainly have had some changeable weather over the last week. Our school goal this week is; **Make sensible choices in the playground!** We want our playground to be safe for everyone but that takes effort! We are working hard to ensure that all of our students are engaged in appropriate games at break times. If everyone is busy, generally they are happy! Kia pai tō ra!

Mr Fisher

Term 2 Calendar

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

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 the survey by 9 am this **Friday 9 May**.

[Road Changes Survey](#)



Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day is on **Friday 16 May** (next week). Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting positive social relationships. It is about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of age, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, or cultural background. On Pink Shirt Day (and every day) we are asking everyone in our school to **Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atū, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!**

Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students, David Shepherd and Travis Price, took a stand against homophobic bullying after a new year 10 student was harassed and threatened for wearing pink. New Zealand has been celebrating Pink Shirt Day in Aotearoa since 2009 and the campaign grows stronger and larger every year. We are encouraging everyone to wear **pink** next week on **Friday 16 May**.

Sensei Shane

We have been extremely fortunate to have received a Tū Manawa grant through Sport Taranaki to have Sensei Shane in our school this term. Sensei Shane is working with three groups of students from Awa and Maunga. Through the medium of martial arts, the students are learning anti-bullying skills and building their confidence. This is an awesome opportunity for our ākonga. To find out more about Sensei Shane click the link below:

[Sensei Shane](#)

Hangi for Matariki

We are hoping to have a hangi for our Matariki Celebrations in June this year but we need support. If you have access to the equipment, have experience in putting down a hangi and would like to help please contact Ms Gower or Whaea Lisa through the school phone: 06 7511 331 or text: 027 211 3489.

Celebrating the Success of our Students

We had an assembly last week, hosted by Room 15. They shared some of their amazing art and some very interesting writing about bioluminescence.



The following students were awarded **Caught Being Good Awards**:

Kayston (R5), Frankie (R6), Micah (R7), Jack (R8), Kezia (R9), Ezekiel (R10), Kayden (R11), Ollie (R13), Joseph (R14) & Precious (R15)



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

Mary-Jane (R13), Madison (R13), Miya (R13), Ivar (R8), William (R8), Kiakia (R8), Reef (R8), Hunter-Rose (R10), Thea (R10), Ahaan (R10), Aleiya-Rose (R10), Charlotte (R9), Zac (R10), Matthew (R10), Sharlene (R15), & Teaohau (R15)

Well done everyone! Ka rawe!

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Sports News

Winter sport is underway. Here are our players of the day from Week 1:

Netball Stars (Year 3&4) – Game cancelled

Netball Hearts (Year 5&6) – Crystal (R9)

Netball Aces (Year 5&6) – Sharlene (R15)

Basketball Nets – Games have not started yet

Ka pai tō mahi tamariki mā!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Socks and Beanies

Room 6 and 7 students received hand-knitted socks and beanies from the group, Knitters for Cool Kids Taranaki on Monday. Check out the cool pics of Room 6 and 7. They look amazing in their new winter woollies! This will definitely help our students keep warm. What a wonderful charity! Our Year 1 students are so lucky!



Ministry of Education Parent Portal

The government has launched a new parent portal to help caregivers better understand how children learn and progress at school. You can access the portal via the link below.

While this website may be useful, it is important to remember that children learn at different rates. Some may be working above, at, or below the expected level for their year — all of which can be entirely appropriate for their current stage of learning.

Our teachers are skilled professionals who understand each child's needs. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning, the best person to talk to is their teacher. Please do not hesitate to contact them via the school office.

[Parent Portal Link](#)

Interschool vs Westown School

We had the first interschool games this term vs Westown School yesterday. Final results were:

Netball – 12 – 10 to Westown

Football – 5 – 4 to Spotswood

Thank you to our coaches and supporters. Ka pai tō mahi hākinakina, tamariki mā!

