



# Pānui o te kura Spotswood #14

**School Goal: Think about how your words affect others**    **Rāapa 14 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  
(12 to 18 May):

**Chavez (R14), Chen (R15) & Kaizah (R6)**

Rā whānau kia 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](mailto:noodleroxs@hotmail.com) or phone: 0279040310. Breakfast Club started today.

## Greetings from our Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou!

Our school goal this week is; *Think about how your words affect others*. There is an old saying, 'Sticks and stones will break my bones but names will never hurt me'. It is just not true! The comments people say to you, whether positive or negative, stay with you, for a long time, sometimes forever. With **Pink Shirt Day** being on Friday it is even more important for us to think about the words we use. We can either choose to build people up or knock them down. We encourage our students to choose kindness. A kind word is always appropriate. Kia pai tō rā!

Mr Fisher

## Term 2 Calendar

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**

Wednesday 21 May – Whānau Hui for Matariki at 2 pm

Friday 23 May – Room 11 Assembly at 10.15 am

Week 5 (26 – 30 May)

Wednesday 28 May – Future Focus Hui at 2 pm

**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

## Sports News

Winter sport is underway. Here are our players of the day from Week 2:

Netball Stars – Delia (R10)

Netball Hearts – Aanshi (R15)

Netball Aces – Amelia (R15)

Basketball Nets – Games have not started yet

Ka pai tō mahi tamariki mā!

## Whānau Hui for Matariki Celebrations Hangi

Thank you to the parents who came forward and offered to help with the hangi for our Matariki celebrations on Thursday 19 June. If you are able to support us with this event please come to our whānau hui, scheduled for **Wednesday 21 May at 2 pm** in the staffroom.



## Pink Shirt Day

**Pink Shirt Day** is this Friday 16 May. **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. We have 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** this Friday 16 May.

## Celebrating the Success of our Students

We had an assembly last week, hosted by our **Pouakai House Leaders**. They shared a clip of students making sensible choices in the playground.



The following students were awarded Caught Being Good Awards:

**Nefes (R5), Archer (R6), Gwen (R7), Claysuda (R8), Anahera (R9), Ruanuku (R10), Lumari (R11), Ellie-May (R13), Makayla (R14), & Anopaishe (R15)**



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

**Frankie (R6), Spencer (R6), Jeremy (R6), Meleni (R9), Kayston (R5), Charlotte (R5), Jesslyn (R5), Bjorn (R5), Hunter (R5), Austin (R11), Lumari (R11), Taylor (R11), Monique (R11), Charlotte (R11), Arayena (R7), Micah (R7), Zoey (R7) & Arlo (R7)**

Well done everyone! Ka rawe!

## Future Focus Hui

We are hosting a hui on **Wednesday 28 May at 2 pm** in our staffroom to give whānau the opportunity to discuss the future direction and priorities for our school. We are sending out special invites to some of you to make sure we have a reasonably sized group in attendance but everyone is welcome. See you there!

## Parent Portal Understand your child's learning

Welcome to the Parent Portal, designed to help you understand what your child is learning at school or kura, how they are progressing against the curriculum, and what you can do to support them at home.

### 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](#)

## Water Safety Fundraising Committee Fundraiser

Our Water Safety Fundraising Committee are running a fundraiser selling pies and savouries, starting this **Friday 16 May**. Orders will close on **Sunday 8 June**. Pies and savouries will be issued on **Thursday 26 June**. We will send out the link on Seesaw and the app when the fundraiser has been launched on Friday.



### Fire Safety Messages from FENZ

97% of people who perish in house fires in New Zealand, die from the smoke. This can happen in as little as two breaths, so it is vital that our school community stays safe. We need to prevent fires from starting and have working smoke alarms. We cannot smell smoke when we are asleep, so working smoke alarms make a significant difference to survival. Last year fire trucks were called to 97 fires in homes in Taranaki. This is far too many.

The main reason for house fires in Taranaki were:

1. Unattended cooking
2. Electrical fires
3. Things too close to heating sources

Our key fire safety messages in winter are:

1. **Keep looking when you're cooking** – Stay in the kitchen when you're cooking. Keep the cooking area clear of combustibles. Use an air fryer instead of deep frying.
2. **A metre from the heater** – keep everything at a safe distance.
3. **A clean dryer avoids fire** – remove lint before every use.
4. **Chimney alright before first light?** – Get your chimney cleaned before the first fire of the season. FENZ attended 6 chimney fires in Taranaki in 2024.
5. **Cool ash before you stash** – soak with water in a metal bucket. Ashes can stay hot for 5 days.
6. **Check the heat before you sleep** - Check your electric blanket for hot spots before first use.

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WITH PROFESSOR JULIA RUCKLIDGE

AND

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WHY YOUNG MINDS STRUGGLE TO SWITCH OFF

WITH MATTHEW MANDERSON, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

SPOTSWOOD  
COLLEGE HALL

3RD  
June

6:30-8:30PM

everyone  
welcome

The Challenges of Tech on our Youngsters Behaviour, Cognition and Emotions  
Kai/Nutrition and Hauora/Mental Wellness for our Tamariki  
An evening for families, whānau, teachers and friends.

ANXIETY, DEPRESSION,  
LOW SELF-ESTEEM

HEAR REAL RESEARCH

EMPOWER OUR  
TAMARIKI & BANGATAHI  
TO BUILD RESILIENCE

Join Matthew Manderson, Clinical Psychologist and Professor Julia Rucklidge (Canterbury University) as they share groundbreaking insights into the powerful connection between tech, nutrition and youth mental health.

Text 027 668 2045 with the number attending (for catering purposes).  
A nutritious snack provided.

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FOR OUR YOUTH – TOGETHER.**

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