



Pānui o te kura Spotswood #30

School Goal: Finish strong!

Rāapa 17 o Mahuru

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 or in the holidays, (15 September to 5 October):

**Ashriel (R11), Keivah (R15), Borika (R15), Eden (R10),
Scarlett (R13), Charlotte (R5), Nathan (R11),
Miyah (R13), Kalani (R10), Charlotte (R9),
Mary-Jane (R13), Avaline (R14), Ellie (R8),
Legacy (R16), Emy (R9), Kyla (R13), Ruanuku (R10),
Juanette (R14), Cody (R7) & Soullah (R8)**

Rā whānau kia koutou!

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori – Māori Language Week

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week) first began in 1975 and is celebrated every year. This year (2025) it's extra special as we mark the 50th anniversary of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori.

The theme for 2025 is “**Ake ake ake, A Forever Language**”, which highlights the resilience, adaptability and enduring importance of te reo Māori.

At Spotswood Primary, te reo is something we celebrate every day through our greetings, students sharing their pepeha, our school waiata and karakia, using classroom commands, and our weekly kupu hou o te wiki. We also encourage whānau to use te reo Māori at home, helping grow and strengthen the language together.

Greetings from our Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou!

As we head into our final week of the term, our goal is to **finish strong**. This means taking pride in completing our learning, supporting each other, and finishing the term in a positive way. We encourage our tamariki to keep giving their best effort right to the end.

It has been a truly wonderful term at Spotswood Primary. Our students have worked incredibly hard and achieved so much in their learning. A special highlight was the senior school musical, which was nothing short of amazing, a real showcase of talent, creativity, and teamwork. Students in other classes have been exploring different ways to tell stories, creating some fantastic puppet shows and video clips to share with whānau. We also held our school cross-country, where every student took part with enthusiasm, even those who do not usually enjoy running.

Thank you to our students, staff, and whānau for the effort, aroha, and support that made this term so successful.

Mr Fisher

Lost Property

There is an enormous amount of lost property. This will be on display outside Room 3 on Friday. Any items that are not claimed will be put in a clothing bin so please take a look.

Duffy Role Model Assembly

Our students were very lucky to meet Tavai Peter Faalili (Tee) at our Duffy Role Model assembly today. Tee shared stories about growing up in South Auckland, being proud of his Samoan heritage, and the importance of working hard and staying positive. He told us about his work supporting young people at Brown Pride, as well as his love of reading, rugby, and CrossFit. The students really enjoyed his energy and message, and were especially excited to receive their new Duffy books on Thursday 11 September.



NP Cross-country

On Monday 8 September, a group of our students represented Spotswood Primary at the New Plymouth Cross-Country held at Vogeltown Park. It was a beautiful day, and our runners showed great determination and effort on a challenging course. A special congratulations goes to Bella (10) who placed 4th, Kaynin (11) who placed 6th, and Andre (R15) who placed 14th. We are very proud of all our students who competed and gave their best. These students are competing in the Taranaki Cross-country in Hawera today. Good luck tamariki!

Celebrating the Success of our Students

We had a Zoom assembly last week, hosted by Room 9. They shared some of their amazing movies they made with puppets and a cool story about a giant named 'Toe Jam'. Well done Room 9!



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

Rieko (R5), Caleb (R6), Zoey (R7), Ryder (R8), Luka (R9), James (R10), Nathasha (R11), Sassy (R13), Sahar (R14) Taane (R15) & Ava (R16)

We presented **Bronze** AKO Awards for the week. These went to the following students:

Kaynin (R11), Zané (R7), Alyssa (R7), James (R10), Harlow (R13), Charley-Paige (R8), Ryder (R16) & Sophia (R10)

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

Charlotte (R9), Grace (R8), Riley (R8) Sassy (R13), Jeremy (R6), Madison (R13), Archer (R6), Monique (R11), Hazel (R7), Nathan (R11), Cody (R7), Asher-James (R6), Micah (R7), Jarquon (R14), Luka (R7), Keeva (R14), Ivar (R8), Juanette (R14), Fletcher (R9), Kristen (R14), Harper (R10), Ryder (R14), Hunter (R5), Finn (R14), Oscar (R5), River (R14), Jesslyn (R5), Sahar (R14), Jackson (R5), Halo (R14), Nefes (R5), Maddox (R14) & Charlotte (R5)

Lastly, we presented our very first **Gold** AKO Award for the year to:

Jonathan (R10)

Well done everyone! Ka mau te wehi!

Water Safety Fundraising Committee Hui

We have a hui tomorrow, **Thursday 18 September at 2.30 pm** in the staffroom to organise a disco fundraiser next term. Everyone is welcome!

Term 4 Calendar

Week 1 (6 – 10 October)

Tuesday 7 October – Induction meeting for new Board at 5 pm
Friday 10 October – **Paritutu House Leader Assembly** at 10.15 am

Week 2 (13 – 17 October)

Tuesday 14 October – Board Meeting at 7 pm
Thursday 16 October – National Shake Out at 9.30 am
Friday 17 October – Room 10 Assembly at 10.15 am

Week 3 (20 – 24 October)

Friday 17 October – Room 13 Assembly at 10.15 am

Week 4 (27 – 31 October)

Monday 27 October – Labour Day Holiday
Thursday 30 October – Puanga
Friday 31 October – Room 5 Assembly at 10.15 am

Week 5 (3 – 7 November)

Tuesday 4 November – Awa Speech Competition and Board Meeting at 7 pm
Wednesday 5 November – Maunga Speech Competition
Thursday 6 November – Moana Speech Competition
Friday 7 November – Room 14 Assembly at 10.15 am

Week 6 (10 – 14 November)

Wednesday 12 November – Devon Orientation
Friday 14 November – Room 11 Assembly at 10.15 am

Week 7 (17 – 21 November)

Friday 21 November – Room 6 Assembly at 10.15 am

Week 8 (24 – 28 November)

Monday 24 November – Maunga Athletics
Tuesday 25 November – Moana Athletics
Wednesday 26 November – Cultural Performance
Thursday 27 November – Awa Athletics
Friday 28 November – Room 15 Assembly at 10.15 am

Week 9 (1 – 5 December)

Tuesday 2 December – Board Meeting at 7 pm
Thursday 4 December – Nativity at 10 am
Friday 5 December – Room 7 Assembly at 10.15 am and End of Year Reports issued

Week 10 (8 – 12 December)

Monday 8 December – Spotty Tough Kid Challenge
Tuesday 9 December – End of Year Prize-giving Assembly at 9.30 am and Year 6 Graduation at 5 pm
Friday 12 December – Last day of school

Music Festival

This is on tomorrow evening, Thursday 18 September, 6.30 pm at the TSB Stadium. Our students have been very hard at work rehearsing for this event. It is going to be amazing!

Room 8 Assembly

This is on **Friday 19 September at 10.15 am** in the hall. All whānau are welcome to attend, especially those of Room 8 students.