

Newsletter No.2 – 25th February 2011

Dear Parents

We would like to offer our heartfelt condolences to those of you who have suffered family bereavement and the destruction of their homes and contents, after the terrible Christchurch earthquake. Our staff, parents and children have all felt the emotional distress and we would like you to know that our thoughts are with you and with the community of Christchurch.

Cambridge Outstanding Achiever Awards Ceremony



Pictured is Patrick Deely, Top in New Zealand for Year 12, AS Level English Language, being presented with his certificate in Auckland by Dr John Guy OBE. It was inspirational to attend this ceremony and Simon Higgins, New Zealand Development Manager for Cambridge, paid tribute to Springbank staff and students for achieving this prestigious award in both our first and second year of teaching Cambridge examinations. Out of nearly 60 schools teaching Cambridge in New Zealand, most Top in New Zealand and Top in the World students came from Auckland schools which have been teaching Cambridge for a number of years. I am very proud of our teachers for the exceptional professional job they do.

Staffing

We wish our teacher Barry Taylor all the best for his heart operation next week. Barry will be recuperating for six to seven weeks. Taking over the Science teaching of Years 8-11 will be Mrs Terri Seon, MSc. She starts on Monday and is looking forward to teaching at Springbank.

Springbank Prefects

We are proud to present our 2011 Springbank Prefects and Senior Leaders. At individual interviews, applicants talked about the many activities they have planned for the younger students and for supporting specific charities and events. They all are keen to give back to Springbank this year, in gratitude for the time they have had here.

Congratulations to:

Head Girl – Alex Bird

Head Boy – James Richardson

Prefects – Vincent Claus, Jade Parata, Rachel Smith, Patrick Deely

Senior Leaders – Abbi Robinson, Ollie Cherrington, Chelsea Jones, Kane Noordman, James Quinn, Natasha Bockus



Pictured: Phil Webb, Sophia Warren, Jade Larkan, Patrick Deely, James Richardson, Alex Bird, Vincent Claus, Rachel Smith

Middle School BBQ

A great night was had by all last Friday at the Middle School Swim and BBQ at the Kerikeri Community Pools. There were about 70 people present, with the opportunity for parents to informally meet teachers and mix with other parents of Middle School. Mike Warren and Graeme Jones cooked up a storm of sausages, bacon and burgers with plenty of food to please the hungriest of swimmers. The weather held out and confirmed the night as a success.

Enterprise Speakers

Ms Chapman would like to thank two guest speakers who visited her classes last week to authenticate students' learning.

Mat Sutcliffe spoke to the Year 8 class about the share market and buying and selling shares, with some great stories about David Walsh from Bie-X, global oil shelves and placing your company on the Stock Exchange. Graeme Heapy, Business Manager from the ANZ spoke about The 5 C's of lending, starting a small business, being a Limited Liability Company and the effect the recession has had on local businesses. Ms Chapman is keen to have more guest speakers in her classes as she feels that our school community has such a lot of enterprising people with valuable knowledge and skills to offer. If you are interested in donating an hour of your time, please leave your name with Sally at the office.

Parent Information Evenings

Thank you to the parents who attended our Junior, Middle and Senior School parent evenings last week and this week.

School Camps

Thank you very much to all parents for your support at all our school camps. It's been a very positive start to school with many new friendships formed and class bonds strengthened.



Yr 7-13 Athletics Day

Our Springbank School Athletics Day is being held next Wednesday 2nd March. If any parents are interested in coming along to watch their children, we would love to have you join us. We do require parent help, so if you can help please contact Sally in reception. Briefing for helpers is 8.30am – events start at 9am.

International Student Homestays

We are experiencing regular enquiries from international student families regarding enrolments. We now invite Springbank families who wish to offer their home as a homestay to apply. If you are interested, please email international@springbank.school.nz or see Mike Warren for an information pack.

Preschool

The preschoolers are staying cool this summer. A big welcome back to all our children and families.



Friends of Springbank House t-shirts

Reminder: Tuesday 1st March is the last day for any orders for house t-shirts & caps (orcas/stingrays/sharks/dolphins) or sports t-shirts/polos. Please hand all forms/money into the school office (cheques payable to "Friends of Springbank"). Any queries, please contact Toni Edmonds 407 4060, 021 1484 101.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friends AGM is at 2pm on Tuesday 8th March, followed by a meeting. All welcome.
- Year 7-13 Athletics Day Wednesday 2 March – parents are welcome.

Thought for the Week

Week 3: "There is more in you than you think" – Kurt Hahn

Each of us has more courage, more strength and more compassion than we ever would have believed.

Week 4: Real leaders are ordinary people who want to make an extraordinary difference. We have within us the ability to be an extraordinary leader. Be 'leadership in action'.

Have a great week.

Kind regards

Sophia Warren
Principal

Community Notices

Kidz Sportz Expo 2011 – 12 March at Lindvart Park in Kaikohe from 10am - 4pm. Netball, Soccer, League, Touch, Hockey, Unicycling, Rugby, Softball, Tennis, Boxing, Tae Kwon Do and Aerobics.

Envirofest

Envirofest is a free festival happening on the Kerikeri Domain from 9am on Saturday 12 March. For more information visit www.envirofest.co.nz

Marriage and Relationship Seminar.

By Dr Ivan Herald – www.ozfame.com

Session 1 Monday 28 Feb

Session 2 Tuesday 1 Mar

7pm @ The Centre \$35pp, for both nights.

To Register ph 407 9316 or on the night

Hosted by Kerikeri Combined Churches

Kerikeri Rugby Club Registration Day Saturday 5th of March.

Times are as follows:

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| - Under 7's | 9.00am to 10.00am |
| - Under 9's | 10.00am to 11.00am |
| - Under 11's - 13's | 11.00am to 12.00pm |
| - Under 14's | 12.00pm |

Subs to be paid on the day - \$40.00

Shorts, socks and other Kerikeri Rugby Club clothing available for sale on the day.

Please supply a recent photo and birth certificate.