

Newsletter No.4

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Dear Parents

We will be holding our Open Day on Monday 4 April from 9-12 noon, and we hope you will take a little time to come and visit classes. It's a great opportunity to see our preschool, Headstart and school in action. You are welcome to bring friends or relatives to assembly at 8.35am first. Prefects will be available for guided tours of the school for visitors and morning tea will be served at 10.30am so people can chat to our Friends of Springbank parents.

Northland Secondary School Athletics Championships

Twelve students represented Springbank School at this competitive event. Congratulations to Leah Claus who came first in the Intermediate Girls 100m and Robbie Angus who came 3rd in the Senior Boys Javelin.

Sport

Thank you to our several motivated parents, staff and students including Steven White, Deanne Hannan, Lynette Knight, Mike Warren, Rachel Smith, Abbi Robinson, and Abi Foster who have started organising and coaching junior, intermediate and senior teams in soccer, netball and hockey. If your child is in Years 3-10 and is interested in playing, please contact these coaches directly. We look forward to some great reports from these fit, active and enthusiastic teams as the winter sports season gets underway.

Springbank Preschool

Our preschool children are a real delight and they open our eyes to the world. I really like the quote from Tizianne Filippini – "Children teach us about things our eyes no longer pay attention to". Thank you to all of our Preschool staff for the wonderful job you do.



The preschool children discovered Jake the mechanic fixing the digger when they were out on a walk.

Student Congratulations

- Robbie Angus is the Overall Award Youth Release Winner in The Billfish Foundation's International Tag and Release Awards for 2011. This organization aims to conserve billfish and sustain scientific research through their programme and to recognize the conservation ethics and achievements of young anglers. Robbie's passion for marlin is also evident in his artwork which is a feature of our current school newsletter cover.
- Josh Warin, won the Doubtless Bay Junior Tennis Champs, competing as a 10 year old against players 13 years and older.



Josh also raised \$240.70 for the Christchurch Earthquake by selling lemonade he made himself, last weekend. Well done!

IGCSE Campcraft

Last weekend the Year 11 Physical Education group undertook the Cape Brett Challenge Tramp as part of their IGCSE PE programme. They were dropped by boat at Rawhiti (with their incredibly heavy packs), walked 17kms to Cape Brett and stayed Friday night in the hut. Saturday's task was no easier, with a 17.5km tramp back to the old Whangamumu Whaling Station. Finally on Sunday they tramped over the hill and back along the road to Rawhiti, completing their 43 kilometre experience.



Danielle... "The first 800m or so was on the road to the start of the track and by the time we'd made it to the track I was already struggling with the weight of my 15kg pack". Cody... "when we reached the top of the last hill, Mr Warren started singing We Are the Champions by Queen. This made me feel elated and boosted my morale. When we reached Whangamumu we set up our tents, then Mr Warren and I started collecting wood for the fire. I lit the fire and it warmed us for the rest of the night."



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Year 7-13 Interim Attitude Reports issued this Friday 25 March.
- Open Day 4 April 8.40am-12 noon. Morning tea at 10.30am with Friends.
- Year 7-13 Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held from Tuesday 5 April to Thursday 7 April.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Year 7-13 students will bring home Parent/Teacher interview forms on 25 March. Please fill in all of the times that you can come. Your child will then bring the form back to school and teachers will write in appointment times for you. Your child will bring this appointment schedule back home for you. Teachers are looking forward to talking with you about your child's progress and achievement.

Thought for the Week

Week 7: "Have unshakeable self-belief."

Week 8: We all face challenges. It's up to you whether you see an insurmountable wall, a stumbling block, or a stepping stone.

Have a great week.

Kind regards

Sophia Warren
Principal

Community Notices

Easter Egg Hunt – Sunday 24 April 10am at The Centre – for ages 1-12 years.