

Newsletter No.5

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Dear Parents

I am very pleased with the hard work, enthusiasm and enjoyment evident this term. Thank you to staff, parents and our great students. We can all reflect on a strong sense of achievement.

Outdoor Education

Mike Warren has led the new senior Outdoor Education option this term and the students have loved the variety and challenge. They started the year by successfully completing a First Aid Course. They then spent Thursday afternoons learning to surf and paddleboard with Max Hittle, and tramping to discover new locations around the Bay of Islands. The term ended with a massive personal challenge – after camping the night at Urupukapuka Island, they clambered over rocks for nearly an hour, then swam 600m across the water to Rawhiti. After a brief stop they donned their packs and walked 27kms to Cape Brett, stayed the night and walked back out. A brilliant achievement – well done!



School Photos

Our school photos are due to be taken on Thursday 12 May, so the order envelopes will be posted to you with the end of term mailout. Please ensure that these order forms are returned to the office no later than **4pm Wednesday 4 May**. If they are sent to the office after that date and time, you will miss out on having your individual and family photo taken.



Preschool

The Preschool children attended Mrs Stringer's art class and produced a colourful and creative piece of art with the help of our visiting artist.

\$2 Challenge

The \$2 Challenge was a huge success. We had many entries which were all innovative, creative and enterprising in their own way. Thank you to all who entered and congratulations to the four winners:

1st Billy Robb – Hands-free hat

2nd Olivia Phillips – Bottle Ribbon Rattle

3rd Luke Bramley – Bird Cage

People's Choice: Aimee Larkan – Springbank String Art

Thank you to the Kerikeri National Bank, which sponsored the prizes given to the winners.

Relievers for Preschool and School

With winter coming and possible staff absences, if you (or someone you know) would like to be available for paid day relief, please leave your contact details with Sally in Reception. School relief must be covered by currently registered teachers. Preschool relief is ideally covered by ECE or Primary trained educators, but from time to time we have employed a parent we know, to be a support person.

Re-Branding Springbank

We think it's time for a fresh look, so we have updated our branding, simplifying and modernising our logo and overall image.

From Term 2 the new logo will be integrated into our stationery, apparel, sports uniforms and promotional material. Our brand-new website will be launched by the start of Term 2, so take a look –

www.springbank.school.nz

Also, for those of you who don't know, Springbank has had a Facebook page for some time.

www.facebook.com/springbankschool

This is our last printed copy of Springbank's fortnightly newsletter. From next term, this will be available online on our website. Sally will alert you via email, so you can keep up with the news. Feel free to print it off if you prefer to read it over a cup of tea or coffee.

Friends of Springbank

Thanks to our energetic group of parents who provided lunch at our Young Leaders' Day, organised a fun-filled Easter Disco for our Junior School children, and provided Springbank's sports gear and school apparel for parents. If you would like your child to have a House T-shirt, order forms are available from the office. School Cross Country is in Week 3 on 18 May.

Northland Young Leaders Day

A huge thanks to Gary Larkan chief organiser, and the Friends of Springbank, for a fantastic day. Seven Northland secondary schools were represented. Students were enthused by a stunning line-up of motivated, positive and inspirational speakers. They all spoke about leadership and the pathways for our young adults to achieve their dreams and aspirations. The speakers were:

- Brad Rowe, ex-Springbank graduate, boat designer and boat builder with his own business Blue Fix Marine here in Kerikeri.
- Justin Stonelake, owner of McDonald's Far North.
- Bruce McIntyre, previous owner of the Mac Pac business and now the proprietor of Seven Oaks Education Centre.
- John Carter MP and Minister of Civil Defence.
- Allison Mooney, international multi-award-winning speaker, author and successful businesswoman.

Thank you to our Prefects and Senior Leaders who supported presenter Jade Larkan on the day.

Thank you to all of the 28 businesses who donated spot prizes. Thank you especially to Hellers 'Sausages for Schools', for donating 500 sausages and aprons for the cooks!

This annual Young Leaders' Day is so important for our young adults of Northland and I sincerely thank all of the people involved in supporting this worthwhile initiative.

Cambridge Competition

Fifteen Cambridge students were chosen out of more than 660 entries for an international Enterprise student writing competition. We are delighted that Springbank School student Megan Bramley was one of these 15 finalists with her piece on entrepreneur Suzanne Hall of Living Nature fame. Outstanding Megan!



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Term 2 starts on **Monday 2 May** at 8.40am with School Assembly
- **Wednesday 4 May**
 - Last day to pay for school photos
- **Thursday 12 May** – School Photos
- **Monday 16 May** – Grandparents Day 8.40am-12.20pm

Thought for the Week

Week 9: Values, not valuables are what define us.

Week 10: "Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better."

- Pat Riley

Have a safe, happy and relaxing Easter holiday.

Kind regards

Sophia Warren
Principal

Community Notices

Bay Tennis Camp – 18-21 April – 5-16yr olds
Contact Carl 021 02756452

Reminder: Tune into the Erin Simpson Show TV2 on 20 April at 4.30pm for an announcement regarding the Maggi Kitchen Showdown competition.