



SPRINGBANK SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Welcome to our five new students this term. At our first school assembly, our parent group Friends of Springbank displayed all of the items they recently purchased for the school: a barbeque, trestle tables and a gazebo for school events; two table-tennis tables with gear and two giant board games – chess and draughts. Many thanks to this wonderful group of parents and students who also met in the holidays to paint the children's playground in bright red, yellow and blue! If any parents are interested in being a part of this enthusiastic parent group, please phone chairperson Louise Huett (Ph: 4017229) who will be delighted to talk to you. Also, sincere thanks to Gary Larkan who stepped aside as co-chairperson at the end of last term. Gary has put in a huge amount of time and energy for our students. His organization of Springbank's Learning for Life Young Leaders Day for the past two years has been tremendous. He is already organizing speakers and new sponsorship for 2012's big event!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS THURSDAY 12 MAY

Keith Williams will be taking our annual photos beginning at 8.30am with family portraits, then taking class, staff and school photos.

WEEK 3

Grandparents' Day

Next Monday 16 May we welcome all of our students' grandparents to visit Springbank and spend time with their grandchildren in class.

Assembly starts at 8.40am, followed by time in classes, then morning tea at 10.30am in the staffroom. Bring along your favourite children's book, your old school report or tales of your school years! The students would love to share your memories.

Alison Mooney - Parents Seminar

Those of you lucky enough to attend the Young Leaders Day or the following day's adult seminar, will be delighted to know that Alison Mooney is coming to do a two-hour presentation this coming Monday (16 May) from 7pm to 9pm at Springbank School. Justin and Etere Stodelake of McDonalds Kerikeri is sponsoring Alison's presentation for our parents and staff so there will be no cost. I have heard Alison speak at national events and she is superb. Her humorous presentation on personalities and relationships gives you a real understanding of how to build positive, happy relationships with adults, teenagers and children in families, marriages, school and work. Her book "Pressing the Right Buttons" will be available for purchase. Please register with Sally by Monday 1pm if you would like to attend. A good time is guaranteed!

Springbank Cross Country

Our annual Cross Country Day is next week on Wednesday 18 May. The schedule of events will be emailed to parents. Come along and applaud your children's efforts and enjoy the mud-covered student spectacle! Friends of Springbank will be there, providing a sausage sizzle and drinks.

HEADSTART

We farewell Kaye Dawson from Headstart and thank her for an amazing partnership with Jacqui in Term 1. We welcome teacher Jill Lousich and three new children this term. Our enrolments for Headstart have taken off, with only two places left for the start of 2012. If any of our Springbank families have preschool children due to turn 5 next year, please contact Sally as soon as you can, if you wish your child to be enrolled at Headstart.

STAFF

Welcome back to Barry Taylor who is in fine health again. Also welcome to Donna MacCarthy (primary trained teacher), who is employed full time at Preschool this term. Donna will be taking over the Springbank Café from Term 3 and has already purchased a coffee machine for parents and staff to enjoy real coffee!

CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATIONS

We have three students re-sitting AS Level papers over the next few weeks, aiming to boost their current grade to an A.

MAGGI COOKING COMPETITION

A group of four Year 8 students, Yuong Chaiyaklang, Noah Atchinson-Darby, Kimberley Knight and Kendra Scott, entered the Maggi Intermediate School's Kitchen Showdown Competition. They brainstormed foods that they liked and with the help of local chef Chris Owen, owner of Ake Ake Restaurant, they invented an innovative Maggi dish called Spinach, Capsicum & Mozzarella Stuffed Chicken with Homemade Egg Noodles & Cherry Tomatoes.

From this entry the team got into the regional finals to be held in Auckland on the 30th June. The region is geographically north of Taupo. The students will have to cook their dish along with other finalists for the Eric Simpson Show on the 30th June.

In the meantime the film crew from Studio 23 (the makers of The Erica Simpson show) came to Springbank School yesterday to film the announcement in assembly of their placing in the regional final and then filmed the students preparing their dish, step by step in the kitchen at Ake Ake restaurant. It was a fantastic experience for the students to see how TV programmes are made. In the next two weeks their clip will be posted on the Maggi website: www.maggi.co.nz and www.erinsimpson.tv. When this happens we will need all Springbank families, neighbours and friends to vote for our team "The Springbank School's Mini-Master Chefs".



(Photos supplied by Peter de Graaf, Northern Advocate)

SPRINGBANK THESPIANS SHINE AT FESTIVAL

Last Friday, the Springbank Drama Club travelled down to Whangarei to perform in the non-competitive section of the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival, hosted by Pompallier College. Our two performing groups presented scenes from ***A Midsummer Night's Dream***, which they had practised to perfection under the direction of student directors – Patrick Deely, James Richardson, Leah Claus and Kayla Crawford. There was much excitement, costuming and applying make-up in very little time in a very small space, but all nerves turned into brilliant performances all round. Although there was no adjudication, it was clear from the reaction of the audience that our students were the standout groups of the day. The Bard himself would have been proud. Well done!



PARKING BY ROOM 2

Please do not park outside Room 2 or stop your car to let children in, before you have parked your car in the carpark. I have observed parents suddenly slow down, or stop in the driveway, so their children can scramble in. Parents driving behind them have had to slam their brakes on and stop suddenly. The safety of our children is paramount, so please take every care when driving into or leaving the schoolgrounds.

JUMP ROPE JAM

Mya:

Last Wednesday four Year 5's by the names of Mya, Acima, Solomon and Blake went to Kaikohe East School where a World Champion Jump Roper showed us some tricks.

Acima:

My favourite part was Peter's freestyle. Peter combined a lot of different moves and used a variety of combos. It really was amazing when he skipped on the unicycle.

Blake:

I enjoyed the part where he showed us all his tricks. My favourite part was when he jump roped on the unicycle!

Solomon:

I enjoyed it when he showed us all his tricks. I especially liked it when he jump roped on the unicycle. I also liked it when he did Double Dutch. It was an enjoyable experience!



I wish everyone well for a busy and productive academic term. Our Calendar of Events is full and I am looking forward to sharing in our students' successes throughout the weeks ahead in study, sport and cultural events.

QUOTES

Week 1 – To look back with pride, look to each day with a personal promise.

Week 2 – “There are only two ways to live your life – one is as though nothing is a miracle, the second is as though everything is a miracle.” Albert Einstein

Kind regards

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