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Dear Parents

Effective communication is a vital skill in today's world, both in business and in our personal relationships. So it was inspiring to hear Springbank students in the Middle and Senior School speaking at our annual Prepared Speech Day, held on 8th June. The finalists delivered some highly informative, persuasive and entertaining speeches which Lions Club New Club Development Consultant and Co-Adjudicator, Marian Andrews, said were of an exceptional standard. She commended the confidence and enthusiasm of the speakers. Jill Hatherly was also an adjudicator.

In the Senior category, the top prize was awarded to Patrick Deely (Y13), whose speech on solving murder the 'old fashioned' way challenged the television portrayal of modern forensics. Runner up, Abi Foster (Y11) questioned our attitudes towards Dyslexia.

The winner of Y9 and 10, Carmel Whitehead (Y10) grabbed our attention with her expose on Cosmetic Surgery, whilst runner up, Reto Blattner-De-Vries amused us with a tribute to the comic genius of Billy T James.

Finally, we were entertained by the Y7 – 8 group who delivered a range of thought provoking speeches. Joint first-place winners, Holly Sutcliffe and Jamie Hardcastle (Y8) exuded confidence and held the audience's attention with a flair for the dramatic. Holly enlightened us on Nostradamus' predictions for the end of the world, whilst Jamie created awareness about the destructive effects of palm oil production. Runner-up, Aimee Larkan (Y7) gave an exciting inside look at the world of commercial flying.

The annual Speech Day at Springbank School is a hotly-contested event which all students strive to be part of. We are delighted with the effort and the thought evident in this year's competition and are proud of the high standard of delivery.

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 5th July
Dance Kidz Recital 9am

Wednesday 6th July
Years 4-6 Swimming Carnival

Thursday 7th July
Business Seminar

Friends of Springbank Parents' Quiz Night

Friday July 1st at 6.30pm at Ake Ake Restaurant.

Teams of four \$20 pp including entry into quiz and delicious savoury and sweet tapas.

Either get a team together or come on your own and be added to a team. Great prizes!

Tickets available at the office or contact Louise Huett 4017229.

Come along and have a fun night out!



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Year 12 University and Careers Trip

(Report by Year 12 Students)

On Wednesday afternoon eight of us stacked our gear into the rental van, we climbed in, and we were away, headed for Auckland. After a welcome stop at Wellsford for food, we checked into the International Youth Hostel, Auckland. That night we headed into Newmarket to play ten pin bowls, pool and air hockey before back to the hostel for a well earned rest.

Next morning Mr. Webb banged on our doors at 7.15 to get up for breakfast and a busy day ahead! We walked to the liaison office at AUT to be greeted by their liaison officer Linda, with booklets covering each of our interest areas. At school, we had filled out forms for Mr Webb who emailed each of the Universities information about what we wanted to see. After a bit of a rundown on what AUT does, Linda took us for a 90 minute tour around the campus. The tour covered engineering, business, journalism, television, art and design, graphic design and media studies. Chris, the Auckland University Liaison also showed us through O'Rourke Hall and International House. Interesting places!

From there we walked to the Student Hub to have lunch with some of the 42,000 students who attend Auckland Uni. Chris took us to his office and gave us heaps of information booklets, a bag and a pen. He then sent us on a scavenger hunt around the campus. The idea was to locate key points around the campus then get back to his office. The girls (and Henry!) won easily to take the mini rugby balls prizes!!!

Onto the motorway to Unitec by 2.00pm to start out the third visit of the day. Unitec is such a big place, that we drove around the campus in the van with stops at key places. First to the old wing which we were told is haunted by the ghosts some of the previous inmates...this place used to be Carrington Mental Hospital!!! Graphic design and architecture are taught in this wing. Then we stopped to check out the vet nurses in action, the sports and recreation centre, drain layers, carpenters, boat builders, welders, mechanics, auto-electricians and computing students all doing their thing.

We then went to the Coca-cola Careers Expo. Heaps to look at including the Police, Army, Air Force and Navy, and Polytechnics and Universities from all over the country. We left there just before 7.00pm having been on these visits since 9.00am. Next stop tea and a movie. Pirates of the Caribbean IV was action entertainment, just right after a busy day.

On Friday morning, it was raining, so the trip to AUT's North Shore Campus was quite quick, with only Abbi and Jade having a tour. They saw through the Heath-related training areas with some students using realistic dummies, while those in their later years of their degrees were actually practising with real patients.

Our final visit to Massey University's Albany Campus gave us an amazing look at Engineering and all its applications. We finished the visit getting a breakdown of all the courses offered in Massey's three campuses. Back into the bus to get back to home food and our own bed!

Springbank Preschool

The children at Springbank Preschool are inspired by the concept of the Forest Kindergartens in Northern Europe. The children are going on weekly excursions exploring the 14 rural hectares surrounding Springbank School. The exploration of the outdoors raises an awareness and understanding of our natural environment; and the children love the outdoor adventure!

The outdoor classroom:



The preschool children also enjoy their buddy reading time with the students from Room 2:



Dance Kidz

There is an end of term recital to be held in the gym on Tuesday 5 July at 9am. All parents welcome to attend.



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Middle School Disco

The Middle School Dine and Dance was held at the Kerikeri Club on June 10th. Forty-three Middle School Students attended, and danced the night away with DJs Logan Alexander, Matt Taylor and Craig Walker.

The smorgasbord was delicious. The staff commented on the positive atmosphere and were pleased with the excellent behaviour and the way the students were inclusive of each other and made all students feel welcome.



MUNA

(By Kane Noordman)

The Model United National Assembly (MUNA) is a gathering of around 450 students from Auckland and Northland. Like the real United Nations there are many countries represented and students dress according to their country. This year Springbank represented Nigeria.

Patrick Deely, James Richardson and Kane Noordman travelled to Auckland on the 9th of June and participated in MUNA over that weekend. It was an extremely entertaining, informative event and a great place to meet new people.

Our thanks go to Auckland Girls Grammar for holding the event and providing accommodation for Springbank's delegates. It is an amazing event and we encourage Year 12 and 13s next year to go for the opportunity.

We would also like to give a massive thank you to Mrs Hatherly for driving us to the event and organising the trip.

Springbank Café

Donna MacCarthy will be taking over the school café as of the 1st of August. Surveys will be going out to the students next week and once completed will go into a draw to win a \$5.00 voucher to be spent at the café next term.

Donna has purchased a coffee machine and has done a barista course in Auckland to learn how to make the best coffee. She is planning to be open from 8:00am each morning for any parents or teachers who would like an early morning coffee.

The café will be open until about 3:30pm each day. There will be tables and a patio heater set up on the deck just outside the café, parents are welcome to make use of this space.

Donna is very keen to make a range of delicious homemade food at the café. She is also considering making alternative choices with the ingredients that she uses for example - spray free fruit and vegetables, free range eggs, organic milk and flour etc.

Any feedback from parents about this would be much appreciated
email: bevdonn@xtra.co.nz



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Business Seminar

On Thursday 7th July Springbank will be hosting a Business Seminar for all Year 10-13 Students. The seminar will run from 9am until 3pm and will include 10 guest speakers and a short opening presentation by our sponsor – ANZ/National Bank.

Each speaker will speak for 30 minutes on a variety of business related topics that form part of the Cambridge IGCSE and A Level Business Studies syllabuses; and for the students that don't take Business Studies, the information will include valuable life skills/lessons. Students will be provided with a list of questions that they will be required to find the answers to, during the presentations.

Our sponsor, ANZ/National Bank, have kindly donated food and drinks for all students attending the seminar and thank you gifts for the presenters. The day promises to be interesting and educational for all students who attend.

The planned programme of events for the day is outlined below.

Time	Speaker	Topic
8.45-9.00	Graeme Heapy , ANZ/National Bank	Welcome and introduction to business banking
9.00-9.30	Annette Richardson , Plant and Food Research	Research and Development
9.30-10.00	Trevor Huett , CAD Partners	Business Accounting
Interval		
10.20-10.50	Sigrid Vorwerk , Living Nature	Product Development, Marketing
10.50-11.20	Matt Sutcliffe , Alexander Mining	Shares, Financing and the Stock Exchange
11.20-11.50	Sarah Jury , McLeods Lawyers	Business Structures in NZ
11.50-12.20	Jules Newman , IRD	Taxation in New Zealand
Lunch		
1.00-1.30	Mike Manning , Citizens Advice Bureau	Overview of function of CAB and how they can help
1.30-2.00	Andrew Bourke , NZ Amalgamated Engineering, Printing and Manufacturing Union	The Function and Role of Trade Unions
2.00-2.30	Lesley Elliott , Far North District Council	Human Resources and the Recruitment Process
2.30-3.00	Steve de Ruiter , Real Property Limited	Business Goal Setting

Junior Inter-schools Cross Country

This was organized by Junior School staff and run at Springbank this year. Luckily the weather was kind to us, and everyone really enjoyed the morning. Thanks to Friends for providing the baking and the sausage sizzle, and thanks to all the parents who came to support our children.



Springbank Placegetters:

5 year old girls:

- 1st place - Coco Hewitt

6 year old boys:

- 3rd place - Ollie Huett

6 year old girls:

- 1st place - Lucy Sizer

7 year old girls:

- 3rd place - Emma Hannan

Other children who participated were Jack Kinghan, Hal Beck, Lilly-Marie Houry, Jai Dawson, Dylan Bain, Harry Sizer, Lochie Ward, Harry Hannan, DJ Jones, Heidi Nicholls, Eli Chandler, Jack Hittle, Maisie Atchison-Darby and Nathalie Hull.



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Springbank School Years 4-6 Winter Swimming Sports Carnival

Kawakawa Swimming Pool
(25m Short Course)
Wednesday 6th July 2011

Arrive: 10.45am Start: 11.15am Finish: 2pm approx.

Our thanks go to Michelle Hull who has organised a fun filled event for the students to celebrate the expert swimming skills that they have all achieved this term.

PARENTAL HELP REQUIRED. PLEASE ASSIST IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE. WE WILL REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 6 X TIMEKEEPERS, PREFERABLY 12.

Please e-mail lynne.alexander@springbank.school.nz if you are able to assist on the day.

Kind regards

Sophia Warren
Principal

Mandarin Classes:

Zhixian Zhang has just started beginners classes for students after school on Tuesdays. She is also happy to take an adults class after school on either a Wednesday or Thursday. If you are interested in your child attending or would like this opportunity for yourself, please contact Zhixian at zhixian@gmx.de, or leave a message at Reception. Zhixian is even keen to take an adult group to China next year, dependent on interest for the course.

Thought for the week:

Week 7:

TRY and 'UMPH' = Triumph
– Put in the effort and you will succeed.

Week 8:

- **Recognise your capability**
 - **Create opportunities to get better**
 - **Stretch yourself**
- = Success**
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