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Dear Parents

Community Enterprise at Springbank

The Year 9, 10 and 11 Enterprise Studies students have been working hard this year planning, organising and implementing community enterprise projects. The projects are listed below:

Shaken Not Stirred

Chance August, Matthew Taylor, Craig Walker, Cambell Matthews and Bliss Ball.

These students have designed, and are constructing, a Wendy House for Mt Pleasant School in Christchurch. This school was damaged in the Christchurch earthquakes and is a similar sized school to Springbank. The Wendy House will be a similar design to the one at the Springbank Preschool and will be constructed in Kerikeri, with help from builder, Harold Magan. The group has raised \$912.00 towards the Wendy House materials needed for construction. They have also entered this project into the Young Enterprise Trust BP sponsored competition for Community Projects.



Flying High

Logan Alexander, Titouan Lamouric, Jamie Plowman and Alex Dawson.

Also entered in the Community Projects competitions, this group is designing, and having commissioned, 40 International signal flags for the R.Tucker Thompson. The R.Tucker Thompson is a tall ship that operates in the Bay of Islands, giving sailing experiences to Northland's youth and providing them leadership and challenge opportunities. Once made, these flags will be used whenever the R. Tucker Thompson is at an important event, or when it needs to look its best, or for official signalling at sea.



Dates for the Diary:

Community Bonfire/ Fireworks Extravaganza

- **Saturday 5th November**
From 6:30pm
- **\$5 Per person**
- **Under 5's Free**
- **Free parking or VIP parking for \$25 per car**
- **Live music, games, food & drink stalls**
- **Amazing professional fireworks at 9pm**

More burnable material is required for the bonfire, please contact Louise Huett 401 7229

Please also contact Louise if you are able to assist on the night, or run a stall (baking, drinks, etc.).



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Three other groups will be entering the Transfield Neighbourhood Engineers Awards, which recognize groups who work with engineers to complete worthwhile community projects.

Lasting Legacies

Megan Bramley, Jack Thurston, Max Cadenhead, Bailey-Urlich-Short and Kirsten Foster.

Lasting Legacies have designed, and are building, an information board for the bottom of Matauri Bay Hill, on the track leading up to the Rainbow Warrior Memorial. The board will have three sections; the history of the Rainbow Warrior, the sinking of the ship by French agents with the scuttling of the ship at the Cavallies, and the building of the memorial by Chris Booth. This project was originally for the BP Community Enterprise Project Competition, but there was a conflict of interest with the competition being sponsored by BP and Greenpeace taking action against them for the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. This meant it was unethical to compete.



Walking Over History

Robert Navarro, Keegan Jones, Marshall De Vries and Balthazar Biedermann.

These students are building a bridge over murky swampland at Rewa's Village to allow the museum to utilize more of its outdoor space. This group worked hard

on Market Day and are busy selling raffle tickets to raise the money needed to complete their project. Raffle tickets sold on the day gave the group over \$600 worth of revenue.

Shooting for Goals

Elsa Meier, Sarah Kingsford, Olivia Matthews, Pamela Dodds.

This group has worked with Haigh Works Engineers to design and construct a moveable shelter and seating for the Kerikeri netball courts. The girls have attended Netball Association meetings, discussed their plans and also worked with Dot Dromgool to finalise and plan for construction. At Market Day they held the Curry in a Hurry stall and made a considerable profit.



Student Congratulations

The Bay of Islands Swimming Club are taking a small group of swimmers to compete at the Victorian Age Group Champs in Melbourne in December. To be able to compete, students must achieve the qualifying times for their age in an Olympic size pool (50m). Our children have had to compete out-of-zone because we have no long course carnivals in Northland until later this year when the Dargaville pool opens.

Ruby Hull and Kendra Scott

competed in Hamilton last Saturday. They were chasing long course qualifying times to compete at either the Auckland Juniors in November, or the Victorian Age Group Champs in Melbourne in December, or both.

Kendra swam 5 races & achieved 2 PBs. **Ruby** swam 4 races, achieved 2 PBs, came 1st in all 4 races for 10year old girls and achieved 2 qualifying times for the Victoria Age Groups in Melbourne. She is chasing a minimum of another 2 qualifying times for Melbourne, and has already achieved 4 qualifying times for the Auckland Juniors.

Congratulations girls!



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Other Enterprise Projects:

The **Mini BP Petrol Station**, built last year by Chance August, Matthew Taylor, Alex Henwood, Craig Walker and Amanda Ciaravino, was handed over at a ceremony at Kerikeri Plunket Rooms last week. The students also purchased two Little Tikes Mini Coupes and two Little Tike Petrol Pumps for the petrol station.

Thanks to Henwood Builders for helping this group and BP Kerikeri for providing the signage. This group won 3rd place in last year's BP Community Enterprise Project Competition.

Liberty Templeman Memorial

You may have also read in the Bay Chronicle about the ongoing saga of getting the art installation in memory of Liberty Templeman housed into one of Kerikeri's public buildings. There has been over a year of meetings and negotiations and we are still not making headway in donating a beautiful piece of art to either The Turner Centre or the Proctor Library. Even though Liberty Templeman was not a student at Springbank School, a group of students from our school fundraised by holding a concert at The Turner Centre last year raising approximately \$4300 towards the commissioning of a piece of artwork from an international artist. This group won First Place in the BP Community Enterprise Project Competition. The artwork is called the O-Void, and is approximately 30 cm in width and 20cm high. This is a beautiful piece of art work which could be potentially viewed and shared by all of the community.

Rescue Helicopter Helipad

Lastly, Jade Parata and Kane Noordman are busy finishing a project from a couple of years ago, the building of a helipad for the rescue helicopter. The helipad will be built in the grounds of the new Kerikeri Sports Complex, so watch out for its development. Alexander Drainage has donated the earthworks and Firth Concrete donated the concrete.

Altogether the diversity of community projects our students are involved in is a tribute to their generosity of spirit, their hard work, their tenacity, and the enthusiastic motivated support of Enterprise teacher, Michelle Chapman. Well done everyone and thank you to the businesses in our community who support our students' ideas.

Kind Regards,

Sophia Warren
Principal

Enviroschools

Springbank School hosted the Enviroschools Northland Expo on 29 September. The theme was "Our Precious Waters – the fresh and the salty", and students were able to study the wonderful wetlands, do some water bug studies, test the quality of water, and do some water wildlife art. We had a large number of schools from Northland participate, and our Room 6 students did a fantastic job hosting all of our visitors. Well done!

Community Notices:

Baby Sitting Services

Nadine, our ex-Head Girl, is offering babysitting services over the University break. If you are interested in her services, please contact Sally at reception.

Thought for the week:

Week 9:

"Never look down on anybody unless you're helping them up"

Week 10:

"Be grateful that we can laugh and smile, even on the craziest of days"



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