



Dear Parents

With the excitement of the Rugby World Cup providing us with lots of light-hearted frivolity (and the odd nail-biting nervousness), it was back to school last week and right down to exams! Students from Years 6-10 sat Cambridge Exams and Progressives; and our Year 11-13 students were straight into their IGCSE and A Level examinations. I am impressed with their commitment and wish everyone their best possible results. Thank you to staff who have been invigilating, marking internal exams and report-writing. With this term being only seven weeks we are all very busy.

Fireworks with Friends

A huge thanks goes to Chairperson Louise Huett and our fantastic parent group Friends of Springbank for their work in preparing for the big event this Saturday 5th November. This bonfire and fireworks community event will be so much fun, together with food, drink and musical entertainment. See you all there from 6.30pm. The fireworks start at 9pm.

Anyone wishing to assist on the night or run a stall (i.e. baking/ drinks), please contact Louise on 401 7229.



Term 4 Key Dates:

Saturday 5 November
Bonfire and Fireworks Night
(6.30pm, Fireworks at 9pm)

Tuesday 15 November
Springbank School Open
Morning (9am – 12noon)

Tuesday 29 November
Year 11-13 Presentation
Dinner

Thursday 1 December
Gift Giving Assembly for
Foodbank (2.30pm)

Friday 2 December
Year 1-6 Performance and
Presentation, Year 6
Graduation (9am)
Year 7-10 Presentation (1pm)
Reports issued

Monday 5 December
Big Day Out

Tuesday 6 December
Staff- thank you and
farewells assembly (9am)

Wednesday 7 December
School Prizegiving (7pm)
Yearbooks issued

Thursday 8 December
Last day of term

Friday 9 December
Teacher Only Day



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Options Programme:

The Options Programme for Year 7- 10 students is off to a fantastic start. On Friday afternoons for the first four weeks of this term the students have all been able to opt into an activity of their choice. The options include the following:

Cooking with Mrs Warren

Each week the students in this option will focus on a meal of the day, starting last Friday with breakfast. The students made homemade muesli and healthy morning muffins.

They also designed packaging for their muesli which was very enterprising. The students' feedback was all positive. Carl Taylor from Year 7 said, "Before today I knew nothing about cooking and now I can make muesli and muffins. This weekend I am going to make some for my family".



Sailing with The Bay of Islands Sail Training Trust

Scott Alexander has established a trust to give Bay of Islands' youth the opportunity to sail. Our students are the first to be given the opportunity and it has been well supported by a group of local yachting enthusiasts, who were there to help on Friday. As well as Scott, Graeme Jones, John Candy, Jo King and several others manned rescue boats and embedded their knowledge onto our students. Matt Foster said on his return, "It was awesome. We even got to jump off the boats and practise water safety".

Outdoor Education with Mr Warren

This was also a hit. This group went water skiing and jet skiing at Opito Bay. The smiles on the faces of the students on their return was priceless. Chance August from Year 10 said, "It was just epic."

Film Making with Kim Vincent

With help from Christine Jones, the students are enjoying this fantastic opportunity. Kimberly Vincent is a television producer whose Lotto advert just won the Fair Go Ad Awards. Kim has organised South Sea Productions to come to Springbank in a fortnight and bring not only their expertise but cameras and computer equipment to help the students produce and direct their own short clips. Way to go Kim!

Art at Artyfishell with Janet Williams

Mrs Chapman brought back a group of ecstatic young artists who have been given the opportunity to produce Papier-mâché fish and ceramic seahorses. The students were full of smiles and Aimee Larkan said, "It was sooooo much fun".

Other options include Drama with Andrea Druery and Graphic Design with Caroline de Kock.

Life Education Trust

The Life Education Mobile Classroom and teacher Bridget, have been at Springbank last week. Our students in Years 1-5 have enjoyed hands-on sessions, including lessons on healthy eating and nutrition, understanding their nervous system, symptoms of stress and strategies to alleviate it. Years 6-8 students gained greater understanding of the effects of illicit drugs on their minds and bodies and why it is important to always take care of ourselves.

Stage Kids

Mrs Rachel Hardcastle ran a fantastic holiday programme called Stage Kids with almost 40 children learning songs and dances. They presented a costumed, choreographed performance to over 100 delighted family and friends. Thanks Rachel for your enthusiasm and talent. Dance Kidz continues this term as a popular Springbank after-school activity.

Halloween Spirit



- Donna from the Springbank Café getting into the Halloween Spirit!



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Reviving Legends of the Past

Year 8s celebrated the end of their exams and the culmination of their independent research projects for English this year by playing board games they had designed, based on the topic Myths & Legends: The 12 Labours of Hercules.

The assignment itself was created by Springbank students back in the first year of Springbank's existence – Isaac Hikaka and Mike Warren. After finding this during a storage cupboard cleanout, Andrea Druery decided it would be the perfect independent challenge for the Year 8 group. After many months of hard work, the projects were submitted. They were of an exceptionally high standard and included a range of exciting and original board games based on the adventures of Hercules.

The Y8s had fun rotating around the games which provided a very special link between past and present students. It was great for Mike Warren to see his own school project brought to life by the students he now teaches!

Pirate Ship Build Off

For the second year Mrs. Alexander's class have participated in the Certified Builders Building Challenge.

This year they painted and decorated a pirate ship. Last Saturday Isaac Chandler, Andrew Knight, Gaby Hardcastle and Sam Sutcliffe were our proud builders. They constructed the ship using electric screwdrivers and made a great job of getting all the components into the right places. An auction followed and a high bid of \$320 bought their ship. The funds come to the school and the children are currently planning to spend some of this money on outdoor furniture for their deck area. Now that they know a bit more about building, they are looking at constructing some kitset furniture for themselves. Congratulations to these resourceful Year 5 and 6 students.



Kind Regards,

Sophia Warren
Principal

International Students

We have enrolled several international students for 6 months, beginning in Term 1 next year. All of these students are fantastic and really keen to experience our Kiwi culture. We are looking for some caring families to host these students as homestays. Please contact Mike Warren to obtain a student profile or to find out more. We are keen to ensure that these great young adults have a brilliant time and we will provide you with a lot of support to ensure you also enjoy having them. Please feel free to talk to Sally, as she hosted our international student Valentina earlier in the year and would be happy to discuss the experience with you.

Thought for the week:

Week 1:

Plan, practise and perfect!

Week 2:

Honour yourself! Be true to what you believe in. Take time to nourish yourself with a diet of positive self-talk.



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