



Newsletter No.1 | February 13th 2012

Dear Parents

Welcome everyone to the start of our 2012 academic year at Springbank School. A very warm welcome to our new students and parents who have joined our Springbank community. We have 27 new students including several international students from Germany and Korea. Our four new teachers, Anna Climo, Christian Pera, Ben Hilliam and Chris Wallis have already made a positive and energetic impact and we know they will make a significant professional contribution.

Our Headstart programme for 5-6 year olds is almost at its maximum roll. We were delighted to receive the full licence from the Ministry of Education on 31 January and look forward to a fantastic year with teachers Jacqui and Paula. The Headstart surroundings have been enhanced over the holidays including a state-of-the-art playhouse, a raised garden for the children to grow vegetables, giant rocks for climbing and a large concrete area. After its first year, Headstart has received excellent parental feedback regarding the high levels of literacy and numeracy learning, a stimulating programme for the children and exemplary teaching.

Springbank Preschool for 2-5 year olds has started this year with very happy children. Debbie, Christine, Angela and Bridgett are amazing teachers and create an exciting community of learners. The centre will be visited by the Education Review office (ERO) on 28 February.

Springbank School Goal

This year our goal is that **every student** represents Springbank School **in at least one endeavour**. Staff are providing many opportunities for our students to aspire to school representation in sport, cultural activities, academic opportunities and community events. If any parents would like to offer their support and involvement this year, please contact us.

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 28 February:
School Photos

Wednesday 29 February:
School Athletics Day

Springbank School 2012 Focus: Character

Our focus this year encompasses our Learning for Life philosophy and concentrates on building character. We recognize how important it is to develop and practice our personal dispositions, attitudes, values and habits, through stretching ourselves to achieve, working hard and relating well with others.

Our focuses for each term are as follows:

Term 1:	Aspire!
Term 2:	Moral Values
Term 3:	Work Ethic
Term 4:	Pride



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2012 Roles and Responsibilities

We are pleased to announce that Mike and Chris Warren are now directors and part-owners of Springbank School. From this year Mike is Co-Principal with Sophia, and Chris assumes responsibility for finance, business management, marketing and promotion.

As part of the Warren family, Chris and Mike were inaugural students sixteen years ago; and they are passionate about Springbank School. It has been a pivotal part of their lives and they are excited about being part of the school's future growth and development.

The full staff's roles and responsibilities for 2012 are as follows:

Bob Warren	Director
Chris Warren	Finance and Business Management
Sophia Warren	Co-Principal - Leadership, Human Resources, Management and Administration
Mike Warren	Co-Principal, International Student Director, Outdoor Education Director, School IT Administrator

Phil Webb Deputy Principal Senior School

- Administration Years 10-13
- Curriculum Management Years 10-13
- Guidance and Discipline Years 10-13
- Careers and Course Advisor
- HOD Science, AS Chemistry, Years 5,6,9,10 Science
- Class Teacher Year 11
- Year 9 Graphics
- Senior School Camp Facilitator

Michelle Chapman Deputy Principal Middle School

- Administration Years 7-9
- Curriculum Management Years 7-9
- Guidance and Discipline Years 7-9
- Middle School Camp Facilitator
- Class Teacher Year 8
- Social Studies and Enterprise Years 7-9
- IGCSE Enterprise Year 10/11

Lynne Alexander Deputy Principal Junior School

- Administration Years 1-6
- Curriculum Management Years 1-6
- Guidance and Discipline Years 1-6
- Camp Facilitator Year 6
- Class Teacher Year 6
- Art, Music, Drama, Te Reo, ICT, Year 4

Springbank School Scholarship

For those students who achieve Top in New Zealand or Top in The World, Springbank School awards them a half-tuition fees scholarship or full-tuition fees scholarship respectively, for their subsequent year of study at Springbank. Congratulations to Alex, Patrick and now Leah, who benefit from Springbank School's Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

New Development

We have purchased a Ford Transit 12-seater van for Springbank School, which is a welcome resource for class trips, senior students' careers trips to Auckland and the weekly senior Outdoor Education Programme.

Further Data projectors linked to class computers have been purchased, which means every classroom at Springbank now has a data projector for use in teaching and learning.

Parents Get-Together

Thank you to our parent group Friends of Springbank who organized this annual event last Tuesday. It was lovely to meet our new parents and they enjoyed the opportunity to get to know many of our established parents. It was great to have so many attend School Assembly prior to morning tea.



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2012 Springbank School Teaching Staff:

Zoe Botton	French Years 6, 7, 8, 10-12
Anna Climo	Class Teacher Year 5
Caroline de Kock	Class Teacher Year 12 HOD Commerce & ICT ICT AS and A Level Business Studies Years 10-12 AS Economics
Andrea Druery	Class Teacher Year 7 HOD English Years 7, 8, 9, 11 & 12
Bridget Foster	Class Teacher Year 1-3
Jill Hatherly	English & Drama Years 7 and 8 Social Studies Years 1-4 Librarian
John Haydock	Class Teacher Year 13 Science Year 8 Biology AS and A Level Physics AS and A Level Correspondence School Administrator
Ben Hilliam	Class Teacher Year 7 Mathematics Years 7 and 10 ICT Years 7-11
Max Hittle	Class Teacher Year 4 Mathematics Years 4 and 6
Christian Pera	HOD Physical Education Physical Education Years 7-AS Level Sports & Fitness Administrator
Ruth Simpson	Music Years 7 & 8 Itinerant Music Tuition Keyboard, Guitar
Barry Taylor	Science Years 7 and IGCSE
Win Stringer	HOD Art Years 7-12
Chris Wallis	HOD Mathematics Mathematics Years 7-9, IGCSE and AS Level

Ancillary Staff:

Sally Collings	Office Administrator Health & Safety Officer Principal's Nominee
Laila & Stephen Walsh	Cleaners/Caretakers

2012 Headstart Staff:

Paula Kirby	ECE Person Responsible
Jacqui Larkan	Headstart Teacher

2012 Preschool Staff:

Debbie Anderson	ECE Person Responsible
Christine Franklin	ECE Teacher
Angela Warren	ECE Teacher
Bridgett Wilson	Support person and teacher

Rugby News

Last Saturday Callum Wilson was chosen to run the ball onto the field at the Auckland Blues v Wellington Hurricanes game at Whangarei. He was also presented with a signed jersey and ball from All Blacks Luke Braid and Ali Williams.



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2011 Cambridge Examination Results

We are delighted to report that Leah Claus has been awarded Top in New Zealand for A Level German. Congratulations to Leah for an outstanding result. Springbank School is proud to have been awarded Top in New Zealand for the past three years since choosing to move to the highly regarded International Cambridge Examinations. In 2010 Alex Bird was Top in New Zealand for IGCSE ICT and in 2011 Patrick Deely was Top in New Zealand for AS English Language. The students' exams are all independently marked and moderated in England alongside the 9000 schools from 160 countries.

We are very pleased with our students' overall results. Special congratulations to our top performing Springbank students who stand tall against international standards.

A Levels (Years 12 and 13): 75% pass rate

IGCSE (Year 11):
97% pass rate
37% A grades
30% B grades

Secondary 1 Checkpoint (Year 9)

Percentage of students who achieved 6_5 or 6_6 (the two top grades):

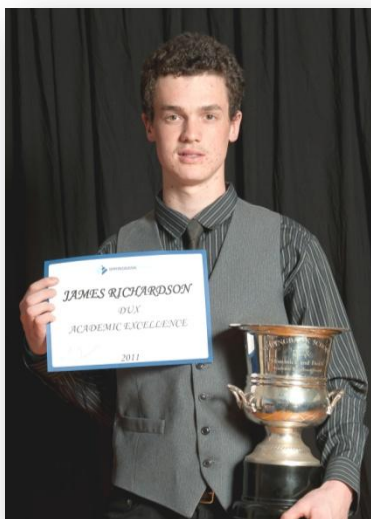
Science	81%
English	51%
Mathematics	19%

CIPP Achievement Test (Year 6)

Percentage of students who achieved 6_5 or 6_6 (the two top grades):

Science	39%
English	21%
Mathematics	31%

Springbank School Top Scholar: A LEVELS



James Richardson

(Biology, Physics, Mathematics and Applied Information and Communication)

James was DUX of Springbank School last year and will be attending the University of Auckland and studying Engineering. Because of James' high Cambridge grades, he has been offered the accelerated course, exempting him from the first year of university study.

Springbank School Top Scholar: IGCSE

Danielle Briggs

(Physical Education, Information and Communication Technology, Business Studies, English Literature, English Language, Co-ordinated Science (double award), Mathematics.

Danielle achieved one A*, six As and a C, in her 8 subjects, which is a fantastic set of results.



Year 9 Secondary 1 Checkpoint Scholars:

Elsa Meier (English)

Megan Bramley and Jack Thurston 1st Equal (Science)

Megan Bramley (Mathematics)

Year 6 Achievement Test Scholars:

Luke Bramley

English	6_5
Mathematics	6_6
Science	6_6

Ruby Hull

English	6_6
Mathematics	6_6
Science	6_5



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Northland Youth Development Trust Enterprise Awards

The awards ceremony for the Northland Youth Development Trust Enterprise Awards was held in Whangarei on the 9th of December 2011 at the Northland Events Centre. Northland schools competed in five categories:

- i) Student-initiated Enterprise Award
- ii) Enterprise Champions
- iii) School-initiated Enterprise Award
- iv) Community or Business-initiated Enterprise Award
- v) Enterprise Award for Teacher Champion 2011

Springbank School received a number of the top awards. Out of the five categories, Springbank received the top award in four:

- Student-Initiated Enterprise Award: Shaken Not Stirred-the building of a Play House for earthquake damaged Mt Pleasant School in Christchurch. The students involved were **Chance August, Matt Taylor, Cambell Matthews, Bliss Ball and Craig Walker.**
- Enterprise Champion Year 11 student: **Bliss Ball**
- Community or Business-Initiated Enterprise Award: **Friends of Springbank's Fireworks Night**
- Enterprise Award for Teacher Champion 2011: **Michelle Chapman**

It is with great excitement that we accept these awards and it is rewarding to be recognized for the hard work and commitment that staff, students, parents, and the Springbank Community put into Enterprise Education, Enterprise Teacher Michelle Chapman reports.



Springbank students built a Play House for earthquake damaged Mt Pleasant School in Christchurch and received the top Student-Initiated Enterprise Award.

Visiting the School

We welcome your active interest in your child's education. If you would like to talk with staff, feel free to keep in touch informally before or after school. If you would like to talk about your child's progress and achievement, please contact the class teacher either by email or phone to arrange a time to suit you both. All parents coming into the school during class time must check in with the office first. Please do not disturb class teachers who are focused on teaching their students.

Attendance

Please remember to ensure that your child is at school on time. School begins at 8.35am each morning and we expect all students to be at school before this time.

Student Absences

The way in which we record student absences has changed. If your child is absent for any reason, please phone Sally at Reception to inform her of the reason why. If we are unaware of the reason for the absence, we are obliged to record the student as truant.

Contact details

If your address, phone numbers or email have changed, please let Sally at Reception know.



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School Camps

Middle School students had a great time at the MERC Centre in Auckland being instructed in a variety of water sports, archery, rock-climbing and abseiling. The Senior School students thrived in the outdoors environment on Urupukapuka Island, completing several challenges including Taniwha's Tunnel and the Cape Brett Walk.

Last week Years 4 and 5 went to Cooper's Beach. Headstart and Years 1-3 children stayed overnight also. The Year 6 class goes to Tutukaka in Week 5. Thank you to all of our parents who are so actively supportive and a big thanks to the staff who put in so much in-depth planning and take on the responsibility for each camp. Our students gain so much from the social interaction, school spirit and the outdoor challenges. Teachers are fortunate to see them in action outside of the classroom where many of them show determination, initiative, and an amazing thoughtfulness towards others.

We wish all of our students a successful year. Set your goals, take action and enjoy your personal achievements. Remember that the best results come from genuine commitment, persistence, energy and enthusiasm. Be your best.

Kind Regards,

Sophia & Mike Warren
Co-Principal s

Springbank Cafe

Donna MacCarthy (one of our parents) and her Mum, Liz, do a fantastic job providing our students with fresh, healthy food at their cafe. They also have great takeaway coffee for parents so feel free to come and visit before or after school.

Community Notices:

Hockey Open Grade Development Nights

Year 9 – adult

Lindvart Part Kaikohe.

Starting 24 Feb 4-6pm for 5 weeks

Need mouthguard and sports shoes.

Thought for the week:

Week 1:

I am ... what I think, what I say and what I do.

Week 2

All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them. - Walt Disney

Week 3

Some of the world's greatest feats were accomplished by people who were not smart enough to know they were impossible – Doug Larson



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