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Dear Parents

Our school-wide focus this year is Character. In Term 1 we all focused on Aspire! Students set goals, aspiring to represent Springbank School in at least one endeavour. This term the focus is Moral Values. We are encouraging students to think about morals like honesty, respect, caring and compassion and how much they personally value these. This term is all about us practicing these character traits on a regular basis to show how much we actually do value them.

Northland Interschool Athletics

Congratulations to these fine athletes who gained top places in the Northland Secondary Schools Athletics Champs:

Name	Age Group	Event	Result
Megan Bramley	Girls U14	Triple Jump	2 nd Place (8.9m)
Irina Zudina	Girls U14	High Jump	1 st Place (1.35m)
Hannah Jull	Girls U16	Long Jump	1 st Place (4.86m)
Hannah Jull	Girls U16	Triple Jump	2 nd Place (9.36m)
Abigail Foster	Girls U16	Discus	4 th Place (19.11m)
Leah Claus	Girls U19	100m	2 nd Place (13.5 sec)

The Green Police

(By Jack Hittle Year 4)

The Green Police is a group of kids and teachers who make sure that the school keeps clean. We are starting to do the recycling of paper, plastic and cans. Every Friday we pick up the paper for recycling. We also pick up rubbish. We are split into teams and every lunch time we pick up rubbish around the school.



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Agrikids and TeenAG Competition

Seven teams from Springbank School entered the Agrikids and TeenAg Competitions, held in Waipu recently. These competitions are the younger version of The National Young Farmers competition. Agrikids is for teams of three, Year 7-8 students and TeenAg is for teams of two aged 14yrs to 18yrs.

The students competed in a variety of events including fixing a chainsaw, naming dairy cow breeds, demonstrating basic first aid procedures, erecting an electric fence, assembling a drench gun, establishing the order of a veggie garden, fixing a motorbike, wiring a gate with number 8, answering general knowledge questions and identifying sheep diseases.

Each team competed in the preliminaries and from the original seven Springbank teams out of the approximately 48 teams, four teams made it into the finals.

From this we are proud to announce that Springbank School placed First with the TeenAg team of James Quinn and Cambell Matthews and Second Place with the TeenAg team of Logan Alexander and Paddy McCarty-Plant. These two teams are now invited to compete in the Nationals being held at the end of May in Dunedin.

In the meantime we will need to find sponsorship in order for the teams to get to, and be accommodated in Dunedin. If any business would like to be a sponsor and have naming rights for either of these two teams please contact the school office, or the organizer Michelle Chapman (michelle.chapman@springbank.school.nz).



James Quinn and Cambell Matthews on their way to winning First Place

Maggi Cookoff Competition

We are delighted that our Springbank team of Aimee Larkan, Phoebe Huett, Gabriella Hardcastle and Alastair Garland have made it to the regional final in Auckland in May.

Able tutored by Ake Ake chef Chris Owen, the group will be well-prepared for this cook-off with their dish, Pan-Roast Portuguese Lamb Rump with Char-Grilled Vegetable Parcels, Herb Gnocchi, Garden Mint and Redcurrant Gravy.



Young Enterprise Scheme

We have two student businesses this year and they are well-underway with designing business cards, radio ads and writing up business plans. We are delighted that both teams have made the final six (out of 35 Northland teams) for their business card design competition. The winner will be announced mid-year.



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Inter-School Swimming Sports 8-12 years

This event was attended by nineteen super enthusiastic Springbank swimmers. They contested placings in 25metre races swimming freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke in their respective age groups. The following placings were awarded to:

Name	Freestyle	Backstroke	Breaststroke
Kendra Scott (12 yrs)	1 st	1 st	1 st
Ruby Hull (11 yrs)	1 st	1 st	1 st
Troy Vujcich (11 yrs)	2 nd	2 nd	1 st
Zach Kingsford (10 yrs)	3 rd	3 rd	1 st
Acima Mabidkama (9 yrs)	1 st		
Emma Hannan (8 yrs)			1 st
Nathalie Hull (8 yrs)	1 st	2 nd	3 rd

Our thanks go to team manager Michelle Hull who facilitated three after-school training sessions, where she really brought the students up to date with the latest techniques for stretching, starting, endurance and speed. This was only possible because David and Deanne Hannan generously allowed the team to use their 25m pool. This kind of support is greatly appreciated by all parents and myself. It allows students to focus on producing their best competitive performance.

On the day, support from parents was outstanding, some taking timing roles and others marshalling and motivating swimmers. Lynne Alexander was kept busy writing out placing certificates but also got to enjoy watching our talented young swimmers.



Red Puppy Appeal

Springbank Junior School entered The Royal New Zealand Foundation for the Blind's Red Puppy Appeal fundraiser with gusto, making puppy shaped bikkies for humans and pooches, raising more than \$90 for this great cause.

Students also enjoyed a visit from student guide dog Ushka and learned about the training process. Puppy walkers socialize dogs before several months of formal training at between 12 and 14months old. The foundation aims to breed more than 100 puppies a year. Each one costs more than \$22,500 to breed, raise, train and match to a blind person.

The students were informed about the programme by dog coordinator Pauline Dorker and trainer Melissa Andrews.

Pictured below: Melissa Andrews, Sam Sutcliffe, Eva Sfakakis, Sam Harrell and Ted Houry.



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Cape Brett Challenge

Towards the end of Term 1, the Outdoor Adventure class undertook their arduous Cape Brett Challenge. The nine Outdoor Adventure students along with Bob Warren, Mike Warren and Ben Hilliam began their journey after school on Friday. We travelled by boat to Urupukapuka Island, where we pitched our tents, cooked dinner and spent the night. Everyone was up before sunrise on Saturday morning to get packed and ready for their challenge. The class was split into two groups and the race was on. 2011's group set a competitive time of 8hrs 30mins and they wanted to smash that!

The students began by clambering over rocks for 400 metres to the far point of Urupukapuka Bay. From there they had to swim 800 metres across the channel to the mainland. This wasn't an easy feat, as it was a requirement that each group swim with all of their gear in dry bags, including food, water and dry clothes for the tramp. Once across, they climbed over another 400 metres of rocks to get to Rawhiti. From Rawhiti they began their demanding 17 kilometre expedition over very steep terrain. Although incredibly challenging for some, each group worked well as a team and they made it to Cape Brett in the end!

All students enjoyed the second night at the Cape Brett Hut, where they relaxed with games and dinner, which comprised mainly of chocolate chip pancakes! The meals end up being quite interesting when the students are in charge of menu planning and cooking.

The winning group posted a brilliant time of 7hrs 15mins, smashing last year's time by over an hour. Well done to the group's members: James Quinn (C), Leah Claus, Elias Deuschle, Luca Stier & Felicitas Zoll.



Aspire Scholarships for 2013 Year 9 Students

The government is offering 50 Aspire Scholarships for 2013 Year 9 students. If you (or someone you know) have a household income of less than \$56K p.a. you can apply for a full scholarship with all tuition fees paid, for your child to attend Springbank School for up to five years. We currently have two students who were successful in the national allocation of scholarships and it has been fantastic for them and their families. Please encourage all those eligible to apply. Applications must be submitted by 11 May 2012. Contact Co-Principal Mike Warren for further information: Mike.warren@springbank.school.nz

Student Participation

Our students enjoyed participating in a wide range of activities and challenges last term, including:

- Northland Lit Quiz
- World of Maths
- Junior Maths Competition
- Dance Kidz
- Cape Brett Challenge
- \$2 Challenge
- Multi-Sport

This term Springbank students are starting winter sports, with teams playing hockey, netball and soccer. All of our students are beginning cross-country training ready for the big day on Thursday 17 May.

School Production

We are looking for a large old rug or old piece of carpeting of approximately 6/7m x 3/4m for our stage – either as a donation, or on loan. Please leave contact details with Sally or email andrea.drury@springbank.school.nz if you can help.

Community Fundraising

The entire Springbank community got behind the New Zealand Leukaemia Foundation's Shave for a Cure raising nearly \$6,000.00. Fantastic! Several parents, staff and students had their heads shaved (or in one male teacher's case, had his legs waxed). Thank you everyone for your huge generosity.

(Photos on following page)..



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Springbank Prefects

Congratulations to Jessica Cadenhead who became a Springbank School Prefect at the start of this term. Jessica has worked hard to establish our family Multi-Sport Club this year and is showing exemplary leadership.



Shave For a Cure Photos:



Well done to all our “shavees”!

Kind Regards,

Sophia & Mike Warren
Co-Principals

Notices from Friends of Springbank:

- Anyone wishing to advertise on the newsletter and support Friends, please contact Louise Huett – 401 7229
- Friends are about to sew a new stage curtain and they need sewers and machines to help (contact Louse)
- School Cross Country 17 May – donation of fruit and baking would be appreciated and if you are able to help with the sausage sizzle (contact Louise)

Memorable Quotes:

“I’ve failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.”

Michael Jordan, NBA Athlete.

“A man is but the product of his thoughts. What he thinks he becomes.”

Mahatma Ghandi

“Never, never, never give up.”

Winston Churchill

“Be who you want to be, not what others want you to be – be proud to be unique.”

Jade Parata (Head Girl 2012)



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