



**Newsletter No.4 | May 2012**

## Dear Parents

### Staff News

#### Independent Schools of NZ (ISNZ) Research Grant

Congratulations to John Haydock who is the recipient of a prestigious \$3500 grant from the Heads of Independent Schools Scholarship Trust. John submitted a research proposal for the development of an on-line peer-assisted learning (PAL) programme. Initially he will trial an 'equal status' group of Year 12 students at Springbank School, then extend this to several schools in New Zealand and overseas (initially Germany and the UK). There is further potential to develop a non-equal status PAL programme, where the senior students act as mentors/facilitators for groups of younger students, applied across different subjects and courses. John will present his research report at the ISNZ Conference next year.



#### Toastmasters

Congratulations to Lynne Alexander who was recently awarded her Toastmasters Competent Communicator and Competent Leader awards.

### Anzac Day

Springbank School prefects attended the Kerikeri Dawn Service and the 10am Service with Kane Noordman, Jade Parata, Danielle Briggs and Abigail Foster reading special commemorative poems.

## Dates for the Diary:

**Tuesday 5 June**  
*Grandparents Day and Junior Interschol Cross Country*

**Tuesday 12 June**  
*Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews*

**Saturday 16 June**  
*Springbank School Ball at the Aeroclub, Kerikeri.*

**Friday 22 June**  
*Last day of Term 2*

### Multi-Sport

Springbank families have been enjoying the great variety of outdoor venues and camaraderie, walking, running or cycling around the Bay of Islands. Senior student Jessica Cadenhead, helped by Charlotte Owen have organized the activities each week and have even designed a great Multi-Sport logo for their new t-shirts. So far they have trekked the Rainbow Falls Track, Opito Bay, Haruru Falls to Waitangi, Puketi Forest and the Okaihau to Kaikohe Rail Trail.



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## Equestrian

Georgia Sheard, Olivia Matthews, Eloise Hirst-Thynne and Megan Bramley competed in the Northland Secondary Schools Showjumping Champs. Olivia Matthews excelled in the individual showjumping event and was placed first overall.



## \$2 Challenge 2012

This year Abi Foster, Danielle Briggs and George Anson had the privilege of organising and judging the \$2 Challenge for 2012. Our students rose to the challenge of turning a specified list (some or all) of recyclable items into an item worth at least \$2.00. The creativity was incredible, with an outstanding number of entries.

Choosing our winners this year was very difficult, however with some help from Ms de Kock and Mr Wallis, they managed to decide on the following winners:

First Place:     **Lotta Sophia Biederman** - Year 6 (Giant Book)  
Second Place:   **Yuong Chaiyaklang** - Year 9 (Recycled Painting)  
Third Place:     **Billy Robb** - Year 8 (Gumboot Covers)

Alongside these winners they also chose to award two 'special' prizes. These went to Katie-Lee Riddle in Year 9 who created a kite out of natural materials and Cole Bulkeley from Headstart for creating a Secret Watties Tomato Sauce Can.

Many thanks to the National Bank and Manager Graeme Heapy who provided \$100 in prizes for the winners. The \$2 Challenge encourages an enterprising attitude and engages students to be innovative, resourceful, creative, collaborative and self-motivated in adding value. Some items were put up for auction, with \$50.00 being raised for the Leukaemia Foundation.

## Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship

Congratulations to Springbank School's 2010 DUX Samantha Felton who has been awarded the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship, which is the University of Waikato's most prestigious scholarship.

It provides support for students to achieve a high academic standard in a programme of study at the University of Waikato, excellence in a sporting code or the creative or performing arts, and to develop leadership qualities through a tailored leadership and personal development programme.

Samantha Felton is the 2012 recipient of this scholarship, for her equestrian excellence. Samantha is in her second year of a Bachelor of Management Studies (BMS) Degree".



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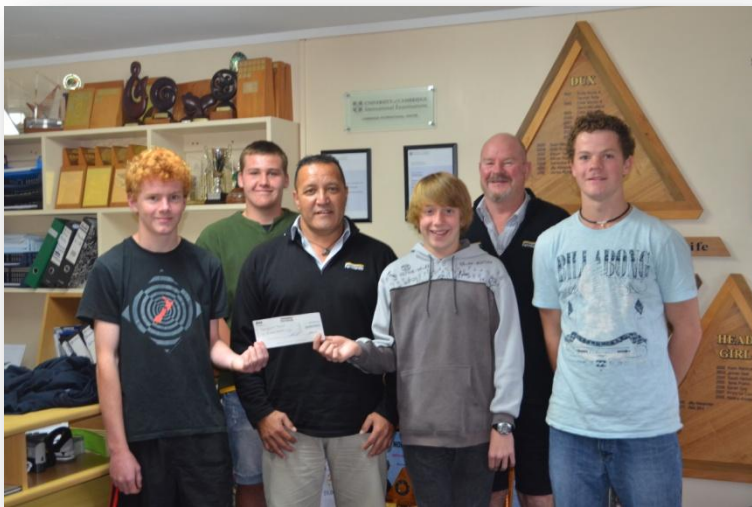
## Agrikids and TeenAg Competition

James Quinn, Cambell Matthews, Logan Alexander and Paddy McCarty-Plant competed in the New Zealand Grand Final of the TeenAg Young Farmer of the Year Contest in Dunedin recently. We would like to acknowledge the generous donation of \$500 from the Bay of Islands Rotary Club, \$1,000 from Farmlands, \$500 from Balance and further donations from Copthorne Hotels, Friends of Springbank, Oheaewai Butchery and the Warren family to help the teams with travel and accommodation costs.

The boys represented Springbank School and the whole of Northland at the event. 24 teams competed in activities such as farming theory, general knowledge, orienteering, farm budgeting, first aid, construction of a beehive and cracking the whip (although this was cancelled due to the number of injuries!)

Unfortunately they didn't manage to place due to the extremely competitive South Island Farming community, but they gave it their all and should be proud of their achievements.

With time on their hands they also had a tour of Dunedin, visited Larnach Castle, the Cadbury Factory, had a tour of local farms and factories and competed in a farming quiz night at the Lone Star Restaurant. They also attended the live filming of the National Young Farmer Awards and joined in the excitement.



**Photo:** Farmlands Northland Account Manager Ron Walters and Local Farmlands Manager, Mike Elliott, together with the TeenAg contestants.

## Ugly Shakespeare

A drama troupe from the University of Waikato performed their rendition of Hamlet to an appreciative audience of Year 7-13 students.

## Springbank Scholar Rebate Reminder

We would like to remind families that the Springbank Scholar Rebate comes into effect in Term 4 this year.

This is an annual refund on tuition fees for those students and families who have been with Springbank School for many years.

Each year the rebate is credited to Term 4 fees and is currently set at \$250 for students who have been enrolled at Springbank for over 3 years, and \$500 for those students who have been enrolled for over 6 years.

## Headstart Parent Afternoon

Pictured below are Ellamae and her Mum at the recent Headstart Parent Afternoon. Children have the opportunity each term to show their parents everything they have learned. They are very proud to share their achievements.



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## The ANZ \$5 Challenge

In a slightly different approach, students are challenged to start with \$5.00 and in two weeks, to turn this amount into as much money as possible. This year we have been overwhelmed again by the positive participation and the innovative ideas of a range of budding entrepreneurs.

Successful ideas have included a range of cooking ventures, the selling of pinecones, possum fur, horse brow bands, spinning tops, plants, bracelets, magnetic bookmarks, soaps, lavender sachets as well as several cars being transformed with carwashes.

The Winners for 2012 were:

**Kirsten, Matthew and Melissa Foster** (Coke Bottle Treasure Cases)

Other finalists were:

- Ruby Hull, Connie Sainsbury and Sharnise Candy (Chrysalis and swan plant sales)
- Lotta Sophia and Johanna Biedermann (Hand painted cups)
- Balthasar and Kara Biedermann (Lamps)
- Aimee Larkan and Sarah Hewitt (OP Shop Trade Me Auctions)

Thank you to all participants. Students gained some useful information about running a small business and realizing that with effort comes reward.

## Project Island Song

Pictured below is the Chairperson of Guardians of the Bay of Islands, receiving a cheque for \$406.70 from Springbank School students, Hannah Jull and Alex Horsman. This is for Project Island Song, which is a DOC project to eradicate rats and stoats from our local islands.



## Maggi Cookoff Regional Final

Springbank School's team of Aimee Larkan, Phoebe Huett, Gabrielle Hardcastle and Alastair Garland competed in the regional final in Auckland recently.

The Maggi team were like a well-oiled machine under the guidance of Chris Owen from Ake Ake Restaurant, when they attended the Upper North Island Regional Finals at Papakura High School last Thursday. They cooked up a storm with a complex dish of Pan-Roast Portugese Lamb Rump with Char-Grilled Vegetable Parcels, Herb Gnocchi, Garden Mint & Redcurrant Gravy which showed off their well-rehearsed culinary skills. The judges were impressed and made comments like, "What can I say? Springbank School Wow - Perfection!" and "We have never seen such talent among children so young. They were streets above the other teams". We hope all their hard work pays off.

The television screening of the Erin Simpson Show on June 15th will announce the three finalist teams, one from each region (Upper North Island, Lower North Island and South Island).

## UNICEF

Through our participation in the World Education Games 2012, we have been able to donate \$187.00 to UNICEF's School in a Box kits.



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## High Performance Programme

A core group of talented sportspeople have been selected to train in an athletics development squad. They will be focusing on building core strength and agility this term and are the first group in the fledgling Springbank High Performance Programme. Congratulations to:

- Oliver Sparksman-Weber
- Titouan Lamouric
- Alex Dawson
- Jack Thurston
- Sarah Kingsford
- Megan Bramley
- Jarrod Bennett

## Friends of Springbank Report

So far 2012 has been as busy as usual for Friends, and will no doubt continue to be so! The Easter Disco at the end of last term was a huge success, and much fun was had by all who joined in. Thank you once again to our brilliant DJ Rob Harrell.

We have recently been spending our hard earned dollars and have an impressive list of purchases to show for it:

- A vaulting horse and springboard
- Orienteering clippers
- Equestrian Team uniforms
- Netball uniforms and hockey goalkeeping gear
- Board games
- Camera tripod
- I-Pod & DVD docking station
- Two basketball stands
- Stage curtains and track

We have also made donations to the Senior School Ball, the Multi Sport T-shirts, and to the TeenAg team for their trip to Dunedin. In the pipeline we have plans for two giant chess/draughts boards to be painted on the concrete outside the gym, along with a large storage box in which to house the pieces. We also aim to get a veggie garden up and running soon.

We are also planning a fun Quiz Night. This is to be held in August, at Ake Ake Restaurant. So get a team together and start updating your knowledge of trivia!

The Bonfire/Fireworks Night is already in the early stages of planning, so if you have any ideas, or wish to be involved, please contact me. This is now our major fundraiser and we need a lot of heads, hands and legs to get it up and running.

Thank you for all your support.

**Louise Huett** (Phone 09 401 7229 or 021 1176984)

## Preschool Farm Walks

Pictured below are children from Springbank Preschool on one of their weekly farm walks, exploring Springbank School's 14 hectares and enjoying the challenge of the outdoors.



## Community

Many thanks to local business and farming families who have nominated Springbank School to receive a donation each time Northfuels delivers them bulk fuel. In the last quarter \$299.40 has been donated to the school. This has been put towards an overhead projector for Room 12. If anyone would like to nominate Springbank School for the Fuel for Schools programme, please visit [www.northfuels.co.nz](http://www.northfuels.co.nz)

## Headstart Camera

Also many thanks to Heather Windsor and Ric McCready who have donated a time lapse nature camera to Headstart. The children are hoping to film their Monarch butterflies hatching.



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## Student Report: My Trip to the Poor Knights Islands



The Poor Knights were awesome! It started off with Samara coming into class and telling us that there was a lucky draw for one of us to go to the Poor Knights. I was so excited and the next thing I knew I won! Samara said it was on Wednesday, and I knew straight away I was going to be skipping school!

Finally it was Wednesday and we were on our way. We woke up at 6.00am and we set off early. On our way I could not sleep one bit! When we got there we had some hot food and some really hot drinks. We got on the boat and cruised out to the

front of the Poor Knights Islands. We saw Rikoriko Cave. We started our snorkel at the front of the island. Then we went and snorkelled in Rikoriko Cave. We saw a big whale bone because the underwater photographer shone his powerful light onto it. There were lots of large snapper cruising by, blue mao mao, a shark hidden on the sandy bottom plus many more fish varieties. My Mum had a fabulous time snorkelling with me. I want to thank EMR for sponsoring my trip. I will continue to help with ocean conservation. - **Harrison Irwin**

## Student Report: Puppet School

Room 6 went to Puppet School to see all the puppets for the Seaweed movie that we are filming. It was amazing; Kylie Penn showed us all her puppets and let us play with them. We also got to see the scenery she was offering us. Our favourite puppets were the sea horse, the hermit crab and the snapper. The movie will be based on the story of The Very Hungry Kina. It will appear on the Seaweed website. We have three days to shoot and edit the whole movie! - **Acima Mabidikama**



## Art Club

The club is held weekly for students in Years 3, 4 and 5. It takes place in the Art Room (Room 14) on Wednesdays from 3pm to 4pm and involves drawing, painting and model design and creation. It allows the children to end their day with some creativity. Some of the projects that we have completed include making papier mache eggs and painting them, as well as designing and painting masks – some animals and some from the children's imagination. New members are always welcome to join in the creative fun on Wednesdays.



Kind Regards,

**Sophia & Mike Warren**  
Co-Principals

## Memorable Quotes:

***“About morals, I know only that what is moral is what you feel good after, and what is immoral is what you feel bad after.”***

- Ernest Hemingway, Author.

***“Chance favours the prepared mind.”***

- Louis Pasteur.

***“Nothing is impossible. The word itself says “I’m possible”!”***

- Audrey Hepburn.

***What I do today is important, because I am exchanging a day of my life for it.***

***“Values are like fingerprints. Nobody’s are the same, but you leave them all over everything you do.”***

- Elvis Presley



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