



Newsletter No.6 | July 2012

### **Dear Parents**

Congratulations to the amazing and talented cast of Harry Potter and the Obnoxious Voice. Their dramatic performance was so entertaining and full of energy and humour. Special thanks to our passionate English and Drama teacher, Andrea Druery for her vision and hard work and for giving our students this opportunity to shine. Thanks to the many parents behind the scenes. The Friends of Springbank purchased and put up the stage curtains which looked fantastic. Thank you to the staff and students who have supported the production including backstage, props, lighting and sound. Such events are a real team effort and truly show our huge school spirit.

### **Rachael Becomes Latest Star of Shortland Street!**

On the back of another great School Production, it is a timely reminder to some of our passionate drama students that the sky is the limit. Many of us have fond memories of ex-Springbank student Rachael Blampied as a keen singing and drama student in Springbank's early years. After she finished school, Rachael followed her passion and has held a number of acting roles. She is now most recognised as *Bree Hamilton*, a regular cast member of *Shortland Street*. Congratulations Rachael we are very proud of you!



More on Rachael's television role can be found on the following links:

<http://tvnz.co.nz/shortland-street-cast/rachael-blampied-4748195>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bree\\_Hamilton](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bree_Hamilton)

### **SPRINGBANK OPEN DAY: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

This coming Monday is your opportunity to spend a little time in your child's class or to see the rest of Springbank in action.

Come along to Assembly at 8.35am and enjoy our positive weekly acknowledgement of student success. We are open until 12noon for visitors, including prospective families interested in Preschool, Headstart and School. Co-Principals Sophia and Mike Warren will be available all morning and will be happy to chat over a coffee at the Springbank Café at 10.30am. Tell us what you like or what you would like to see happening.

### **Otago Junior Mathematics Competition**

Congratulations to Taiyo Serge for being in the Top 100 throughout New Zealand for this competition.

Highly commended were Holly Sutcliffe, Jack Thurston and Emily Derrick. These students will be able to trial for the international Olympiad Competition.



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## Preschool Sponsors Puketi Forest

Last week a Puketi Forest Trust representative came to Preschool to talk to the children and show them the traps used to catch stoats, rats and possums. Springbank Preschool has become a sponsor of the Puketi Forest, by sponsoring a hectare of pest control. Our yearly donation and support will help pay for on-the-ground pest control required to maintain this precious Northland habitat for the Kiwi and other wildlife. The children are saving their egg cartons with lids for the pest control team.

### Preschooler Riley Cooper Age 4:

"Today we had an old lady come into preschool from the Puketi Forest Trust. She spoke to us about rat, mice and stoat traps and she showed them to us. The stoat trap was pretty big. They put eggs wrapped with peanut butter around it into the trap. They also use chocolate as rats, mice and stoats like chocolate almost as much as I do. Mice are a lot smaller than stoats. Stoats are like a fluffy sausage with a tail. They like going underground. Stoats eat the tree branches as well. This stops the birds building their nests there.

They catch stoats, mice and rats to stop them from killing the kiwi and other birds. They have dogs in the forest as well, they catch them with chocolate too, then they put them on a lead and walk them home. The lady also played us some bird calls. Male and female kiwi sound different. Kokako have a special song.

They want preschool to go for a visit to the Puketi Forest. They may show us a birds nest and an egg. We will have to take our camera."



## Springbank Parent Open Forum

We invite Springbank parents to our first ever Open Forum to be held on **Monday 13 August** from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. It would be great to have every Springbank family represented! The purpose is an open discussion: How can we make the educational experience for students at Springbank even better? This is your opportunity as parents to contribute in a positive way your ideas within a solutions-focused forum. Of course we would also like feedback on what you think we are currently doing well and what you would like us to keep doing.

## Business Seminar

The Springbank School Business Seminar was held on the last Friday of term and was a huge success. Year 10-13 students were presented information on a variety of business topics. Speakers ably provided learning contexts so that each student was able to gain valuable insights into being successful in whatever future field or life choices they made. Student feedback included:

"The inspirational role models have hugely contributed to my knowledge." - Pamela Makene-Dodd

"It inspired me to not give up on my dreams." - Cheyanne Donnelly

"Hearing how people's dreams become reality, all because they believed." - Danielle Briggs

"Being inspired to follow my dreams, ignore discouragement and believe."

- Jade Parata



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## Friends of Springbank Update

A few dates to put into your diaries of our coming events:

- **Quiz Night** is booked for Friday August 31st at Ake Ake Restaurant. Cost will be \$20 per person including supper. Teams of four needed. This will be a fun-filled night, so start revising! Tickets will be available shortly.
- Friends will be doing the catering for the **Young Leaders Day** on 14th September at the Turner Centre, so any help on the day would be appreciated.
- Saturday November 3rd will be the **Fireworks/Bonfire Community Extravaganza**. It seems a long way off, but we have to start planning it now, so any volunteers out there, or if you would like to run a stall or have any ideas on how we could make it even more amazing, please contact Louise Huett 4017229 0211176984

## Mini X-Games Skiing

In this photo Alistair Garland is Number 147, in the gates for the final of the North Island Mini X-Games Skier Cross (Boys Aged 10-13). He won his four heats and also won the final after a powerful finish, coming back from being in 4th position half way down the course. Congratulations Alistair on a fantastic win at Mt Ruapehu!

Alistair and Phoebe Garland will be representing Springbank School at the North Island Primary School Championships (up to Year 8) in late August at Ruapehu.



## Business Seminar Presenters

A big thank you to all the presenters for our Business Seminar last week:

**Neil Brazier**, The Pear Tree Restaurant (Marketing and Customer Service)

**Steven de Ruiter**, REAL Property (Factors affecting retail location/Commercial leasing)

**Jon O'Neill**, Bakery Manager, New World Kerikeri (Stock and Quality Control)

**Kathy Peterson**, Peterson Sawmills (Experiences of establishing a business in NZ)

**Seema Sharma**, Sharma Foundation, UK (Experience of being a "Secret Millionaire" and then establishing a Foundation)

**Calvin Green**, Northland Business Development Trust (Exporting, Export Training through Biz North and International Business)

**Waimarie Reihana**, Far North District Council (Human Resources – CV Writing, Interviewing and Recruitment Process)

**Jilly Alexander**, Past Springbank student (How to prepare for University and Study Skills)

**Hamish Sheard**, Pacific Motor Group (The Importance of Dreaming)

Gifts for the speakers were kindly donated by Scenic Circle in Paihia and a door prize of a trip in the Bay of Islands from Explore NZ was won by Danielle Briggs.



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## Science Fair Results

Here are the results of Springbank School Science Fair. There were a wide range of Science topics reflecting some great scientific inquiry. Congratulations to all award-winners, especially those chosen to represent Springbank at the Far North Science and Technology Fair.

C = Commended;

M = Merit

E = Excellence (nominations for Regional Fair)

### Year 6

Student(s)	Project Title	Results
Blake Vujcich & Devyn Fraser-Sinel	Fishing Rod Holder for a Surfcaster	M
Isaac Chandler	Rocket Science	M
Solomon Angus	Buddle Challenge	C
Sam Sutcliffe	Fantastic Flyers	E
Acima Mabidikama and Mya Napier	Rats, Rats, Rats	C

### Year 7

Student(s)	Project Title	Results
Sharnise Candy & Phoebe Huett	Brown Kiwi	M
Gabriella Hardcastle	Save the Bay	M
Zach Kingsford	Lie Meter	E
Te Aroha Whareaitu and Caleb Gadsby	What Will Happen with Different Ingredients with Baking Soda and Vinegar	C
Luke Bramley	Bubbly Beer	C
Andrew Knight	Sliding Away	E
Jacob Hannan/Troy Vujcich/Josh Henwood	The Perfect Brew	M
Chloe Whitehead and Tosca Pasquale	Stain, Stain Go Away	C
Michael Horsman and Jake Dawson	Crazy Crystals	E

### Year 8

Student(s)	Project Title	Results
Sara Finch	Pressure on You!	E
Lauren Harrell	Slow the Flow to Grow	E
Aimee Larkan	Beating the Bounce	E
Aleisha Whitehead	Break and Dye	C
Sophie Piesse	Candle Gleam and Glow	E
Jamie Angus	How Clean is your Kitchen?	M
Matthew Foster	Colour the Money	M
Taran Kern	Wacky WIFI	M
Billy Robb	Shower Power	M
Leo Stretton-Pow	Clip Colour	C
Sarah Hewitt	Evidence	C

## 2013 International Cambridge Curriculum

Next Monday we are issuing our senior students and new 2013 students with the Cambridge Senior Course Guide. Please spend time reviewing the choices with your children and help plan out their likely subject progression from Year 10 to Year 13.

We are happy to host a **Cambridge Curriculum evening** next Thursday, 2 August from 7pm to 8pm, if there is sufficient interest. Parents and students from any class level, including Middle School, are welcome to come and listen to a short, informative explanation of the International Cambridge Curriculum following by the opportunity to talk to individual staff about their subject courses and ask any questions.

Please register your interest with Sally at [reception@springbank.school.nz](mailto:reception@springbank.school.nz) by Wednesday morning and she will email you back, letting you know if the evening will go ahead.

This is a great opportunity for all parents to look ahead to Senior School years and to be fully informed.

All 2013 Subject Choice Forms are due back to DP Phil Webb by Thursday 31 August.



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## Science Fair Results (Continued)

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### Year 9

Student(s)	Project Title	Results
Georgia Sheard	Monarch Madness	M
Kimberley Knight	Tone It Down	E
Charlotte Stanley-Scott	The Effect of Caffeine on Plant Growth	C
Jarrold Bennett and Taiyo Serge	Music 4 the Mind	C
Maddi Moa and Nikki Chapman	Twice the Taste-Double the Fun	E
Timothy Richardson	Ready, Set, Runoff	E
Yuong Chaiyaklang	The Roundup Mythbuster	C
Leah Stewart	Natural Water Filters	C
Emily Derrick	OK to OJ?	M
Anita Pasquale	What Colour?	M
Holly Sutcliffe	The Makeup of Milk	E

### Year 10

Student(s)	Project Title	Results
Sarah Kingsford and Elsa Meier	Is Seeing Believing?	M
Pamela Makene-Dodd and Isabella Francis	Recalling	C
Balthasar Biedermann and Kirsten Foster	The Power of the Cell	E
Logan Alexander	Ruddercal	M
Keegan Jones	Home remedies of Killing Pet Fleas	M
Mathew Carr and Max Cadenhead	Is Gaming that Bad	C
Jack Thurston	Paper Pull	C
Bailey Ulrich-Short and Alex Dawson	Instant Freeze	C
Olivia Matthews	Equine Biomechanics	E
Megan Bramley	Reflect on This	E

## Science Expo

### (Year 11 students Melissa Chapman and Alex Horsman)

On Wednesday 11-13 July, we attended the Rotary Science Extravaganza held at Northtec in Whangarei. It was a great opportunity, because we got the chance to do experiments that we wouldn't otherwise have been able to, such as reacting potassium with water causing it to burst into flames. Another interesting aspect of the experience was the DNA extraction, where we used cheek cells, Powerade and a centrifuge to isolate particles of our DNA. Our favourite part of the three days was when we experimented with dry ice, creating different reactions such as fog, foam and instant freezing. This included making instant ice-cream. Overall, we had an unforgettable experience, meeting new people from all over Northland, extending our comfort zone, and trying new things. We would like to thank Waipapa Rotary Club for their sponsorship. It has helped us to consider the option of Science as a possible future career.

## Chinese and Mandarin Classes

Zhixian Zhang, who currently tutors a small group of students each week, would like to hold a free introductory session next Wednesday 1 August at 3.15pm in Room 3 for interested parents. She would like to tutor two classes:

- Chinese for fun, using poems, songs and stories to teach Chinese in a relaxed and interesting way. The minimum group would be eight; and both students and parents can attend. \$80.00 for the term.
- Mandarin Course, maximum 5 people preferably adults or students over 10 who really want to learn the language. 'Chinese for Fun' would be free for this group. There will be a set of books to purchase (1 book and 2 practice books, costing \$30.00). These lessons will cost \$25 per person, per lesson.

Zhixian is offering these classes on Mondays and Wednesdays after school. Come along next Wednesday to find out more, or email her [zhixian@gmx.de](mailto:zhixian@gmx.de)

## Parking

Parents, please do not park at the bottom of the carpark where there are no marked parking bays. We have had problems this week with our buses being unable to turn and leave the school due to cars blocking their exit. Thanks!



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## Young Enterprise Trust

On Wednesday 27 June Northtec was transformed into the YES Northland Dragon's Den. As finalists, both Springbank School teams (Dr.Gripper and Jack Splat), as part of the Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme teams did their Oral Presentations and were marked according to a specific set of criteria for their presentation. Marking criteria included business practice, marketing, operations, finance, innovation and presentation. This was an opportunity to pitch their business idea to a panel of real investors in a Dragon's Den format.

Our dragons were: David McClelland of GJ Gardiner, Julie Colthurst of Charlotte Dawn Hair and Beauty and Ken Rintoull of Rintoull Civils. The dragons put their own money up and had absolute discretion as to whether or not to make an offer of financial contribution/investment to the YES companies.

With an audience of about 80 people, including Russell Shaw – CEO of Top Energy, Northland Regional Partner to the Young Enterprise Scheme and several of our regional competition sponsors, it was potentially quite an intimidating situation. Despite obvious nerves among these sharp young entrepreneurs, they did themselves and our school proud coming **First Place** with Dr. Gripper and **Second Place** with Jack Splat. During the night the winners of the two other competitions were announced.

### BDO Business Plan Competition:

**First Place:** Dr.Gripper

**Third Place:** Jack Splat

### Keri Print and Design Business Card Competition:

**Second Place:** Jack Splat

The teams are now focused on producing their product and getting ready for the YES Trade Fair being held at The Centre on 1 September. Next Wednesday, Ms Chapman will accompany representatives of Dr. Gripper to Auckland for a meeting with the international company 3M to discuss a potential business association being formed.



*Dr. Gripper at the ceremony with Russell Shaw*

Yours sincerely,

**Sophia & Mike Warren**  
**Co-Principals**

## Yummy Sticker Promotion

Thanks to everyone who has handed in their completed sheets so far – remember to put your year/class number on them to be in to win the prize for the most stickers collected!

More collection sheets can be picked up from Sally in the office. You have until Wednesday 19 September to get them back to school – the more stickers collected = more free sports equipment for our school!



## Radio Rookie

Harry Sizer was Radio Rookie for Bay of Islands MORE FM this week and enjoyed every second of it. Perhaps he's a new radio star in the making!



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