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Dear Parents

We are now halfway through Term 1 and with all school camps finished, academic programmes are well underway and students are hard at work. I have just finished two weeks of staff appraisals, meeting with staff to discuss their professional goals for 2013. Our teachers are particularly pleased with students' focus and attitude so far. They are working hard to ensure that our students will achieve their very best this year.

Thank you very much to all of the parents who have helped out with school camps and Athletics Day. We are very fortunate to have your support and it is great to see you having fun with the students!

Friends of Springbank

Friends have kicked off 2013, and we have a few dates for your diaries!

- Junior School Easter Disco Thursday 28th March at lunchtime. \$5 including entrance, sausage, drinks, nest cake and glow stick.
- Date for all ladies out there! Style Evening Thurs 29th August. Visiting speaker Stacey Beatson, one of New Zealand's Premier Stylists.
- Fireworks Extravaganza Sat Nov 2nd

Also a reminder that House t shirts (\$25) and caps (\$20) can be purchased through Friends. Great for school events like Athletics Day and Cross Country. Every house point counts!

We would like to invite one and all to our next meeting and AGM to be held at 1.30pm Monday 18th March in the staff room. It would be lovely to see some new faces! Our AGM is short and sweet!

- Louise Huett

Multisport

Springbank School Multisport is back for 2013 and it will be running (literally!) on Wednesdays straight after school.

Multisport is a fun, social way for the family to get fit. This year we plan to introduce new activities such as swimming, biking and hopefully kayaking. Multisport is going to be a blast and is open for everyone, including your family, so make sure your children listen out at Assembly and Daily Notices and please come along.

- Jessica Cadenhead and Charlotte Owen

World Maths Day

Last Wednesday 6th March was the official World Maths Day competition. Most of our students enthusiastically competed online against students from all around the world in basic facts challenges. We are yet to receive the official results and we hope to have some top place getters!



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2013 School Camps

Headstart – Beach Day Out, Coopers Beach

Headstart joined Years 2, 3 & 4 for a wonderful day at Coopers Beach. Highlights included the playground, swimming and sandcastle building. There were lots of happy but exhausted children at the end of the day. Many Headstart children are already looking forward to the waterslide and staying overnight when they return next year in Room 1! A big thank you to Years 2, 3 & 4 for including us and all the parents who helped make the day thoroughly enjoyable.

- Anna Pera & Paula Kirby



Years 2–4 – Coopers Beach Camp

Once again we had a fun-filled, well-supported, successful camp up at Cooper's Beach! There was so much to do on camp. The highlight for many was the enormous water slide, which had children and adults zooming down at speed! The sand sculptures were artistically and creatively designed and built and saw many parents becoming enthusiastically and competitively involved! Children had so much fun in the sea on their boogie boards, which also came in handy when sliding down the grassy slopes at camp. We brought along some water balloons and these were used in beach relays where dads were our team leaders (there is no truth in the rumour that a certain teacher had a sharp object in her pocket which she used to pop a few balloons during some of the races!). All in all we had a wonderful camp which would not have been as successful as it was without the help and support of our awesome parents. A special thank you has to go to Sue Vujcich who ordered, bought and organised the food for camp.

- Bridget Foster & Jacqui Larkan



IT Initiatives

I recently attended a Northland Secondary Schools' Principals Association meeting and was interested to discover that we are one of the only schools in Northland to have ultra-fast broadband through fibre optics.

We have invested a considerable amount of funds to set up fibre and so far it has been a fantastic resource for teachers and students. The ultra-fast speed and no data cap means that we are able to integrate IT into the classroom on demand and it is exciting to think that it really has limitless potential.

All of our classrooms (including Preschool and Headstart) now each have a data projector. We have also set up several classrooms to allow teachers to teach new concepts using an iPad, projected through a data projector no matter where the teacher is in the room. One initiative that has been set up is Ben Hilliam's IT integration into his Mathematics classes. Ben is finding the iPad an amazing teaching tool. Ben has an iPad app, which allows him to record his teaching of a new concept, then he posts these online to his blog, so that his students are able to re-visit the lesson at home. Have a look for yourself:

<http://mrhmaths.blogspot.co.nz/2013/02/quadratic-equations-1.html>

We believe that this is only the tip of the iceberg, and with our 2013 focus on IT, we look forward to sharing with you many more teacher innovations.



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Year 5 & 6 – Camp Manaia

What do you get if you mix thirty five students, 20 parents and two teachers? The best camp ever! That's the best way to describe the three days Year 5 & 6 spent at Camp Manaia.

The students were fantastic and they showed astounding resilience as they climbed 1000 steps to the summit of Mount Manaia. They also tramped 2km to Smugglers Cove while giving their extra team member, (a raw egg) six compulsory experiences. All the eggs arrived back intact.

At Smugglers Cove they were greeted by three scary pirates, who had been shipwrecked for many weeks. It was their team job to find a Royal Flush from playing cards hidden all over the beach. Finally they worked together to locate and dig up the pirate treasure.

All students completed a snorkel at the neighbouring Reotahi Marine Reserve, led by Camellia Nelson from EMR. Plus, they paddle boarded at the same beach, balancing with skill and poise!

Evenings were filled with group Drama activities and a Survivor Challenge. Acting and physical skills came to the fore. The parent body entertained us with some astounding talent, plus an extra skit worthy of televising!

The camp ended on a high note at Ocean Beach, where surf swimming, sand dune boogie boarding and beach activities totally tired everyone out! We teachers also had a fantastic time. How amazing it was to be out of the classroom, creating challenging activities for the students and watching their proud faces as they battled nerves, tiredness, frustration and cooperation to master all activities with resilience and stunning camaraderie.

- Lynne Alexander & Max Hittle

Camp Manaia (by Jack Hittle)

Very cool, gave me experiences I hardly could have anywhere else. The weather was perfect, the people who put it on (the teachers) were very nice. We got to feel at home when we did it because we had all our team in one cabin. I liked how they made the teams up of people who didn't normally work together. The activities were set up just like they would be at school. It was all ordinary and there were no bad surprises, only good ones.



Middle School Camp (Years 7 – 9)

The Middle School camp was again a most memorable experience for Years 7 – 9. It was a great Springbank introduction to our new students, who quickly became family and integrated as if they had always been with us. Camp activities included abseiling, team challenges, surfing, kite surfing, body boarding and archery. MERC (Marine Education Resource Centre) in Long Bay, Auckland was an excellent camp venue, as it is well-resourced and the competent trained instructors provided a high quality programme. The students have provided positive feedback including:

“It was my first experience at surfing and it was epic.”

“I finally got over my fear of heights and was proud of my achievement.”

“I got to know my friends better and they are now friends for life.”

- Michelle Chapman

Y7 – 13 Interim reports (attitude report)

These have been completed by staff and will be issued this Friday 15th March. Staff will contact parents for a special meeting if they have concerns about any of their children. Official parent interviews will be held in conjunction with Mid-Year Reports, Week 9 of Term 2. If there are any academic or attitudinal concerns between now and interviews in Term 2, teachers will be proactive in contacting parents personally.



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Senior Camp

With just a day at school prior to departing for camp, the students' preparation was hectic to say the least. But like most things in life which require people to make an effort, the more put into an event, the more we get out of it! Our Senior Camp was just such an event!

Students had thoroughly prepared, arriving keen, enthusiastic, with a wonderful can do, will do and will try anything attitude! Staff were fresh, energetic and happy while our ever-supportive parents, simply brilliant! From the games the student leaders organised under the watchful tutelage of Mr Haydock, to climbing Mangonui Bluff and tramping to the tame (normally wild) west coast, to tip-toeing through Trounsen Park looking for kiwi at night, we pushed ourselves and had a ball doing so.

Back at the campsite, we swam together, played together and cooked together with lots of laughs and not a cross word was heard. While many positives came from camp, one of the best was the constant stream of encouraging and complimentary comments we received from the 'senior' campers in their mobile homes, families camping at the campsite and the camp proprietors.

To all of you, a massive thank you! You did yourselves proud, made us proud and you represented Springbank superbly. Well done!!

- Mr Webb & Senior Teachers



Senior Art Trip

As part of the Art Programme, Year 13 students Josie and Charlotte started the year with a trip to Waitangi where they met with the Curator and Education Office of the Trust. The purpose of the visit was to investigate their resources and to source early art works of the Bay of Islands. We were privileged to see art works that are not readily available to the public.

This research was followed up with a trip to Auckland on 20th and 21st of February. Time was spent at the Research Library at the Auckland City Art Gallery and more major works relating to the Bay of Island were sourced. This expedition coincided with an exhibition of the 'Best of Cambridge' at Auckland Grammar which showcased the top Auckland students' work from 2012.

Thursday morning was a leisurely start with a visit to ACG Senior College where we joined the A2 Art class and were able to see some top students work. Everything was so impressive and we got inspired throughout the trip. We also caught up with Momo who was with us last year and is now studying at ACG. Luckily she had some free time, so she was able to have lunch with us. This was a busy, exciting, and very rewarding trip with special moments making our time unique, action-packed and a great way to start 2013..

-Win Stringer



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Springbank in Focus: Springbank Student Leadership Programme

It is a pleasure to announce the commencement of a new and innovative Student Leadership Programme at Springbank.

The role of the student in the life of the school is vital in supporting an ethos of strong community and innovation for all students. There will be a wide range of opportunities for students to contribute to the wellbeing and development of the school. The aim is to offer students a variety of leadership roles and responsibilities, record all aspects of student involvement, make leadership more inclusive, allow students to develop their leadership potential and encourage active participation in a wider range of school activities. Leadership roles will aim to develop the capacity to think, to be imaginative, to work with others, to act decisively, to be accountable and to accept responsibility. We look forward to an ever-increasing level of involvement by students in all aspects of school life!



- John Haydock

Leadership Skills

Student Leaders have the opportunity to make an impact on school life. Leadership roles help students develop in the following ways:-

Confidence – the experience gained in a leadership role and the positive recognition can be empowering.

Communication Skills – A student leader will have to talk intelligently and succinctly to different groups about their mission and goals. They will also develop diplomacy skills and persuasion tactics.

Responsibility – Student leaders will be responsible for themselves and others in their group.

Negotiation Skills – When working on collaborative projects with other student groups, it will be important to establish priorities and know when to compromise.

Networking – Student leaders may have to communicate with organisations outside the school, which can yield valuable personal and professional contacts.

Management Skills – Management skills become second nature to students in leadership positions. There may be a need to oversee operational tasks, make budgets, prioritise workloads, build consensus and perform other executive duties.

Problem Solving – Student leaders will have many obligations expected of them while still maintaining coursework and meeting deadlines for work completion. Leadership experience can develop creative multitasking abilities.

New talents – many tasks may be challenging but they will help to develop new skills and attributes.

2013 Student Leadership Roles

Director of Student Leadership

- Abigail Foster

Abi has the important role of overseeing all aspects of the student leadership programme, developing a system to record all student involvement in supporting the school and contribute to assemblies.

Academic Leader - Danielle Briggs

Dani will organise the Learning Skills programme, develop a subject mentor system, oversee peer tutors and encourage the formation of homework and revision clubs and maintain a record of student involvement. She will also monitor student academic achievement in the Junior, Middle and Senior schools and contribute to assemblies.

Sports Leader – Jessica Cadenhead

Jess will oversee the Fitness programme, House activities, school teams, coaching sessions and sports clubs. She will record all student involvement in sports and report on sporting outcomes in assemblies.

Charity Leader – Charlotte Owen

Charlotte has the task of overseeing all charity events and fundraisers in school and will keep records of all students involved in the charitable activities.

Cultural Leader – George Anson

George will oversee all the Arts and Cultural activities. He will ensure that students are contributing to the dissemination of information in the school and wider community and will keep records of all student involvement. George will be supported by **Logan Alexander – Technical Leader** who will organise all audio and visual requirements within the school and develop a student monitoring system for the computer rooms.



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Springbank School 2013 Prefects Appointed

This year the Springbank School Prefect and Senior Leader applicants were of a very high standard. Mike Warren (Principal) and Phil Webb (Deputy Principal) were very impressed with the detailed thought, passion and inspiration that went into the applications. They were also delighted with the way in which the students conducted themselves throughout the interview process. Springbank School's 2013 Prefects are as follows:

Head Girl	Abi Foster
Head Boy	George Anson
Prefects	Jessica Cadenhead
	Danielle Briggs
	Cody Baker
	Charlotte Owen



Pictured left to right: Mike Warren (Principal), Jessica Cadenhead, Charlotte Owen, Cody Baker, George Anson, Abigail Foster, Phil Webb (Deputy Principal), Danielle Briggs

Progress and Achievement (PAT) Tests

Each year students from Years 4-10 sit the New Zealand PAT Tests in Reading Comprehension & Vocabulary and Mathematics. This gives us a benchmark at this point in time for your child's ranking according to age and class, compared with national standardised results in Mathematics, Reading Comprehension and Vocabulary. The results are measured in stanines 1-9 (1 being the lowest and 9 being the highest). Teachers use these results as a formative assessment tool, analysing strengths and weaknesses to provide specific teaching programmes to best meet individual needs.

Waitangi Trips

(Te Reo Maori Experience for Year 5 & 6)

Just prior to Waitangi Day, Mr Hittle and I took the Year 5 & 6 students over to Waitangi. We participated in a Powhiri and followed this with an Educational Tour of the Treaty Grounds, Treaty House and Whare Runanga. Major thanks go to Phil Grimshaw who spoke for us in Te Reo Maori at the Powhiri. The students also sang a beautiful Waiata and were greeted with the traditional Hongi. The Waitangi Education Officer, Barbara Brown, was outstanding in her delivery of both the European and Maori perspective on the evolution and implementation of the Treaty of Waitangi.

- Lynne Alexander



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Athletics Day 2013 Report

On Wednesday 27 February the Senior and Middle School students treated us all to a phenomenal display of grit, determination and enthusiasm at the annual Springbank Athletics Championships!

Everyone was in high spirits from the start as the House Parade bumped its way along the farm track next to the river and onto the field, with legions of brightly coloured students making their presence felt.

The long and middle distance events were hotly contested at lunchtime on the preceding Monday and Tuesday, providing a fitting prelude to the fierce competition ahead! The field events followed on Wednesday morning and our usually tranquil fields were converted into battlefields of Roman proportions with students and implements flying in all directions.

Once everyone had emerged unscathed from the mayhem, it was time for the racing to begin! All of the runners were outstanding and few races were clear cut, in what was a far more balanced and competitive event this year.

At the end of the day Orcas took out the top spot, with the top achieving students in terms of house points being **Megan Bramley** and **Taiyo Serge**. Hearty congratulations to all of the superb competitors, parents and staff that made the smooth running of the day inevitable.

There were a number of very pleasing results, with the increased number of thirteen students qualifying for the Northland Secondary Schools Championships!

Congratulations to:

Leah Claus, Danielle Briggs, Abi Foster, Megan Bramley, Sarah Kingsford, Anita Pasquale, George Anson, Harrye Fredericksen, Luke Voigtmann, Jack Thurston, Alex Dawson, Jarrod Bennet and Taiyo Serge.

Due to the number of officials required, there were no official photographers on duty, so if you were able take some outstanding shots of any of the crew, please email them to christian.pera@springbank.school.nz

- Christian Pera

A message from our Public Health Nurse

It is time to build on basic protection by having your child immunised. Your Public Health Nurse has made arrangements to deliver education sessions to the Year 7 class for the combined Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Whooping Cough) vaccine; and the Year 8 girls for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine. Consent/non-consent forms will also be given out at this time.

For queries or further information contact Michele Thompson 021 221 4006

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Lessons starting at Springbank School. University- qualified, experienced and enthusiastic teacher.

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Shave For a Cure

Last Friday Steven Timmins from Himself Hairdressers came along to shave the heads of six of our courageous student volunteers. Well done to the following boys, who braved Steven's creative clipper artwork, before all hair finally came off!

- Tim Richardson
- Hayden Morris
- Alastair Garland
- Troy Vujcich
- Zach Kingsford
- Paddy McCarty-Plant
- Sam Harrell

These brave boys did their bit for Shave for a Cure by offering their hair. Now it is time for you to do your bit too. Please visit the Springbank Facebook page to check out the photos, then follow this link to pledge your support:

http://www.shaveforacure.co.nz/view_group_event_profile/1317

For some fun and to raise extra money we also held a BBQ on Wednesday 6th March at lunchtime with a "wet sponge throwing stall" with some unfortunate prefect and staff targets!



Preschool

The Preschool children enjoyed a wonderful excursion to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds on Wednesday 27th March. It was a great day shared by the children and their families. The large waka was a highlight and so was travelling in the school van. We want to thank all of our families for making this a successful day. Without their help it couldn't be done.



Regards

Mike Warren
Principal

Thought for the week:

Week 3: Resilience and Managing Internal

Distractions. What's distracting me? When are those thoughts useful and when are they not? How do I combat internal distractions, so that I can get back on task?

Week 4: Noticing. - Really paying attention to detail when you are learning (how it looks, how it behaves, the patterns or connections). Noticing the what, then thinking later about how or why.

Week 5: Absorption. Achieving that feeling of **flow**; of being totally absorbed in learning and doing, (losing yourself). You are captivated and attentive. Time flies.

Week 6: Perseverance.

Understand the feelings in learning (frustration, inadequacy, "this is tough", "hard work"). Know that these feelings are normal and stick with it to achieve your goals and feel final satisfaction.



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