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Dear Parents

As we round off Term 1, I have been particularly impressed with my classroom visits. Overall, our students are working very hard and I have also witnessed some rigorous academic discussions, which invigorate their learning.

Our school-wide focus for Term 1 has been Resilience. The students have been particularly resilient during this 12 week term, not allowing hard work to be a barrier, but rather a challenge to overcome. Students need to experience the great feeling that comes with well-earned success. This is a great intrinsic motivator, which leads to greater confidence and enjoyment of learning. Parents, please offer lots of support and encouragement for your children to be resilient and to persist when learning is difficult. Of course as usual, if there is anything that your child is struggling with, please contact the teacher concerned, so that they can work towards filling the knowledge gaps earlier rather than later.

The Middle and Senior School interim (attitude) reports have been very positive indeed. The number of students who attained an absolute exemplary report was outstanding. Our Middle/Senior teachers have conducted parent teacher interviews for students who were identified as requiring additional support. These were very useful for teachers, parents and students alike.

I am very excited about regional sports results including Athletics, Show Jumping and Swimming. Our students are gaining a newfound confidence in interschool sports competitions and they are producing some fine results for Springbank. The quality of our sportspeople is growing at a rapid rate and I look forward to witnessing their strong development in the coming years.

***Last day of term:
Friday 20th April***

***First day of Term 2:
Monday 6th May***

Aspire Scholarships for 2013 Year 9 Students

The government is offering 50 Aspire Scholarships for 2014 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 and activity fees paid, for your child to attend Springbank School from Year 9 to the end of Year 13.

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. You must hurry, as applications are closing very soon and must be submitted by 26th April 2013. Contact me for further information:

mike.warren@springbank.school.nz



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Northland Secondary Schools Athletics Championships

On Wednesday 13th March, ten of our top athletes did Springbank proud by competing in the annual Northland Secondary Schools Track and Field Championships. It was a fantastic day out at the new athletics venue in Whangarei, with schools from all over the North in attendance. All of our athletes competed hard, resulting in almost "wall-to-wall" personal or season's bests!

Over and above pushing their personal records, the following students also managed excellent results:

Abigail Foster	1st in Senior Girls Discus
Leah Claus	2nd in Senior Girls Triple Jump and 100m
Jarrold Bennett	2nd in Junior Boys Triple Jump
Sarah Kingsford	3rd in Intermediate Girls 800m

The senior squad will be taking a well-earned break on light duties for the next month, before kicking off on their winter programme.

- Christian Pera



Shakespeare festival

In Week 12 a rambunctious troop of students will be representing us at the Shakespeare Festival in Whangarei and you may be able to help them!

This request goes out to all you hard-core bikers out there. Does anyone have two short black leather or biker jackets that would fit two of our actors – Holly and Katie-Lee, both Year 10? The next request is targeted at you '80s exercise fanatics. Does anyone have a shiny or velour track-suit set? The actors/actresses promise to leave them in pristine condition, so that you will be able to return to motorcycling & working out in style.

The students will be performing at the Shakespeare Festival Regional Competition next Thursday evening at 7pm at Kamo High School. All supporters welcome – tickets at the door are \$10 adults, \$5 students.

Junior Interschool Swimming

Congratulations to our Junior School Interschool Swimming Team. They all gave their best efforts to race against other schools from the District at the Bay of Islands pool recently.

Both Callum Prichard and Emma Hannan took out top placings for their efforts.

Emma Hannan, 9 years
1st Breaststroke, 2nd Freestyle

Callum Prichard 10, years
1st Backstroke, 3rd Freestyle, 3rd Breaststroke.

Malindi Reihana-Ruka, 8 years
3rd Breaststroke

Junior School students will all be attending swimming coaching during Term 2. This all helps those passionate about swimming to aim to compete in interschool and community swimming events. The next local swimming event will be the State Oceankids 200m swim on Saturday 7th December 2013.

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Northland Secondary Schools Show Jumping

Last Thursday 4th April, five of our students represented Springbank School at the NSS Show Jumping Championship. I was thrilled to witness our girls in action. They looked fantastic in all of their Springbank School riding gear, which was bought by Friends of Springbank. They not only looked the part, but they were quietly confident and as it turns out, particularly competent! It was also great to see them enjoying themselves whilst competing.

There were 20 teams present, made up of more than 80 competitors. The Springbank team achieved 2nd place overall, only a fraction behind the winners, a Whangarei Girls team.

Special mention goes to Megan Bramley, who achieved 1st overall in the 75cm division. It was well-earned; I describe her riding as fierce! Thank you very much to all of the parents for supporting your children as they represented Springbank. It simply would not happen without you and being there on the day is the least that I can do to show Springbank's support for our riders.

\$2 challenge

In Week 8 the \$2 Challenge began! The \$2 Challenge is all about turning trash into treasure. The objective is to begin using various items or resources that normally would have otherwise been thrown out, with the intention of creating a masterpiece of some sort that stands to have a value of more than \$2.

The students' imaginations took over and their creative flair sparked into life. As always I was amazed by the ingenuity and creativity of our students. It is hard to imagine that, given a list of resources, each creation would be unique from the rest. In fact it turns out that absolutely no creations even closely resembled one another.

It was my first ever job at judging a competition. I can understand now why the cliché "it was so hard to judge" is as such. It is because it really WAS so hard to judge! The results are as follows:

1st place	Tyler Pearson, Headstart
2nd place	Kit Kinghan, Year 5
3rd place	Tallulah Scott, Year 4
People's choice	Ema Hollister, Headstart
Special Award	Lauren Harrell, Year 9

Thank you to Mr Wallis, Yuong Chaiyaklang and Katie-Lee Riddle for organising the competition. Also a huge thanks to East West Waste, who sponsored the \$2 Challenge by generously gifting the prize money to the winners.



Maggi

The competition was tough this year in the selection of the Springbank School Maggi Team. Each applicant had to create a dish using Maggi ingredients and bring it into school for judging by chef and tutor, Chris Owen from Ake Ake Restaurant. The Springbank Staff taste tested over lunch to select the competing team for 2013. This is the third year Springbank has entered a team and both previous years our Maggi team got into the North Island finals in Auckland. The 2011 team also attended the New Zealand finals in Christchurch, so we wish our team well with this year's entry.

- Michelle Chapman



Sally's 50th birthday

To all the staff, parents and children involved in the supreme secrecy surrounding my 50th birthday, a massive thank you for the huge surprise and for totally reinforcing for me the reason that I love this job! You guys are the best!

- Sally Collings



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Sailing... Have a Go

On the 20th – 22nd of March, some lucky students in Years 4 – 8 had the amazing opportunity of taking part in the Sailing... Have a Go course.

Run by Yachting New Zealand, this course gives students the chance to spend some time at Lake Manuwai learning how to sail. This year just over 50 students took part in a range of activities as part of this course. These included things like capsizing the boats, “gang-up” tag, and a series of races around the lake. Unfortunately I was only able to attend for part of the first day with the Year 7 & 8’s, but from what I understand the three days were definitely enjoyed by all!

Thank you very much to Mrs Alexander and Mr Hittle, along with the many parents who took time out of their day to supervise at the lake. Without you the three days would never have happened!

- Danielle Briggs, Prefect

Sailing... Have a Go at Lake Manuwai
By Noortje Nederlof, Year 5

‘Sailing ...Have a Go’ is a fun way to teach young kids how to sail. Kids usually think that sailing is a boring thing to do, but ‘Sailing... Have a Go’ makes it fun and educational at the same time. Sometimes you get to sail to a deserted island and play games like ‘Tag’ and ‘Hide-and-Seek’ there. Other times you get to sail around markers and do races. If you are lucky, you get to have a go at capsizing! Every time you go out sailing, Reuben the instructor gives you some brief instructions on how to use all the things on the boat and what they are called. So, I hope you will go to ‘Sailing... Have a Go’ next year!



Preschool

The Preschool children are getting out and about at school. Today they enjoyed a special fluffy drink at the café.



Preschool is learning lots of great jump rope moves as part of the Heart Foundation's Jump Rope For Heart programme. Dexter Badger having a go.



School Photos

An original of the Whole School Photo (both formal and informal) can be viewed in the office window. If you would like to purchase one of these photos, the order envelopes are on the table outside the school office. Please complete the order and place it into the box by Friday 19th April. We are anticipating your original photo orders will be delivered to us before the end of term.



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Enterprise Project: Lámal YES Team

The Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) is a programme that gives students the opportunity to set up and run a real business. Aspects of the programme include the writing of a Business Plan, completing a 'Dragon's Den' pitch to a panel of judges, producing a product, marketing a product, generating sales and writing an Annual Review. Springbank School teams will be three of approximately 600 teams nationally that will be competing for regional and national awards.

One of our teams, Lámal, met on 1st April with Ross Thorburn from Living Nature. They discussed the possibility of Living Nature being commissioned to produce their product of a teenage body balm designed to reduce stress in teenagers. The outcome of the meeting was very positive and production will commence as soon as the recipe formulation has been completed by the Living Nature founder, Suzanne Hall.

We thank the Living Nature team for their expert advice and look forward to the awesome opportunity of working alongside a world renowned cosmetic company.

Visit to Kristin School

On Monday 8th April, Ben Hilliam and I were fortunate enough to spend a day at Kristin School in Auckland to learn about their ICT programme; more specifically their Bring Your Own Device programme. Kristin has been at the forefront of IT integration into the classroom for many years and interestingly enough they have had laptops at Kristin since 1996! As a fellow ISNZ school, Principal Peter Clague was more than happy to host and assist us while we look to build our ICT infrastructure and BYOD programme further. We have not yet set a timeframe on when we will look to integrate a programme such as BYOD, or how we will specifically go about implementing it, however we will certainly keep you posted as we progress!



Prefects' Post

This term, the Prefects and Senior Leaders have been involved in many activities throughout the school. To kick off the term, we began with Valentine's Day where students were able to send their peers a bunch of roses with a special message attached.

This event was closely followed by 'Shave For a Cure'. Once again, this was a very successful event run by the Prefects. In total we had eight shavees participate in our "Shavent". To date, we have raised over \$1600. This money goes towards the Leukaemia and Blood Cancer Foundation of New Zealand. We raised money through our shavees and also a wet sponge throwing event along with a sausage sizzle.

St Patrick's was a fun way to encourage Springbank's school spirit by dressing in green, eating some yummy green spiders and wheeling around the car park. With only a few minor bumps and bruises, it was a great success!

It's been a fantastic start to the year. Keep on the lookout for events and activities that are in the pipeline for next term!



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Year 9 Community Project – Kerikeri Retirement Village Reconstruction

The Kerikeri Retirement Village, through one of the Directors Steve De Ruiter, has approached us to help with the renovation of their social centre. The social centre has several areas including their kitchen, library, conference room, physiotherapy room, indoor bowls room, main function room, hairdressing salon, social centre office and garden patio. Instead of doing several different projects this year, the Springbank School Year 9 class have been divided into groups of three students. Each student group has been supplied a mentor and will be in charge of fundraising and renovating one area of the complex.

The Mentors who are volunteering their time to help include: Mike Simm from Northland Youth Development, Sharron Roberts from REAL Property, Karen Barnao from Placemakers, Debbie Ryder from MAD Ideas, Sara Epley from Springbank School and Raewyn Williams and Penny Fewkes from Kingscourt Interiors.

So far the students have visited the Kerikeri Retirement Village and met their mentors. They are now in the planning and researching stage of the project. The project is being overseen by Betty Petrie, the Kerikeri Retirement Village manager, Steve De Ruiter from REAL and Michelle Chapman, Enterprise teacher from Springbank School.

Michelle Chapman would love to hear from anyone in the community who would like to come on board with any help towards this enormous project. Donations of trades people's time as well as materials and resources will be needed to make this project successful and would be enthusiastically received.

Here's hoping that our drawn-out summer continues for just a few more weeks, as I wish you a safe and happy holiday break.

Regards

Mike Warren
Principal

Friends of Springbank Fundraising

We have a few advertising spaces left for the 2013/2014 newsletter. The cost is \$250 for business card size and \$400 for double size. The new adverts will go out next term and run for one year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our current supporters, all of whom will be running their advertisements again this coming year: Bay of Islands Auto One, Far North ITM, Kerikeri Cars and Keri Auto Repairs, Craigs Investment Partners, Law North and Harris & Thurston.

Week 7: Managing Distractions

Work is hard. Distractions are plentiful. And time is short.

– Adam Hochschild

Week 8: Managing Internal Distractions

If you really want to do something, you'll find a way. If you don't, you'll find an excuse.

– Jim Rohn

Week 9: Noticing

The difference between failure and success is doing a thing nearly right and doing it exactly right.

– Edward Simmons

Week 10: Absorption

It is by being fully involved with every detail of our lives, whether good or bad, that we find happiness, not by trying to look for it directly.

– Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi



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