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Dear Parents

We are very pleased to have several new students continuing to come through to school from Headstart. We have made the decision to create an additional class from Term 3. We have appointed Mrs Maria Zivkovich, who has taught at Springbank previously. Maria is an excellent teacher and we are delighted to have her at Springbank for the remainder of 2013.

We have recently received several enquiries from families who are either moving to the Bay of Islands, or who are already living locally and who have made the change from local schools. As a result, we are enrolling new students in all levels of the school.

Our international programme, with Jill Grimshaw at the helm, is proving to be as popular as ever. From Term 3 we will have a record number of international students; 16 to be precise. We continue to have a strong base of German students and we will also have students from Italy, Korea, Switzerland and China.

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our new students to Springbank over the coming months and we are excited by the strong growth it brings to our school roll.

Headstart ERO Review

Last week we hosted Education Review Officers for their three-yearly review of the Springbank Headstart centre. The ERO officers were absolutely blown away with our programme and our teachers. They loved every minute that they spent at Headstart.

I would like to acknowledge Jacqui Larkan for being a critical part of Headstart from inception. I would also like to acknowledge Paula Kirby and Anna Pera for building upon that programme, to continue running a centre that we can be extremely proud of and for their extra commitment leading up to ERO's review. The ERO officers were extremely impressed with Anna and Paula and commended them for their exceptional teaching programme. The final written report is due to be released in six weeks' time.



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Prefect's Post

Term 2 has begun with a hiss and a roar with the Prefects and Senior Leaders organising a number of activities and major events throughout the school.

Week 3 set the ball rolling with a campaign week for SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving). This campaign was designed to raise awareness amongst our students, both young and old, of the effects and results of combining alcohol and driving. We had the privilege of using two pairs of 'Fatal Vision Goggles' which gives the user the visual sensation of being under the influence. The students were given the opportunity to navigate our tricky obstacle course with the goggles on. There were some interesting results! To finish off our campaign week, a brave group of seniors, prefects and teachers staged a fake car accident. With some rather gory fake wounds, the police, volunteer fire fighters and St Johns ambulance volunteers all pitched in to help save our 'victims.' Fire fighters had to cut the roof off the actors' car to allow medics access to the patients; and with so many injured, St John staff had to sort them using coloured tags to make sure the most seriously injured were seen to first. Emergency services also had the usual problems to deal with, including distressed patients and belligerent drivers.



During the next two weeks, we shifted our focus to those less fortunate than ourselves with active participation in the 40 Hour Famine. We held a Famine Slumber-Thon where all those participating in the famine were able to get a small taste of what it would be like living in a third world country... *(continued on next page)*

Year 9 Enterprise – Garage Sale and Auction of Promises

The Year 9 class will be holding a Garage Sale opposite The Warehouse in Waipapa on Saturday 6th July from 8am - 2pm, to raise funds towards their community project, the renovation of the Social Centre at the Kerikeri Retirement Village. All donations are gratefully accepted, so please feel free to clean out your garage, cupboards and wardrobes! You can either bring your items to school, or contact Michelle Chapman and she will organise for them to be collected.

Our Year 9 students are also holding another fundraising event to raise funds for the retirement village renovation: the Auction of Promises on 22nd August at the Kerikeri Retirement Village. Any family or business that would like to help the Year 9s raise the money needed to complete their worthy project are welcome to donate 'a promise'. This could be free two hour babysitting voucher, a free haircut, a home cooked meal or even Nana's famous chocolate cake! All donations will be gratefully received.

Please contact Michelle Chapman (michelle.chapman@springbank.school.nz) if you are able to take part.



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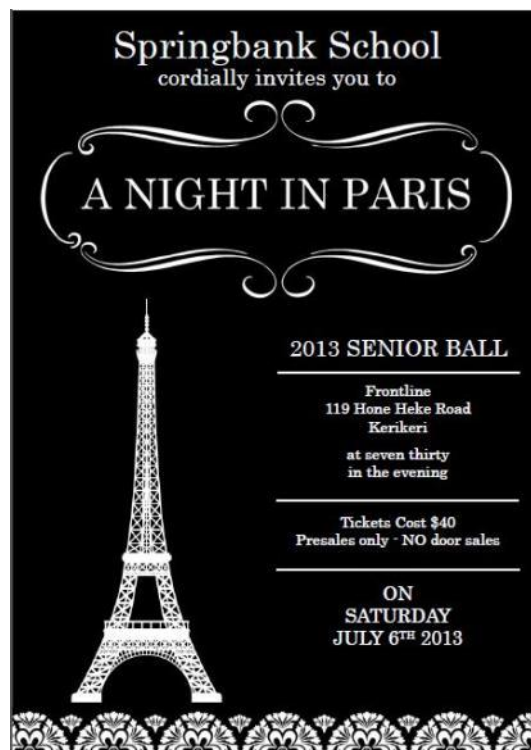
The participants built cardboard shacks to sleep in overnight and performed some crazy activities to earn sellotape and string to hold their houses together. We had great fun!



Now that we are on the downhill slide for this term, we have two more major events for this term. Firstly, in conjunction with the Friends of Springbank, the prefects and senior leaders will be supporting a PJ Drive day for the Foster Hope charity. Keep on the lookout for details about that!

Lastly, one of the biggest events in our school calendar, the 2013 Senior School Ball! This event is scheduled for Saturday 6th of July with the theme of 'A Night In Paris.' Tickets are now on sale for students strictly in Years 11-13. This is a fantastic night for all and a great way to end off the term!

- Abigail Foster



Northland Youth Summit

Four students represented Springbank School at the Northland Youth Summit in Whangarei on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th of June. The summit gathered together fifty passionate students to create change in Northland. Pamela Dodd, Isabella Francis, Madison Moa and Alex Ough-Dealy represented Springbank at the event, where students brainstormed problems facing Northland youth and looked at constructive ways to make a positive change. The summit included an overnight stay at the NorthTec Marae facilities and presentations from several inspiring mentors. A grant of \$4000 was divided up amongst the summit participants to action their community projects. Our students have joined up with a group from Kaitaia who intend to create youth spaces for our towns.

Headstart

Headstart was very generously donated some pansies and lettuces from Robyn and John at Kericell for our gardens and we spent a wonderful morning following Ben's Mum, Denise's expert guidance planting. Already the plants are starting to grow and flower. A huge thank you to Robyn, John and Denise – the plants look fantastic!

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Preschool and Headstart Fun

The Preschool children enjoyed a 'Scout Adventure' with Matt Sutcliffe. He showed the children how to build a fire and other important scouting tips. The children roasted marshmallows and had a wonderful time. Thank you Matt, from all the Preschool teachers and children.



Springbank Headstart children planting the donated pansies and lettuces from John and Robyn Rowe:



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Springbank School Middle-Senior Speech Competition 2013

The annual Springbank Speech Competition for Middle and Senior School students was held on Wednesday 12th June. The topic guideline for Year 7 to Year 12 this year was “The greatest gift you will ever receive is TODAY” – thanks to Mr Pera. We wanted to encourage positive messages and themes for the content of speeches and this was definitely achieved. There was great variety in the speeches which ranged from thoughtful debate on the usefulness of technology, to motivational talks encouraging charity, adventure and self-belief.

Our clear Outstanding Speaker of the day, setting a record for the youngest student to win the competition, was Harrison Irwin (Y7) who thoroughly entertained us with his speech about “Being Famous”. He displayed amazing confidence and excellent delivery. These were the overall placings for each category:

Year 7 and 8

First – Harrison Irwin

Runner –up – Max Hittle

Year 9 and 10

First – Holly Sutcliffe

Runner-up – Aliesha Whitehead

Year 11 and 12

First – Alex Horsman

Runner-up – Luke Voigtmann

We appreciated the positive feedback from our adjudicators on the day, Mrs Sophia Warren (former principal of Springbank) and Mr Owen Smith (Toastmasters). They provided our students with good advice on how to improve content and delivery to achieve a winning performance. Well done to all our speech finalists and special congratulations to Harrison Irwin.



Springbank Cross Country

The weather gods smiled on Springbank School last week when we were able to complete the annual cross country on our second attempt!

The junior section of the school kicked the day off in fine form with extremely competitive, fun-filled races. There were some navigational issues and some impromptu marshals did a fantastic job of herding wayward athletes! There were some very impressive winning performances as well as tenacious finishes from some real troopers. Great thanks are owed to the wonderful parent and senior student supporters who were never far away with a helping hand.

The senior and middle school kicked off at 1pm and ploughed their way through a deceptively sodden course with great zeal. The Year 10s got their race completed first before taking on the responsibility of the running of the day and recording precious results. The smooth running of the day was a testament to their organisational skill! All went well and the muddy, jovial crew made light work of the packing up after being well fed and watered by the wonderful Friends of Springbank.

Thank you to Cody Baker for setting the course up and Megan Bramley and the Year 10s for running a great day!

- Christian Pera



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Springbank Cross Country 2013



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Young Enterprise Scheme Dragon's Den

As part of the YES (Young Enterprise Scheme) sponsored by Top Energy, The YES Dragon's Den finals were held on Friday 7th June in Kerikeri. Dragon's Den is where the Year 10/11 Enterprise teams compete against 65 other Northland teams with an oral presentation about their product to Northland business people and the YES Northland Co-Ordinator Gary Larkan. Our YES teams fared very well in the Dragon's Den and received some very positive feedback. Their products this year are:

The Cashew Company (Nikki Chapman and Noah Atchison-Darby)

The Cashew Company have seen both a need in the market and an opportunity to help people in a third-world country. The Cashew Company is producing cashew nut butter, with the aim of importing cashew nuts from Maziotela Industries in Mozambique. Maziotela Industries is run by missionaries Colin and Jenny Ayling from Kerikeri. Colin and Jenny have started a cashew farm and cashew nut factory to provide employment for 162 people in an area of 94% unemployment. The World Outreach Mission has so far built a cashew nut factory, a skill training centre, a health centre and a school, to help the people in this low socio-economic area of Mozambique.

Lamal (Alex Ough-Dealy, Madison Moa, Leah Stewart and Leearna Fryer)

Lamal, with the assistance of Living Nature, are producing a relaxation balm specifically designed to reduce stress without the need for harmful substances. This balm, Just Chill, has all the essential oils needed for aroma therapy relaxation when applied to the wrists. It is being produced in the Living Nature facilities and therefore quality is assured. Their first batch is ready to be produced as soon as the girls secure the finance to proceed.

Dr Gripper (Chance August)

Dr Gripper is back again with Sole Trader Chance August. Chance is more determined than ever to get last years' surf wax product into mass production. He is in the process of securing the New Zealand distribution rights to Banana Wax, which is his preferred top layer surfing wax. Dr Gripper Surf Wax Strips are being tested by the surfing community (including Mr Max Hittle) and the prototypes are being fine-tuned to hit the NZ market running.

We are confident that our teams are some of the best in Northland and we look forward to the results from their Dragon's Den presentations and their business plan entries. Well done teams!

Past student chosen for world marketing competition

Springbank graduate Laura Bindon has been working in a top Pricewaterhouse Coopers marketing role in Sydney. She recently entered the Australian Cannes Young Lions competition and was subsequently selected to represent Australia at the prestigious International Festival of Creativity in Cannes later this year. Laura will receive return flights to Nice, accommodation and a Young Lions registration to the Cannes Festival with access to all the seminars, awards ceremonies, showcases and the Young Lions party. Congratulations Laura!

Maggi Competition-Regional finalists

Springbank School has done it again for the third year running! We have been selected to compete in the regional finals in Auckland on Friday 21st June. The Burrito Bandits are: Michael Horsman, Andrew Knight, Kate Hewitt and Zach Kingsford, all from Year 8. They have been working hard with their mentor chef Chris Owen to perfect their Burrito dish, which was created through a combination of their school competition entries. It will take them 55 minutes to prepare, all the while experiencing the added pressure of the TV cameras. From this event, the winning team will travel to Christchurch for the national finals, including the chance to win \$5000 in prize money. We wish our junior chefs all the best!



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IGCSE PE 2013 Campcraft Report

After only one year at Springbank, the annual IGCSE hike has already become something I look forward to and this year was no exception. With a slightly larger crew we were looking forward to seeing how different groups would function and how the team would work together to face this tough route.

We gathered at Dove's Bay at the crack of dawn on Friday 12 April and after a briefing by our skipper, Tim Roffey, The Arc was off! The trip across was characterised by another magical Bay of Islands sunrise, punctuated by furious sets of "pack on" push ups – the penalty for failing to call someone by their "code name"...

We were dropped off mercifully close to the start of the track and the day (and worst hill!) began in earnest. The crew set a tremendous pace for most of the day, measuring their stops and soldiering on. The cracking pace took its toll though and by the end of the day, a few brave souls were crawling on all fours up the last ridge above the lighthouse. They had achieved their goal though – a new Day 1 speed record!

After a quick unpack we were all straight into the water to enjoy a magnificent afternoon refresher! It wasn't however too long before everyone was fed, watered and in bed as "The Longest Day" loomed menacingly in all of our minds...



Day 2 of the IGCSE Hike is by far the most challenging! After starting the day with a brisk climb up the Cape Brett ridge, the route backtracks to where it splits and veers off to Whangamumu, culminating in an excruciatingly long climb over the final hill. It was a far quieter group that marched away, with the main action being the occasional navigational test – a challenge that was for the most part aced! Mr Wallis and I were so impressed that we abandoned our charges with a VHF radio and went on (or behind...) at our own pace. We agreed on 30min radio checks and were blown away by the strict observation of radio protocols and the pin point grid references the group communicated through to us! Separating from the group was hard at first, but based on their responsible actions it turned out to be no big deal at all.

Whangamumu Whaling Station offered only limited interest to the group of ravenous beasts we now called our charges, and with little fanfare we proceeded to the campsite at the neighbouring beach to get set up and fed. Some of our number – who shall remain anonymous – fell asleep while their coffee was still on the brew!



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IGCSE PE 2013 Campcraft Report (Continued)

The evening's entertainment reached its zenith with the Great Whangamumu Possum Pursuit – however, what goes on tour, stays on tour...

The next day we packed up and headed over the hill to meet up with Captain Roffey and The Arc. The Crew was fatigued, but pushed on as quickly as possible – by this stage their patience with their teachers' singing/chanting/French accents etc. had worn somewhat thin and they were longing for a shower and a warm bed! Cap'm Roffey did not disappoint and we were picked up slightly early, all the more reason to celebrate after he brought out some treats that had been shipped by our wonderful principal – it was L&Ps all round!



Thank you to Mr "Weka" Wallis for being my willing and far more able protégé, to the magnificent Year 11 Crew for their tireless morale and immense determination, to Captain Tim Roffey NZCG, the parents who braved the early morning and Mr Warren for the treats and support!

- Your Ob't Sv't Capt. Fi Fi Le Bouff



Kind Regards,

Mike Warren
Principal



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