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Dear Parents

Wow, Term Two is over! It has been a busy term at Springbank, with a whole heap of our students not only taking part in many extracurricular activities and competitions, but excelling. Winter sports are now well underway and we have already had a host of sporting success.

Our recent parent teacher interviews were a great opportunity for teachers to share the truly positive work that our students have been doing in the classroom and for them to discuss strategies with parents, so that your children can consistently perform at their personal best.

I was very impressed with the quality of mid-year reports. Our students have been aiming high, making the most of class time and forging ahead with their studies. It is a pleasure for me to read through every single student's report, as it reinforces the hard work that staff and students are putting in to ensuring that academic programmes are rigorous and that results are strong at all levels.

We officially said goodbye to Ms Caroline de Kock with a special assembly towards the end of term. Caroline will be missed by students and colleagues alike and we wish her well as she embarks on a new adventure in Singapore.

We welcome Ms Maria Zivkovich from Term Three, who will be teaching our new Year One class. We are very excited to have Maria on board, as she is a passionate, proficient teacher.

Sports Exchanges

On the last day of Term Two, Whangaroa College travelled to Springbank School to play basketball against our Senior Boys team. Some of our team members had been champing at the bit all week to play, and when it came to game time, they let loose! We had most of the school lined up on the side-line cheering our team on, so we definitely had home advantage. It was a fierce game, but our boys came off with a hard-fought win. The final score was in Springbank's favour, 33-16. Well done guys, we look forward to many more wins to come!

Early next term our senior hockey team will be hosting Huanui College (independent school in Whangarei) for a similar exchange, and there may also be an opportunity for a netball exchange for our senior girls as well. We will keep you posted!



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Interschool Cross Country Success

A significant number of our students have experienced success at a regional level at recent Interschool Cross Country races. Well done to the following athletes:

Zach Kingsford, who gained 3rd place in the Year 7 & 8 division at the Northland Secondary Schools Cross Country race, which was held in Whangarei recently.

The following students gained outstanding placings at the Kerikeri and Districts Interschool Cross-Country held at Takou Bay:

Lucy Sizer - 1st place, 8 year old girls

Harry Sizer - 1st place, 9 year old boys

Emma Hannan – 3rd place, 9 year old girls

The following children represented Springbank School at the Junior School Cross Country at Kerikeri Primary School. These students were placed in the top 5 in their age groups:

Millie Stovell 1st place, under five girls

Liv Teixeira 2nd and **Jana Vucjich** 4th, 5 year old girls

Hunter Blakeman 2nd and **Ruben Kistemaker** 3rd, 5 year old boys

Isabella Robinson 1st and **Ellamae MacCarthy** 5th, 6 year old girls

Coco Hewitt 1st place, 7 year old girls

I would like to offer a huge thanks to all parents who helped in some way with either transportation, organisation or marshalling at these Cross Country events. We really do appreciate all of the support that you provide to your children and to the school. Particular thanks goes to Donna MacCarthy and Sue Vucjich for supervising and managing the Junior team and to Deanne Hannan who was a marshall for the day.

Tough Guy and Gal Challenge

This year we took down a group of willing senior students and Mr Warren to take on the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge at Woodhill Sands Equestrian Centre, Auckland. This meant an early start to get down in time for the mud run.

The course was like no ordinary cross country track; 6km of running, consisting of thick mud, crawling under barbed wire, swimming through swamps, jumping over equestrian obstacles, hill climbs, open paddock running, climbing walls, a wire rope bridge and numerous other obstacles. This didn't stop the Springbank crew from all completing the course easily under an hour, all finishing head to toe in mud with smiles on their faces; probably the fact that a hot Big Ben pie was waiting for them at the finish line.

It was a pleasure to take down this group of students, to compete in a race where you get to trawl through mud. Next year Mr Warren plans to train up a squad to take on this challenge again, but enter competitively in the 12km race. Everyone who participated highly recommend entering the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge. Not only do you get to represent the school, but it's a fun race (plus you receive a goodie bag!).

We survived, so now let's train some place getters for next year's Tough Guy and Gal Challenge!

- Jessica Cadenhead



Springbank students competing in the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge



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Young Enterprise Mid Year Awards

Three teams headed to Whangarei on Wednesday 10th July to attend the Mid-Year YES Awards. The competition was stiff this year with 65 teams from throughout Northland competing in three competitions; The Design and Print Business Card competition, The Northtec Business Plan competition and the Dragon's Den Oral Presentations.

The Dragons were methodical judges and included Brenda and Steve De Ruiter from Real Property Ltd, Ken Rintoul from Rintoul Civil Contractors and other local business people.

We congratulate our teams with the outstanding results of:

Northtec Business Plan Competition – 1st Place, The Cashew Company (Nikki Chapman and Noah Atchison-Darby)

Dragon's Den Oral Presentations – 2nd Place, Lamal (Alex Ough-Dealy, Madison Moa, Leearna Fryer and Leah Stewart)

Keri Design and Print Business Card Competition – 1st Place, Dr Gripper (Chance August), 2nd Place, Lamal, and 3rd Place, The Cashew Company.

The teams are now working hard to create a Trade Fair stall and sell their products. Trade Fair is Saturday 31st August at The Turner Centre in Kerikeri. Please place this date in your diary, as the winners from this competition are decided by public voting and we will appreciate your attendance and votes!

Abigail Foster wins Community Spirit award

On Monday 8th July, Abigail attended the TrustPower Far North Community Awards, where she was awarded the Far North Youth Community Spirit Award.

John Haydock, our Year 13 form teacher, nominated Abigail for the award. Abigail was invited to write a 500 word essay to describe ways in which she has been involved in school or community projects and what motivated her to give her time voluntarily to such projects.

Abigail is the Springbank Head Girl. She has been heavily involved in our new leadership programme, acting as the overall manager of senior students in leadership roles. She has helped raise money for various charities, coaches and manages both Springbank netball teams and maintains several community websites.

Upon winning the award, Abigail received a framed certificate and \$500 prize money. An additional \$250 will also be donated to a charity of her choice, which she has decided is the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Congratulations Abi. You are very deserving of this award and we are extremely proud of you.

Abi Foster receiving the Far North Youth Community Spirit Award



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Preschool

The Preschool children have had a busy term with many visitors sharing their talents. We had an exciting visit from Steve Holford who showed us some traditional Cook Island dancing.

Our Matariki celebrations began when the Preschool children welcomed their Whanau with a powhiri (welcome). Our leaders, Clay, Bosco and Daniel welcomed our manuhiri (guests) with a short mihi (speech) and introduction. It was a fantastic day of celebration and we want to thank all of those people who helped to make it such a wonderful occasion.



Friends of Springbank Style Evening

The Friends of Springbank Style Evening will be a fun night out for the ladies, on Thursday 29th August in the Springbank School hall.

The cost is only \$35 per ticket, which includes a welcome drink of bubbles and nibbles. \$5 from each ticket will go towards the Angels for CanTeen charity.

Stacey Beatson, one of New Zealand's premier personal stylists, will be giving a very entertaining talk. There will also be a raffle, stalls and a chance to mingle and chat.

Anyone wishing to have a stall, to donate a raffle prize, or any questions, please contact Louise Huett 0211176984 / 094017229

The Rain

I would like to share some work from our Room 2 class (Year 3 & 4), who have been studying metaphors. I am very impressed with these creative young students, and they have also chosen a very pertinent winter topic!

- The rain is a machine gun shooting bullets at super speed onto the hard ground
- The soft rain is dolphins leaping over waves and splashing water as they dive through
- The calm rain is little cute fairies clapping hands softly
- It is tap shoes tapping the hard wooden floor
- Rain is high-heeled shoes clicking on the cement
- It is a gun battle between two armies in the trenches
- It is glass bottles pounding on the tiled roof
- Raindrops are knives plunging from the clouds cracking the earth
- Drenching rain is like water being poured out of multifarious bottles and flooding the planet
- Rain is a metal chain clanking into a glass bottle
- Furious rain is smashed glass hitting the concrete floor
- Mad rain is rocks thrown down by the clouds
- It's a water tank in the sky spilling its contents
- It is thick bushy tinsel rustling
- Rain is a class full of children clicking their fingers



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Headstart

Headstart had a lovely afternoon sharing their work with their parents on Friday afternoon. The children proudly showed off their amazing achievements that they have accomplished this term. This was such a special way to end the week and enjoyed by all.



Year 9 Garage Sale

As part of the fundraising strategy to renovate the Social Centre at the Kerikeri Retirement Village, the Year 9 class held a garage sale in an empty shop opposite The Warehouse in Waipapa on Saturday 6th July. The class worked in project groups to collect donated items and price them for sale. Each group was rewarded with funds toward their portion of the overall renovation project. We raised over \$3600!

The 3 Wize Guys (Aliesha, Ally, Jamie and Rebecca) \$1280.00

Spectrum (Sara, Lauren and Eloise) \$870.00

3+1 (Aimee, Sarah, Jessica and Matt) \$665.00

BLT (Leo, Billy and Taran) \$500

Renovatorz (Mayur, Dhanan, Jeremiah) \$300

At the end of the sale, a full van and ute-load of leftover goods were donated to the Bay of Islands SPCA.

From this activity the students learnt teamwork, marketing skills, negotiation, leadership, written and oral communication skills, commitment and responsibility to a project. Well done to all of them. We are proud of their efforts. Thank you also to our group of dedicated parents who helped on the day. You are amazing!

The next fundraising event is the Auction of Promises on the 22nd of August.

I hope you are enjoying the holiday break with your children. I look forward to an action packed Term Three from Monday 29th July !

Regards

Mike Warren, Principal

Thought for the week:

Week 7 – Making Links:

Creativity is just having enough dots to connect - *Steve Jobs*

Week 8 – Imagining:

Logic will get you from A to Z; imagination will get you everywhere - *Albert Einstein*

Week 8 – Reasoning:

I am a master of logic and a powerfully convincing debater. In fact, against my better judgment, I can talk myself out of doing anything. - *Jarod Kintz*

Week 10 – Capitalising:

Research is what I'm doing when I don't know what I'm doing. - *Wernher von Braun*



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