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Dear Parents

As we near the end of the term, I have been continually impressed with the persistence and resilience of our students. Term 3 is always a busy term, not only with our usual demanding academic programme, but also including test revision, mock exams, community projects, Market Day preparation, several academic competitions such as ICAS, Mathex and Science Fair, and extracurricular activities including winter sports. As always, our students rise to these challenges, put in 100% effort and succeed at a high level. I am proud of their achievements, of which there have been many.

Considering the huge amount of commitments this term, I would like to thank the Springbank staff. They are all amazing people, who go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that our students receive the greatest opportunities, both inside and outside of the classroom.

The whole Springbank School community is involved with Market Day this year, from Preschool and Headstart, right through the Junior and Middle Schools, with all of our senior students also being actively involved. Market Day is a brilliant event and I am looking forward to seeing what innovative products and tasty treats are on offer tomorrow. I hear that I might even be able to have a pony ride!

Market Day kicks off Sunday 22nd September at 11am and runs to 2pm. All students are expected to attend Market Day, as we consider it an official school day. Students will remain at home on Monday 23rd September, as it is a Teacher Only Day.

Dates for the diary:

22nd September

Market Day

23rd September

Teacher Only Day

27th September

Last day of Term 3
Year 11 – 13 reports issued

14th October

First day of Term 4

2nd November

Guy Fawkes Fireworks



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Auction of Promises

The Auction of Promises Kerikeri Retirement Village fundraiser was held at the Kerikeri RSA last Saturday night. It was a lot of laughs and the entertainment provided by Scarlett Fever showed the vocal talent of Jo Slack singer/songwriter extraordinaire from Kerikeri. 98 auction items were up for grabs, kindly donated by local and national businesses, as well as kind-hearted individuals. Pete Gentil from MoreFM, with the help of Ron Cook, led the evening and provided entertaining auctioneering. The Year 9 Students who organised the evening were hosts/hostesses, lot promoters, bidder spotters, introductory and closing speakers and power point technicians. The evening was a great success with over \$6500.00 being raised!



It is amazing that we have so many supportive families at Springbank who get in behind events such as this. We would like to thank all of the Springbank families who dug deep into their pockets to place bids and also a special thank you to those businesses and individuals who donated promises. I wish the Year 9 students all the best as they now turn their attention to spending the money raised from the Auction of Promises and their recent garage sale, by renovating their respective rooms at the Kerikeri Retirement Village. We look forward to seeing the end result!

Classroom Visit

Year 6 have been looking at self-made musical instruments this term. Michael Pike, Ishmael's Granddad, visited the classroom with his fascinating collection of amplified Diddley Bows, Cigar Box Guitars and much more.

The Year 6 students would love to hear from any other musical instrument makers in our local community. Please contact Lynne Alexander if you know of any.



Project Euler

The challenge for all teachers is how to keep fast-working students busy. Mr Hilliam constantly faces this problem in ICT because so many Springbank students are fantastic at using computers and software. His solution: Project Euler.

Project Euler is a set of mathematical problems designed to be solved by writing a computer program. Many of the problems involve millions of calculations, so cannot be solved by hand. A few talented Springbank students have been given the opportunity to try their hand at this and a couple of them are excelling!

At the writing of this article, Taran Kern has solved a total of 14 problems using the Lua programming language, while Taiyo Serge has amassed an impressive 20 problems solved using the Basic language. Both of these students are keeping Mr Hilliam on his toes, who is up to 21.

Many of the problems introduce ideas central to real world programming issues, such as how to find large primes or how to factorise large numbers into prime factors. These concepts are an integral part of banking and internet security systems.

If you are interested in the Euler Project, check it out at www.projecteuler.net

Problem # 7: What is the 10 001st prime number?

Ben Hilliam



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Not So Super-Annuation?

Nicky Felton, Springbank Graduate

Hello again everyone!

I would firstly like to thank Springbank School for setting me up so well for my future! I really have benefitted from the opportunities that Springbank offered me, especially during my final year, and I am utilizing many of the skills that I developed during that time, in my current University project and position.

For my capstone public relations paper at Waikato University, groups of 15 are given a client and asked to design and implement a public relations campaign around a social issue. Our client this semester is Poverty Action Waikato, who asked us to influence poverty in New Zealand, a very broad and diverse issue! I was assigned group leader, therefore I am currently managing 14 fellow students to influence the issue of elderly poverty, which we decided to specialise in.

Our campaign entitled "Not So Super-Annuation?", aims to encourage a discussion between retired New Zealanders and those in the 'sandwich generation' (45-54 year olds who typically have dependent children and parents), about some of the hardships of retirement and the importance of saving for retirement. The 'Not So Super-Annuation?' campaign takes the angle that New Zealanders need to take action for their futures, saving today rather than relying solely on the national superannuation in their retirement. New Zealand has such a strong focus on environmental sustainability, with New Zealanders having such a 'can do' attitude. Our campaign asks the question, why this has not extended to financial sustainability and self-sufficiency?

We are asking New Zealanders to 'join the conversation' by commenting on our blog topics and campaign messages on both our website and Facebook page, and I would love all the Springbank parents to get involved! You can comment anonymously on the website, so feel free to share your thoughts.

Visit the "Not So Super-Annuation?" website and Facebook page to find out more about the campaign, and to join in the discussion! www.entsosuperannuation.com Follow us on Facebook by searching "Not So Super-Annuation?" or following the link: <https://www.facebook.com/NotSoSuperAnnuation>

Hope you are all well there at Springbank. Good luck to all the students for upcoming exams. I would also like to put in a quick apology to Mrs Druery for any spelling or grammar sins that I may have committed during this short article!

Nicky Felton, Springbank Graduate

Maggi Intermediate Schools Kitchen Showdown National Champions!

Four of our Year 8 students recently competed for the national title for the Maggi Kitchen Showdown. Both competitions were filmed and aired on TV2's Erin Simpson Show. Springbank's team, The Burrito Bandits, comprised of Zach Kingsford, Andrew Knight, Sarah Hewitt and Michael Horsman, were mentored by Ake Ake restaurant's Chris Owen. Their dish was vegetable wrapped Hoki, homemade egg noodles, Asian slaw and tamari-ginger sauce.

I am extremely proud to announce that The Burrito Bandits won! They won prize packs for themselves and they also brought home a massive cheque for \$5000 for the school, which we will put toward development of food technology resources.

If you haven't yet caught the show, you can watch it on demand here: <http://tvnz.co.nz/the-erin-simpson-show/s5-ep131-video-5545774>.

If you would like to try your hand at creating the winning dish for yourself, the recipe is currently on The Erin Simpson Show's website: http://erinsimpson.tv/?page_id=2673. Yum yum!



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Preschool

Preschool had a visit from Lilah and Austin's grandfather, Owen Smith. Owen is involved with Shelterbox, which is an international disaster relief organisation. Shelterbox provides shelter and life-saving equipment to families who have been displaced or made homeless by natural and other disasters. The children were intrigued to see what was inside his big green box and equally excited when he put up his special tent. We want to extend a big thank you to Owen for sharing his time with the Preschool children.



The preschool children also recently enjoyed dancing an Irish Jig with Sarah Fair-Machin and her mother. They played traditional instruments which included a special drum called a Bodhran. It was a wonderful morning with lots of music and dancing. Thank you to Sarah

and her mum for sharing a wee bit of their Irish culture with us.

Headstart

Over the last few weeks, Headstart has been looking at the colour wheel in art. We have been using it to decide what colours will blend together as well as identifying complementary colour combinations. This is Dexter's Rolly Polly Bird.



Preschool referral

We are currently running a new referral promotion that we have initiated at Springbank Preschool. As you may be aware, word of mouth is the best form of advertising and personal referrals are very powerful.

Your task, should you choose to accept it, is to get the word out to your family friends letting them know that there are currently several spaces available at Springbank Preschool. For those of you who have had your children through Preschool, you can tell them how awesome it is and how lovely our staff members are! In exchange for your hard work, if your friend's child enrolls and attends Springbank Preschool, we will reward you with a \$100 gift voucher. Make sure that your friend mentions your name at the time of enrolment.

We would like to support our Springbank families with this promotion, so the gift vouchers will be specifically from Springbank families' businesses. On that note, if you own a business and are able to sell vouchers, please contact me (mike.warren@springbank.school.nz) so that I can add you to our list of gift vouchers. Springbank Preschool will buy the voucher from you and gift it to the family who refers their friend to Preschool.



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Winter Sport Success

Most winter sports have now completed their season and prize-givings have resulted in many of our students and teams being awarded top places. While we have not yet collated all students' results, we now celebrate those that we currently have at present and we will include all other results in our next newsletter.

Hockey

The Bay of Islands Hockey Association had their prize-giving recently and Springbank featured well. Our teams gained the following honours:

Junior team (Years 5 & 6) 1st place Division 1 opening tournament

Senior teams (Open Grade including adults):

Springbank Stingers 1st place: Bev Beverwick tournament

1st place: major round

Springbank Warriors Keenest Team Award

Our students also gained the following individual awards:

Andrew Knight Bay of Islands representative

Most improved goalie of the year

Phoebe Huett Shining Stars Award (up and coming)

Mayur Patel Most Improved Player (Open Grade)

Ollie Huett Most Improved Player (Junior Div. 1)

Jack Hittle Umpire's Award: Most Courageous Player

12th Grade Soccer

Congratulations to Blake Vujcich, Jake Dawson, Kenlyn Wilson & Solomon Angus. Their team, The Panthers, gained 1st place in the Far North 12th Grade Championship. They also ended the entire season unbeaten!

Netball

Our senior girls' team played a brilliant season this year. They trained extremely hard and played consistently well under the coaching of Abigail Foster, Head Girl. All of their hard work paid off and they gained 1st place in the C Grade competition.

Regional Science Fair

Congratulations to all entrants in the Springbank Science Fair for their effort and application. Their imagination, creativity and application of scientific principles was inspiring.

The Regional Science Fair was held at the Turner Centre on Wednesday, 28th August. Our entries, selected from the Springbank Science Fair competition, achieved excellent results with almost half of our students receiving awards and prizes.

The prize winners were as follows:

Max Hittle - Bronze Award

Zach Kingsford, Troy Vujcich and Alistair Garland – Bronze Award

Sara Finch – Bronze Award

Georgia Sheard – Silver Award

Holly Sutcliffe – Silver Award

Tim Richardson – Gold Award

A highlight of the competition was the speech given by Tim Richardson at the prize-giving ceremony held on Friday, 30th August. Tim described his experience of representing Northland at the national 'Realise the Dream' competition. Tim gave a calm, considered and informative speech to the large audience and was a fine representative for the school.

A special thank you to all of our entrants at the Regional Science Fair competition, who were also excellent ambassadors for the school. Well done!



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Year 4 – 6 Springbank Speech Finals

The Year 4 – 6 speech finals were a well-attended event. Thank you to parents for supporting your children by coming along to watch. Congratulations to all the finalists who spoke with confidence and expression. Thank you also to our two judges, Verna Carr and Gail Bussey from the local Top Start Toastmasters Club. Placings were as follows:



Year 4

1st – Coco Hewitt	Why do I Have to do Things I Don't Want to?
2nd Tallulah Scott	Being an Only Child
3rd Lucy Sizer	My Skiing Holiday

Year 5

1st Malindi Reihana-Ruka	Guide Dogs
2nd Noortje Nederlof	Dreams
3rd Poppy Lenton	Colours

Year 6

1st Harry Sizer	Bear Grylls
2nd Faraday Haydock	Cats
3rd Hannah Leach	Volcano Eruption Survival

Bay of Islands Junior Speech Competition

Only days after our school speech finals, our top four young orators from Year 5 & 6 dominated the Junior Interschool Speech Competition on Thursday 12th September at Riverview School. There were a total of 16 competitors from five of the Bay of Islands area schools vying for the top three spots at each grade level. In Year 6, Faraday Haydock earned a 3rd place finish with her cuddly speech about cats. Harry Sizer gave a riveting speech about his real-life action hero, Bear Grylls, taking out 2nd place. In Year 5, Noortje Nederlof enlightened everyone with her speech about dreams, which gained a 2nd place finish as well. Finally, Malindi Reihana-Ruka gave an inspiring speech about guide dogs, resulting in a 1st place finish and a trophy to showcase in the office. Well done to all of the competitors for their outstanding performances and a big thank you to all of those who attended and supported our fine young public speakers!

Bay of Islands Intermediate Speech Competition

Springbank hosted the inaugural competition on Wednesday 11th September. There was a great turnout, and we hope to see the competition grow in 2014 with more schools represented. There were a variety of entertaining speeches and our speakers, Max Hittle (Y7), Phoebe Huett (Y8), Sara Finch (Y9) and Holly Sutcliffe (Y10) were commended for the quality of their speeches. Max Hittle and Phoebe Huett achieved 2nd place in their respective groups.

Thanks to the Friends of Springbank for their help in providing refreshments, and to the Rotary Club of Waipapa for sponsoring the prizes.

Guy Fawkes

With the Friends of Springbank community Guy Fawkes event now just weeks away, we would like to start building our bonfire! If you have any wood (non-treated please) or plant material that can go on our bonfire, please contact Louise Huett (louise.huett@gmail.com).

Also, we welcome any help from Springbank parents on the night with tasks such as manning the front gate and helping out with general duties. Please get in touch if you are able to help. Let's make it bigger and better than ever!



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2013 New Zealand Economics Competition

Three of our Year 13 economics students, George Anson, Hayden Morris and Abigail Foster, recently sat the New Zealand Economics Competition, which is run by The University of Auckland. 2638 students participated in this exam from 95 schools in New Zealand. We are very pleased with the results, as all three students gained Distinction grades. Congratulations!

Thank you everybody for an awesome Term 3. Enjoy the holiday break, stay safe, and I look forward to a Term 4 stunner!

Kind regards,

Mike Warren

Principal

Community Notice

Bay Tennis Academy

Holiday Programme

Monday 7th – Thursday 10th October

Ages 5 yrs to 16 yrs

Time 9am – 1pm

Lots of fun for beginners to advanced!

Enrolment forms available at school office or ring

Carl on 0212756452

Term 4 2013 (beginners to advanced)

Bay Tennis Academy is now taking enrolments for adults and children's tennis lessons.

Be quick – limited spaces

Thought for the week:

Week 5 – Mr Webb's Quote:

Never give up on what you really want to do. The person with big dreams is more powerful than one with all the facts"

- Albert Einstein

Week 6 – Meta-Learning:

Know what to do when you don't know what to do.

Week 7 – Planning:

A goal without a plan is just a wish.

- Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Week 8 – Mrs Chapman's Quote:

Genius is 1% talent and 99% percent hard work.

- Albert Einstein



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