



Newsletter No. 5 | June 2014

Dear Parents

This newsletter is ready to explode at the digital seams!

As is usual, Term Two has been a particular busy term. Our students have had their typically challenging academic commitments and have also represented Springbank School in various extracurricular activities and competitions. A highlight was the super-awesome school-wide production and accompanying art exhibition. Winter sports have kicked off, with the majority of our students competing, and having much success in, a multitude of sports either for Springbank teams or local clubs. Our Year 11 PE students tramped Cape Brett over three days, and our Outdoor Adventure group took on the challenge of a three day kayaking expedition to Urakpukapuka Island. We've had Mathex, MUNA, ICAS exams, Young Enterprise, Trashion Show, Senior Ball, careers trip, Science Fair and the \$5 Challenge. Breathe! 100 Club fitness sessions, swimming lessons, the Tough Guy and Girl Challenge, School Cross Country, Northland Cross Country and Kerikeri Districts Cross Country – just keep running, just keep running. It's quite a list, but I know there is more.

Somewhere in between all of this, our students actually managed to get some academic work done! This was evident in the vast majority of Term 2 reports illustrating hard work, focus and dedication leading to significant academic improvement. Congratulations to those students who are able to confidently balance their academic, sporting, cultural and other commitments while still finding the time to enjoy each and every one of these opportunities. Now try it whilst riding a unicycle!

Tech Shed

Thank you for the positive responses that we have had so far regarding the Tech Shed.

The Tech Shed parents (TSPs!) are looking for the following materials to get the first two sessions started:

- 1) Old spanners, screw drivers, socket sets and wood saws
- 2) 12mm or greater thickness plywood
- 3) old lawn mower/ go kart engine
- 4) pram/buggy wheels and axles
- 5) screws and nails

Please contact Ian Sizer if you have anything available.

Ian Sizer: takouriver@xtra.co.nz



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Tough Guys and Girls

Last Friday, Mr Warren and 11 keen students accepted a mission to take part in the Tough Guy and Girl Challenge. This event is run over several days and draws thousands of competitors. The Tough Guy and Girl Challenge involves navigating a very hilly farm and trying to make it through several obstacles, such as mud pits – some waist deep, crawling under barbed wire, swimming muddy rivers, crawling through tunnels and under electrified wires and sliding down massive mud slides! On Friday, approximately 700 competitors entered the 6km course and a further 150 entered the 12km. All students had an absolute blast, however some also took it particularly seriously and achieved the following outstanding results:

Noah Atchison-Darby: 5th in Under 16s

Luke Bramley: 3rd in Under 16s (Luke is only 13 years old!)

Mr Warren: 1st Teacher and 2nd overall in the 12k. His time of 58.05 was within the top 10 fastest over all competitors in the 7 days of events.



Before



After!

Cross Country

The cross country this year was a real test of our school's fitness mettle! For the first time the distances were increased to match those at Northland Secondary Schools Championships and I am so pleased that the students attacked the day with such vigour.

The 100 Club seems to have paid dividends, as there were very few walkers and the times were very impressive. The weather played ball and Friends of Springbank were their fabulous selves too. I am very pleased with the level of progress and look forward to more and more of our runners achieving top results.



Our NSS Championship Attendees:

Senior Boys (6km)

Alex Dawson 16th (25.33)

Year 9 Boys (3km)

Zach Kingsford 3rd (11.15)

Levi Whitehead 17th (13.00)

Year 7 & 8 Boys (3km)

Harry Sizer 23rd (13.33)

Orlando Tyson 24th (13.34)

Callum Prichard 28th (13.50)

Ishmael Strevens 32nd (14.30)

Year 7&8 Girls (3km)

Mya Napier 16th (14.27)

- Christian Pera



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MUNA

Felix Ochtrup and Logan Alexander attended the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) held at Auckland Girls' Grammar School in Auckland recently. MUNA is organised and sponsored by the Rotary Club of NZ and focuses on world issues, building bridges of goodwill for world peace and understanding in the minds of our youth.

Felix (whose first language is German) and Logan represented Israel at the Assembly, speaking confidently and intelligently on two remits: about the Syrian crisis and cyber warfare. They were billeted with an AGGS family and experienced many of the delights of Auckland, including hour-long bus trips, mixing with large crowds and sampling Auckland night life (the movies!)

This MUNA conference was one of the very best Springbank has attended, because as well as impassioned and informative speeches, many groups delivered their points of view with wit and style, including rapped remits and a great variety of presentations.



It is a wonderful opportunity for senior students to have a taste of investigating world issues, to experience the thrill of speaking publicly in a large crowd and to mix with teenagers from other parts of the country, and we thank the Rotary Club of Waipapa for their enthusiastic and generous support through the years.

Headstart

Georgia Sheard's mother, Sandra, kindly donated a wild flower classroom kit to Headstart. The children have loved planting, watering and watching the seeds grow into flowering plants. Headstart has a lot of budding green thumbs!



Kerikeri and Districts Schools Cross Country

Last Tuesday our representative runners headed to the Kerikeri and Districts Schools Cross Country Championships for 8 – 12 year olds. The field of 150 runners from all of the local schools looked strong. It was a chilly day, so our crew had to wrap up to stay warm before and after each race. Some even resorted to huddling close to their parents! I was very impressed with our runners, who performed very well on a hilly course. It was also a proud day for me witnessing all of our representatives band together to cheer on their fellow runners. We were by far the loudest tent – the Springbank comradery and pride was immense!



As well as having top 10 placings in every race, the following students topped the field in each of their events:

Lucy Sizer – 1st place, 9 year old girls

Harry Sizer – 1st place, 10 year old boys

Zach Kingsford – 1st place, 12 year old boys



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Springbank School Ball

After weeks of preparation and hard work over the ball, we finally got to see the end result on Saturday night. The venue was decorated with clocks, cards, chess pieces, and mushrooms to fit the theme of Alice In Wonderland. The ball committee even managed to drag in a tree, sprinkled with lights and lanterns. The food was a nice selection of meat and cheese boards, an Asian platter and cakes for dessert.

A great thank you to Ms. Zivkovich for taking amazing photos all night long, even though she was feeling under the weather. DJ Si was also a great DJ, providing his own lights and keeping the music suitable for the occasion. Seeing everyone get up on the dance floor for Gangnam Style and The Thriller was probably the highlight of the evening and the vibe was definitely apparent!



We must make special mention to the best dressers: Mr. McFadden in his kilt and Logan Alexander as the mad hatter!



The night then concluded with the crowning of the prince, Alex Dawson and princess Pamela Makene-Dodd. The king was Logan Alexander and Melissa Chapman as queen.

The Springbank community was definitely demonstrated at the end of the ball when everybody stayed behind to help clean up the decorations.

Thank you to the Friends of Springbank for donating several hundred dollars towards the cost of the ball.



Finally, we would like to give an enormous thank you to Mr. Webb for all the help in preparing and organizing everything; we couldn't have done it without you!

- Eva Lloyd (Senior Leader, Year 12)



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\$5 Challenge

Enterprise Education is seen as the new focus in education and preparing students for employment and future careers. Trade and Enterprise believes that innovative thinking will be the next biggest export for New Zealanders and New Zealand businesses. Working towards this is essential for New Zealand to maintain and increase its current standard of living.

As part of its Enterprise programme, Springbank School invites students from Years 1-13 to participate in its annual \$5.00 Challenge, which is sponsored by Kerikeri's ANZ Bank. In this competition students are challenged to take \$5.00 and through innovative thinking, turn this initial investment into as much money as they can within a two week period. They are judged not only on profit made, but also on the innovative ways of making it.

This year student enterprising ventures included the selling of baking, fudge, handmade Christmas decorations, origami boats, woven rubber band bracelets, robot kits, sushi, pinecones, pencil grips, giraffe bookmarks, magnalets (Bracelets made out of old magazines). In fact the school was alive at interval and lunchtime with students trading their wares.

The winning team was Year 9 students Zach Kingsford, Troy Vujcich and Buster Carr who collected old wooden pallets and recycled the materials to make wooden planter boxes and wine racks (pictured below). They received \$100 in ANZ Bonus Bonds and the ANZ \$5.00 Challenge Cup. Runners up received a variety of other ANZ Merchandise.



Trashion Show

A Trashion Show was recently held at Springbank School.



The students made fantastic outfits all from recyclable materials. The judges found the task very difficult, as there were many creative outfits.



The audience enjoyed the show and the amount of time and effort that went into many of the designs was evident.



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Changes to

Senior Curriculum

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In the early days students were able to take Correspondence courses to supplement the core academic subjects that we taught, and in time we were able to offer more taught subjects and do away with the Correspondence courses. However we have still had to limit the numbers of subjects offered.

At this point in time, we mark a major turning point with regards to Springbank's senior subjects. With a bit of simple genius, we are able to offer several more subjects and we are all very excited by the prospect of our students taking more subjects and broadening their range of knowledge, including some more practical, hands-on courses.

Capability, Character and Confidence underpins everything we do. A broad education enables our students to be CAPABLE and graduate with a range of academic strengths. Cambridge courses are still comprehensive and rigorous, and by offering challenging courses, we are building work ethic, perseverance, resilience and independence. All traits of good CHARACTER. And lastly CONFIDENCE. Some students are not destined for graduate degrees in science or business. By broadening our range of subjects, we are able to cater to these students and help build their personal confidence.

Our senior subject range:

Current Subjects		New Subjects
English Language	PE	English Literature
Maths	Art	Young Enterprise
Physics	Business Studies	Marine Science
Chemistry	Psychology	Geography
Biology	Outdoor Adventure	Design Technology
ICT		Drama

For a school of our size, it is remarkable to be able to offer a broad range of subjects. This will give our students an even wider academic base to begin their careers, or pursue tertiary study in any area they choose.

Light Up The North

Far North hockey has recently had a major boost. Kaikohe's Lindvart Park hockey turf, with generous support from Top Energy has recently had floodlights installed. Having lights enables hockey to be run during weeknights into each evening and Bay of Islands Hockey is capitalising on this upgrade. An Open Grade competition has been running on Wednesday evenings. Springbank's senior students, Mr Warren and a few parents have formed a strong team and are performing very well in the competition so far. They took 1st place in the opening tournament and they have won all but one of their games in the first major round, including some with more than ten point differences!

Parenting Seminar

Topic: **Building resilience and self-esteem for life into our kids**

Presented by John Cowan, from the Parenting Place

Saturday 26th July @ 7pm

The Turner Centre Plaza

Cobham Rd, Kerikeri

Light refreshments provided

No child care available

Free Entry

Enquiries to: Shaun 027 222 0171



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Mathex

On 16th May a select group of Year 5 to Year 10 students attended the annual Mathex Northland Competition. These seven Springbank teams headed off to Whangarei to show their mathematics talents. Unfortunately we only received two weeks' notice, so we had to practise furiously in the lead-up to the event.

The other challenge we faced was that there were no calculators allowed this year (ironically, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes were calculators!). All the students who attended practised a lot in class and were ready to face the challenging questions of this year's competition. These students experienced that maths is not only important, but also fun!



Our students did well this year. Year 5/6 and Year 7 placed in the top half, Year 8 and Year 10 ended in the top 5

and the Year 9 team (Sophie Lee, Na Yeon Yoon, Phoebe Huett and Lauren Foster (Y8)) gained 2nd place. This is a particularly good result considering that there were over 40 teams in each competition. This Year 9 team was the only team that had only girls. While I was marking during the Year 9 competition, some other markers asked if someone knew 'Springbank'. I told them I heard that it is a great school with great students and that they have a marvellous maths teacher!



I want to thank all the parents that helped out with transport and those who supported our students at the competition. Also a special thanks to Sarah Hittle, who was a marker for the Year 5/6 and Year 7 competitions.

- Henk Bertelink

Springbank Fusion Strong

On Sunday 22nd June the Springbank Fusion netball team participated in the Kerikeri New World Junior Tournament. This was a great experience for the girls who played games throughout the day and came away with third place in the Year 6 grade. This was a fantastic result as the 42 competing teams ranged from Kaitia in the north to Ruawai in the south. Springbank Fusion only had 7 girls on the day, so they each played 6 games of 30 minutes, with no reserves! The girls were commended by umpires and other teams for their sportsmanship and the way they conducted themselves on the court. They represented Springbank very well. A huge thank you to all the parents who stood on the side line and cheered the girls on throughout the day.



Pictured is the regular Springbank Fusion team (Olivia MacCarthy and Khalila Strevens absent) with their coaches, Kirsten Foster and Sarah Kingsford, both Springbank Prefects (Year 12).



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Ecovado making a difference in Kenya

Ecovado, a Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) team, is using an avocado by-product to produce quality soaps. The team is also running a donated backpack campaign to help students at Mirira Primary School in Kenya. Their aim is to provide a backpack full of stationery to every student in the school by the beginning of the 2015 school year. Families in Kenya live on an average of USD\$2 a day, and with stationery costing USD\$30 per student, it is a huge cost to families. Andrew McLaren, Operations Manager for Olivado New Zealand, organised a visit to Mirira Primary School to meet with the Principal, research the stationery needs of the students, and discuss the logistics of distribution. The Springbank School students, Samantha McMillan, Ally Standing and Jessica Prakhin are working very hard to fulfil their aim. If you would like to make a \$20 donation to purchase a backpack for one student in Kenya, please contact Springbank reception.



Ecovado have also had a run of success at the YES Northland Mid-Year Awards. They took 1st place in the Business Plan competition, 2nd place in the Business Card competition and 4th place in the oral presentations. Not bad for a group of Year 10 girls in a competition comprised of primarily Year 12 and 13 students!

Waikato graduates

We recently received a notification from the University of Waikato, informing us of their latest graduates. The following Springbank graduates gained the following qualifications and we would like to share this great news with you:

Jack Hutton

Bachelor of Laws

Luke Elliott

Bachelor of Social Sciences
Graduate Diploma in History

Samantha Felton

Bachelor of Management Studies
with First Class Honours

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Year 12 and 13 University and Careers Information Trip.

Monday 23rd June to Wednesday 25th June 2014

Early on Monday morning all the Year 12s and 13s stacked our gear into the rental van and school van and climbed in. Boys in one van, girls in the other and we were away, headed for Hamilton. After a welcomed stop at Wellsford for morning tea, we arrived in Hamilton for lunch at Waikato University. Alphonzo Mason gave us a Maori greeting then showed us around the Uni. In the music department we were treated to a quick skit by a student who showed his piano and singing skills to us. He was very good. Back on the road again we drove to Auckland to check into the International Youth Hostel, but not before having to sit in rush hour traffic for a while. That night we headed for Aotea Square for tea then a bit of R & R playing ten pin bowls and pool, before finishing up the evening with some ice skating... phew! Finally time to go back to the hostel for a well-earned rest!

The next morning Mr. Webb kicked down our doors at 7 to get up for breakfast and a busy day ahead!

We hopped in the two vans and drove to the Massey Albany campus office to be greeted by their liaison officer, Aisling Kennedy, with booklets covering each of our interest areas. At school, we had filled out forms for Mr. Webb who emailed each of the Universities information about what we wanted to see. After a bit of a rundown on what Massey does, Aisling took us for a tour around the campus.



Massey walkabout, Albany site.

Then it was lunch. Mr. Webb let the teenagers loose for a bit of shopping and Mr. Pera moved into the 21st century with a new smart phone! We also bumped into a young buck called Mr. Wallis. After lunch we headed over to North Shore AUT where Linda and Helen (the AUT liaisons) met with us to show us around.

From there we went to the city campus of AUT so Linda could show us the splendid campus which had a special effects area including a green screen, state of the art radio and TV studios, as well as a wide range of engineering areas. We were shown several of the engineering labs ending with the 3D printer and samples of what it can do.



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...University and Careers Trip (Continued)

That evening Mr. Webb and Mr. Pera left us to watch a movie at the cinema while the two of them went walkabout around the waterfront. 22 jump Street provided some comedy and laughs after a long day.



The 'famous writer' interviewed, AUT TV Studio

It was a massive place, the biggest of them all and gave us a pretty good idea of what a city within a city looks like.

Overall it was an inspiring trip and gave us a better indication of what we wanted to do in our future endeavours. The students were all superb and were truly responsible young adults. Mr Webb was awesome in his organisational skills and Mr Pera provided some excellent tunes for the long rides. Thank you to you both for the whole trip and for getting us to each point safe and sound. It was well worth it.

- Gary Walker (Year 12)

Wednesday morning we headed over to meet with Teesh who took us on a tour of Unitec. It is such a big place that we drove around the campus in the van with stops at key places. First to the old wing which we were told is haunted by the ghosts some of the previous inmates...this place used to be Carrington Mental Hospital!

After Unitec we headed for the University of Auckland and funnily enough we were given a guided tour of the big place by good old Mr. Webb who knew the University like the back of his hand!



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2014 Kayaking Expedition

This expedition was the culmination of a month's training in kayaking confidence and rescue techniques and it was with a real sense of impending adventure that we huddled together on Pahia beach for the pre departure briefing:

Weather conditions	- not ideal, but navigable.
Crew health	- robust!
Appropriate equipment	- 1 X teddy left behind, sad face.
In case of kayaker over	- execute "T" rescue.
Other safety procedures	- look out, look round, see, be seen and don't be an egg – that means paperwork for Capitan Le Bouff – which is unacceptable.

BODY, BOAT, BLADE!

We crossed the main channel with little fanfare as our armada forged forth, leaving all lesser vessels in our wake.

Possibly the Bay's most infamous navigational hazard, Tapeka Point, loomed ominously ahead and the party was stalled in the lee of the point while le Capitan and his ever present bastion, Mr Chris Wallis, paddled into the breach to check the conditions. The crew waited patiently for news – would it be fush and chups in Haruru Falls by nightfall?

The decision was made to keep calm and carry on into the face of a moderate sea and 15-20 knots of headwind. To say that the next couple of hours was anything less than a grim slog would be euphemistic – there were tears, fears and one kayaker in, but the crew rose to the challenge and executed a textbook rescue, shrugged off the spray said, "Back up Capitan – we've got this!"

Le Capitan's heart swelled with pride.

After four more hours, a few more tears, one rest stop, a couple of laughs and one suicidal kahawhai, no amount of cajoling could restrain the crew from BEASTING into Cable Bay at full speed. There were sand-chaffed embraces all round!

Camping was not even an event anymore to these old hands and the feeding began in earnest before nightfall.



The next day was given over to choice and to le Capitan's considerable surprise, the crew decided to take the VHF and a map and mount an expedition around Urupukapuka Island. The half-hourly radio checks became a refrain of, "Position, grid; Crew 12; Morale – ECSTATIC!"

Le Capitan's able-adult hands disappeared around the corner to tempt more tiddlers out of the briny depths and as a result, there was nothing for it – le Capitan was forced to monitor VHF communications, while reclining on the beach with his favourite copy of A Year in Provence... (continued)



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2014 Kayaking Expedition (continued)

Seafood was on the menu that evening after the masculine members of the party circumnavigated the small island off the point, returning with among other things, some rather unfortunate crustaceans!

Our return journey on Day 3 was a mere doddle. 10-15 knots at our backs and a slight sea meant that after two relaxed snack stops we landed in Pahia in enough time for a skinny latte in the sunshine.

Le Capitan wishes to extend to his undying gratitude to able seamen Cedric Unholz and Chris Wallis for their considerable comedy, camaraderie and shared responsibility. Also thanks go to the debonair Dan Hirtzel for his tools and tutelage of the troops which made a safe expedition possible.

Your Ob't Sv't

Capitan Fi Fi Lebouff (Christian Pera)

I would like to thank all of the Springbank staff for their extraordinary efforts this term. As they say though, time flies when you're having fun, and this term has certainly flown!

Have an enjoyable holiday break. Keep warm and keep safe, and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 21st July 2014.

Regards

Mike Warren

Principal

Thought for the week:

Week 5

"Get going. Move forward. Aim High. Plan a take-off. Don't just sit on the runway and hope someone will come along and push the airplane. It simply won't happen. Change your attitude and gain some altitude. Believe me, you'll love it up here."

— Donald Trump

Courtesy of Andrea Druery

Week 6

"Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting,
So.....get on your way!"

— Dr Seuss

Courtesy of Paul McFadden

Week 7

"If you can't fly, then run,
If you can't run, then walk,
If you can't walk, then crawl,
But whatever you do, you have to
keep moving forward"

— Martin Luther King Jr.

Courtesy of Jacqui Larkan

Week 8

Replace excuses with EFFORT
Replace laziness with
DETERMINATION
And everything else with fall into
place

Courtesy of Bridget Foster

Week 9

The best six doctors anywhere
And no one can deny it,
Are sunshine, water, rest and air
Exercise and diet

These six will gladly you attend
If only you are willing,
Your mind they'll ease
Your will they'll mend
And charge you not a shilling.

— Wayne Fields

Courtesy of Maria Zivkovich



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