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Dear Parents

Last night, Phil Webb and I attended the 2014 Northland Young Enterprise Awards ceremony at the Copthorne Hotel in Paihia, in support of our enterprise teacher extraordinaire, Michelle Chapman and three of our YES teams. As the majority of our students are Year 10 competing in a national Year 12 and 13 competition, we were quietly hopeful of a prize or two.

We were every excited when the first award of the night, the Northtec Award for Excellence in Business Management, was awarded to one of our teams. Pick Me Up is a company selling motivational t-shirts and is owned and run by Aliesha Whitehead, Paige Blunt-Mackenzie and Lauren Harrell. Well done, girls!

Throughout the course of the evening we heard from some inspiring young speakers, celebrated achievements from other Northland YES companies and enjoyed a rather pleasant meal. The time came to announce the top three Northland YES Companies of the Year. Pick Me Up took out third place! They were thrilled to receive that accolade in addition to their Business Management Award.

A Northland College company, who made and sold honey brittle, achieved a well deserved 2nd place. We were stunned by the next announcement. "The Northland Young Enterprise Company of the Year for 2014 goes to...

ECOVADO, SPRINGBANK SCHOOL!" The Springbank tables erupted with excitement; we couldn't believe it! A massive congratulations goes to Ally Standing (Yr 10) and Jessica Prak-Khin (Yr 10), who are the Directors of Ecovado, manufacturing and selling avocado soaps. A proportion of their proceeds are donated to a charity that helps Kenyan students, by providing backpacks filled with school stationery.

We wish Ally and Jessica all the very best as they travel to Wellington in December to represent Northland, competing for the title of YES New Zealand Company of the Year.



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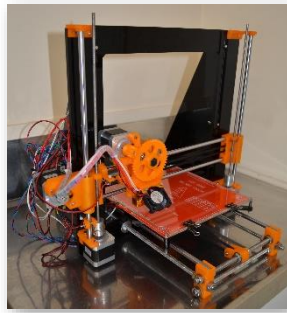
Shopping Spree!

Last year, four of our Year 9 students won a Maggi national cooking competition, taking home \$5000 prize money for Springbank. Having not made a decision how the money would be best spent, we finally decided to hand it over to the students, to let them decide. After consulting with other students, Zach, Andrew, Michael and Kate settled on the following items: a microwave and kettle for all classrooms from Year 9 to 13, a 3D printer, some audio cable extensions for our sound system, and their big ticket item was a large Springfree trampoline.

I was impressed with the way in which the students spent the money wisely. After waiting for a Briscoes sale and getting the microwaves and kettles for 60% off their normal retail price and also negotiating \$600 off the trampoline, the students managed to purchase all of these items for \$4,000. They then split the final \$1,000 5 equal ways, which gave them \$200 to each take home plus \$200 to Mrs Chapman, who originally supported them through the Maggi challenge.



Mr Webb and Mr Warren "safety testing" the new trampoline.



Our new 3D printer!

Headstart

The children in Headstart had a wonderful time transforming cardboard boxes into various modes of transport. This was inspired by a reader that one of the reading groups had enjoyed. It was exciting to see them applying problem solving skills to create unique designs.

A big thank you to the Dudley family for supplying each child with a box!



Fireworks Extravaganza

Just a reminder that we will be holding our annual Guy Fawkes celebrations on Saturday 1st November 2014. As usual, our professional fireworks display show promises to be a spectacular to behold. Come along for food, entertainment and a live band.



Venue: Springbank School

Time: Gates open 6:30pm,
fireworks display 9:00pm

Cost: \$5 per person, under 5s free

We would appreciate any help from parents on the night. If you are able to commit 30 minutes of your time, please contact our Friends of Springbank Chairperson, Louise Huett (0211176984, louise.huett@gmail.com).

Go, Melissa!

Congratulations to Melissa Chapman, who has won a \$5000 scholarship to Massey University! Melissa will be inducted into the Captain's Club and will receive not only the monetary scholarship, but also support with course planning, leadership and mentoring. Well done!



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Market Day – A Festival of Fun!

Through rain and shine, our students forged ahead with the annual school Market Day, co-ordinated by Enterprise teacher, Michelle Chapman. After months of hard work, enterprising youngsters from Years 1 – 13 set up a variety of stalls across the school, all committing to donate 25% of their profits to their favourite charities.

There was a range of innovative products on show; from handmade arts and crafts like wall-hangings, finger puppets, jewellery and recycled tin can lanterns, to handy kitchen towel aprons. The food stalls



were a standout and the flavours took punters from Germany, to Mexico and the Mediterranean. Shoppers enjoyed plenty of yummy home-made treats like fudge, dairy-free chocolate, honey roasted walnuts, milkshakes and fresh lemonade. Sophia Warren had a tough time judging the many eye-catching stalls and attractive products.

Even in the temperamental weather, there was a lively atmosphere with some great live music provided by Late Night Meat Sandwich playing some foot-tapping favourites. The young and

brave enjoyed the thrills of the massive bouncy castle, wicked mini cars, pony rides and Nerf wars, which were even more exciting in the rain!

Market Day provided senior students with leadership opportunities, helping juniors to set up stalls and managing parking and other logistical requirements. Springbank welcomed over 800 visitors and it was a super day, made even better by the help of parents and teachers and the support and involvement of the greater Kerikeri community and various community services.

- Andrea Druery

In addition to students keeping 75% of their profit, a further \$1,969 was fundraised for various charities!



Junior School Market Day Awards:

Most Innovative Product:

- 1st:** Tree Treats – Melissa Foster
- 2nd:** Bows Buddies and Blooms – Room 2
- 3rd:** Chef's Castle – Room 1

Best Stall Presentation:

- 1st:** Beautiful Beads, Beautiful Blackboards – Antonia Tyson and Lilly-Marie Houry
- 2nd:** Bows, Buddies and Blooms - Room 2
- 3rd:** Pesto Palace – Tallulah Scott

Middle/Senior School Market Day Awards:

Most Innovative Product:

- 1st:** Olena's Aprons – Hannah Leach and Olivia Phillips
- 2nd:** Pointed – Maisie Atchison-Darby and Lucy Blackman
- 3rd:** Gummy Jackets – Billy Robb, Mayur Patel, Kurtis Foster and Matt Foster

Best Stall Presentation:

- 1st:** Twisted Chocolate – Faraday Haydock
- 2nd:** EnviroFactory – Ashley Badger and Jessica Kossman
- 3rd:** Mex Tex – Callum & Sam Pritchard and Henri & Louisa Mueller



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Strategic

Plan



Continuing to
issue we cover the areas

take a peek into our strategic plan, in this
of Enterprise and Creative Arts.

Enterprise

We believe that through the practical enterprise experience, in addition to learning about business in a live setting, students acquire skills that are easily transferred. These skills set them up not only to be great entrepreneurs, but to also understand money and business from an employee's perspective, which will put them in good stead for any career path they choose to pursue.

Goals:

- To strengthen the written syllabus for Enterprise in Junior School and to link with Middle & Senior Schools
- To develop an elite Enterprise student group known for entrepreneurship.
- To provide opportunities for students to excel in authentic as well as academic pursuits

Action Steps:

- Continue to lead the way and excel at a national level, including YES, PrEP & BP Challenge.
- Engage in community projects as enterprising students.

Creative Arts

We believe that it is important for students to be able to express themselves in a variety of ways. Creative Arts is a perfect medium for this, whilst also building self confidence within creative minds.

Goals:

- To increase the profile and showcase the talent of our students in the creative arts: Drama, Music and Visual Art

Action Steps:

- Art displays out in the community
- School-wide drama production every 2nd year (even years) – open to local community
- Smaller drama performances annually (in-class-shared, drama club, Shakespeare Festival – regional)
- Annual school-wide art exhibition
- Develop school bands
- Consider running a choir group

Schoolwide Focus

Our Wellbeing focus has been very worthwhile so far this year. We have concentrated on Gratitude in Term 1, Physical Wellbeing in Term 2 and Mental Wellbeing in Term 3. This term we turn our attention to Social Wellbeing. We are going to run several initiatives that help others and that recognise people in our community who give their time for others. We are going to finish the term by constructing a huge Christmas tree filled with decorations, which we write special messages on. It's going to look great!

Business Opportunity

You may well be aware that Liz will be finishing up at the Springbank Café at the end of this term.

An opportunity presents itself where you can step into a business and run it with minimal costs (e.g. no charge for rent or power). The operating hours are perfect for someone who has children at school, as it can easily be run within school hours.

If you are interested, or if you have any queries regarding the café business, please contact Liz Baxter on 0211490941 or parmz@actrix.co.nz.



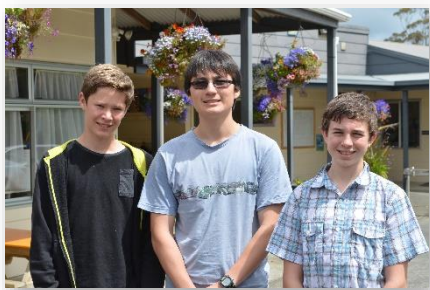
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ICAS Results

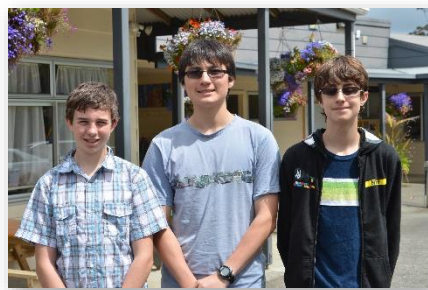
Well done to all students who excelled in the recent ICAS Mathematics and English exams. A special mention goes to Taiyo Serge, who previously gained High Distinction in Science (top 1% of students in NZ), attained another High Distinction for English and was frighteningly close to HD, in the 98th percentile for Mathematics!

Mathematics		English	
MERIT (55 th percentile in NZ)			
Georgie Ludbrook Aliesha Whitehead	Yr 6	Noortje Nederlof	Yr 6
	Yr 10	Eva Sfakakis	Yr 6
		Jessica Kossman	Yr 7
		Ella Birch	Yr 9
		Levi Whitehead	Yr 9
		Sarah Finch	Yr 9
CREDIT (65 th percentile in NZ)			
Anika Green	Yr 6	Jack Hittle	Yr 6
Jack Hittle	Yr 6	Kit Kinghan	Yr 6
Jessica Kossman	Yr 7	Georgie Ludbrook	Yr 6
Reuben Birch	Yr 7	Khalila Strevens	Yr 6
Sam Sutcliffe	Yr 7	Faraday Haydock	Yr 7
Ella Birch	Yr 8	Ishmael Strevens	Yr 7
Michael Horsman	Yr 9	Mya Napier	Yr 8
Na Yeon Yoon	Yr 9	Samuel Sutcliffe	Yr 8
Lauren Harrell	Yr 10	Aimee Larkan	Yr 10
Holly Sutcliffe	Yr 11	Aliesha Whitehead	Yr 10
Megan Bramley	Yr 12	Megan Bramley	Yr 12
DISTINCTION (90 th percentile in NZ)			
Levi Whitehead	Yr 9	Max Hittle	Yr 8
Luke Bramley	Yr 9	Luke Bramley	Yr 9
Taiyo Serge	Yr 11		
HIGH DISTINCTION (99 th percentile in NZ)			
		Taiyo Serge	Yr 11



ICAS Maths Champions

From left: Levi Whitehead, Taiyo Serge and Luke Bramley



ICAS English Champions

From left: Luke Bramley, Taiyo Serge and Max Hittle



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Tech Shed Summary

Tech Shed numbers for Motor Mechanics and Woodworking have grown over Term 3 and are now at maximum capacity!

The Motor Mechanics team have completely stripped down the V6 Holden engine and can tell you all about con rods, big ends and pistons; whilst the model engine builders have built and tested the V8 engine which was kindly donated by Mr Larkan.

The Wood Workers have split into two teams with one team building the Pinewood Derby race cars (small model cars) and the other team constructing four wooden go-karts. The progress has been amazing and hopefully racing should start soon!

On Thursday 18th September the Tech Shed team visited Milton's Vintage Museum on Waimate North Road to see the magnificent display of mechanical equipment, which has been collected by Milton over the past half a century.

The tech team were taken on a journey through time by Milton's detailed stories and history of each piece of equipment, even seeing some of the engines running. The highlight was seeing the first Caterpillar bulldozer that came into New Zealand and which was taken to the Antarctic on two occasions by Sir Admiral Byrd.

Again, a big thank you for everyone's support - the Tech Shed students really appreciate it.

- Ian Sizer



Tech Shed Visit to Milton's Vintage Museum

Term 4 is now well underway. We are cracking on with exams, we have plenty of EOTC excursions coming up, including Middle School Options and I am also looking forward to celebrating the students' achievements at the certificate assemblies and the final school prize giving.

Regards,

Mike Warren
Principal

Thought for the week:

Week 9 (Term 3)

In the land of what ifs, there are a lot of could have beens. Just enjoy who you are and take it from there.

Courtesy of Jill Grimshaw

Week 10

Don't ask what the world needs.
Ask what makes you COME ALIVE
and GO DO IT.

Because what the world needs is
people who have come alive.

— H. Thurman

Courtesy of Bridget Foster

Week 1

Being happy doesn't mean that
everything is perfect. It means that
you have decided to look beyond
the imperfections of life

— Aliesha Whitehead (Year 10)

Week 2

Together we can change the world,
one good deed at a time

Courtesy of Michelle Chapman



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