



Newsletter No. 9 | December 2014

Dear Parents

As the 2014 academic year ends, I reflect on a tremendous year, surrounded by great people, in the best school ever! Our students have had a busy Term 4 with many exams sat by all of our students, but most notably our Year 11 – 13 students. I enjoy the moment after I have collected all exam papers in, when I ask the students how it went. The vast majority of responses come with a massive sigh of relief that it's over, but I particularly love the, "I nailed it" or, "That was easy!" responses. We look forward with anticipation to receiving the results in late January!

While our senior students were on study leave, it was business as usual for our Middle and Junior Schools as they finished off their academic year. As summer approaches, we have taken advantage of the outdoors. Several classes have been on field trip excursions and our Outdoor Adventure crew have relished the great surfing conditions. Middle School Options were a highlight for most, who had the opportunity to take part in a combination of ski biscuiting, horse riding, creative writing, craft, photography, designing and creating lamps, cooking, surfing, fishing, paddle boarding and sailing. Driving a jetski for two days was certainly one of the highlights of my year!

One more event happened late this term, which was a great deal of fun. Several of our 2013 graduates returned to Springbank to play a game of basketball. A year in university hostels meant that Cody, George and Eamonn brought their B game to the floor, but we had a brilliant game and I think it may be the start of an annual tradition!

Springbank Turns 20!

Springbank School is very proud and excited to be celebrating our 20th birthday in 2015.

Over the last 20 years we have provided hundreds of students with an excellent education and we want to celebrate and reminisce about all the wonderful successes and developments over the years with you all.

We'd like to invite all current and past staff, students & families of Springbank School to join us on Saturday 19th December 2015 for a celebration.

Please like this page to indicate your interest in attending and to keep updated with information about the event details:
<https://www.facebook.com/springbankcelebrating20years>



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Australian Art Trip

On 18th of February, the Year 12 art students are travelling to Sydney for five days. The main reason is to attend the International Exhibition 'Pop To Popism', an exhibition that showcases works from the 60s including the iconic works of Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein. In conjunction with this exhibition is the work of the master of photorealism Chuck Close at the Museum of Contemporary Art.

Our aim is to raise \$10,000 in order to get there. The students are busy fundraising, selling raffle tickets, sausage sizzles and organising a Mega Garage sale. Our next event is a **Garage Sale on the 19th December at 5 Riverview Road**. We are looking for items to sell, like clothes, toys, books, household items sports equipment – in fact just about anything!

If you feel like having a clean out before Christmas, the items can be delivered to Riverview Rd on December 11th, 16th and 18th from 5-7pm or by arrangement with Cynthia Ph 021 418225, or contact me on 4076532 and I can arrange for goods to be collected.

We are also planning to have a sausage sizzle, produce, baking and face painting so we would appreciate you coming along to support our endeavours.

The next fundraising day is 21st December. We will be at The Warehouse having a sausage sizzle.

We are looking forward to a fantastic trip.

- Win Stringer



Term Dates for 2015

Term 1: 27th January to 2nd April

Term 2: 20th April to 3rd July

Term 3: 20th July to 25th September

Term 4: 12th October to 3rd December

Preschool Under 2s

Currently, Springbank Preschool takes children from 2 to 5 years old. We are planning to extend our preschool to include a new, dedicated facility for under 2 year old children. This space will also include a sleep space for our 2 year olds. At this stage it is yet to pass through the resource consent process, so we are unsure of exactly when it will open. We are hoping that it will be within the next 6 months.

If you (or somebody you know) would like to register your interest, please reply to this email. We will consider current Springbank families as a priority, but at this stage we will need to know that you are indeed interested. This initial registration of interest in no way obliges you to commit. However there will be limited places and we won't want you to miss out on one!



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Box Em Up Girls – A Year 9 Community Project

For our community project we decided to help Foster Hope, a non-profit organisation in New Zealand. The organisation helps children in Foster Care by giving them backpacks full of toiletries, books, pyjamas and a cuddly toy. Foster Hope Northland, run by Debbie Sutcliffe, was in need of a storage unit because of the donations she is receiving; she had nowhere efficient to store them. Therefore we decided to support them for our community project by helping to renovate a storage unit. We got hold of a shed from Total Span and currently we are renovating it to make it fit for purpose. For our fundraising we organised and ran two discos making over \$750.00. We also operated an Op Shop for Market Day, raising \$230.00. Altogether we raised \$1017.00. We were proud to support such a worthy cause.



- Phoebe Huett, Na Yeon Yoon, Kate Hewitt, Connie Salisbury, Sharnise Candy

Fireworks Extravaganza

As this is the 4th year that the Friends of Springbank have hosted our community fireworks event, it has become a highly refined, well oiled machine! Thanks to the efforts of the Friends and many extra parents who



helped out on the night, the event ran so smoothly this year, with no dramas whatsoever! Harry Irwin and Alan, his co-pyrotechnic, put on a spectacular show. It just seems to get better and better each year! Thank you to all of the families who attended. You were part of a nearly 2000 strong crowd and we hope that you enjoyed yourselves.

Packs on their way!

Thanks to all Springbank families and Market Day Stallholders that supported Ecovado's "Donate a Backpack Campaign". The students were able to raise \$900 towards stationery and with The Warehouse Stationery's generous discounts were able to purchase approximately \$2500 worth of stationery.



This means that 50 backpacks full of stationery will be heading to Mirira School in Kenya on-board a container ship in January courtesy of Olivado. Well done to all involved.



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Strategic Plan

Continuing to
final issue we cover



take a peek into our strategic plan, in this
the area of Sport and Outdoors.

Goals:

- To investigate and establish an Equestrian Centre
- To develop a robust, challenging Outdoor Adventure Programme at Senior level (to possibly offer at Y9, 10 & 11 level in 2015/2016)
- To identify and strengthen key sports which are representative of SB long term
- Rock climbing – to complete indoor facility
- Athletics Academy
 - To develop field
 - To implement athletics challenge programme

Action Steps:

- Research and build an arena. Seek out professional advisors, conduct financial feasibility. Aim to build mid 2014 – establish programme.
- To consider and refine pursuits to include rock-climbing, water sports etc. To produce an OA timetabled programme which is sustainable over time. Market the programme nationally and internationally.
- Key sports – hockey, athletics, Outdoor Adventure sports, orienteering. Identify and build further on key sports over time.
- Indoor rock facility stage one complete. Investigate stage two for 2015/2016.
- Investigate track & field requirements. Upgrade throughout 2015/2016. 5 Star Challenge Programme established. Continue to promote and recruit more participants.

Kimberley Takes Out Top Honours

Congratulations to Kimberley Rear who has recently won two major awards for sporting excellence.



Kimberley, up against talented Northland athletes, took out the ASB Northland Secondary Schools Award for Eventing. She also won the FNDC Far North Sports Award for Equestrian, which is an open award, competing against adult athletes.

Preschool

The children at Preschool all demonstrate wonderful creative talents in many ways and here are some of our girls putting the finishing touches to their latest master pieces.



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Middle School Options Programme

This year our Middle School students enjoyed choosing from a range of activities to challenge and excite them. Their options were ski biscuiting, paddle boarding, surfing, craft, novel writing, sailing, crafting lamps, horse riding and fishing. Thank you very much to Michelle Chapman, who organised every option, coordinating operators, fees and transport. Below are a few accounts of what took place during those two days outside of the classroom!

Ski Biscuiting

We had an absolute blast on the jetskis this year. Both Wednesday and Thursday's groups were particularly enthusiastic, champing at the bit to get a piece of ski biscuit action. The weather was mostly in our favour too, with some calm conditions – we were going to have to create our own bumps and jumps!

It is simply impossible to not have fun as you and your mates are being hurled around the ocean on an inflatable disc, tied behind a 215hp jet, which is capable of speeds in excess of

110km/h (which we didn't manage to achieve – just in case you thought we were completely insane), flinging you this way and that until you pile off into the sea trying to catch your breath from your hysterical laughter.



It is also hard for the jetski drivers (aka Mr Warren and Mr Warren Senior) not to have fun as they watch the hilarity unfold. All of the students were an absolute pleasure to take, as their positive attitude, their assistance and their great manners were appreciated.

Light Fantastic!

Mrs Druery stepped out of her comfort zone and ran a lamp-making session. Mr Druery had made up pine kit-sets for box lamps and students turned up, hammers in hand, to put them together. Much time was spent creating designs to apply to the exterior panels of each lamp, and it was great to see just how practical and creative some of our students are. We had a lovely day together painting, hammering, and had our very own James Bond with a glue-gun - Sam Harrell! Well done to Keela, Olivia P, Rebekah and Sam for turning out some very unique and stylish lamps!

Community Projects

The Year 9s have again been successful in this year's Community Enterprise Project competition run by the Young Enterprise Trust.

The five team members of Box 'em Up (Phoebe Huett, Connie Salisbury, Sharnise Candy, Kate Hewitt and Na Yeon Yoon) won an Excellent Award, which is one of only three nationwide. Their prize was a \$30 Warehouse voucher for each team member. Shooting Straight (Michael Horseman, Jake Dawson and Sophie Lee) also won a Merit Award (only 5 nationwide) with a \$20 Warehouse voucher for each of the team members.

Box "Em" Up is lining, carpeting and building shelves into a storage shed for Foster Hope and have so far raised over \$1000 through school discos and a garage sale on Market Day.

Shooting Straight raised over \$1000 for the Kerikeri Archery Club to purchase 30 x 3D targets.

Well done to both groups!



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Middle School Options (Continued)

Sailing

The eleven students who elected for the sailing option headed up to Lake Manuwai with Mr Webb, Mr McFadden, Mr Larkan and Mrs Mueller on Wednesday 26th November in near perfect weather. Derry Godbert, the guru of sailing in this area for the last 30 years, met us and within minutes we were flat out rigging 'plastics' and sunburst sailing dinghies.

We certainly had periods where the wind strength was challenging, but despite many newbies in the group, they met this challenge with brilliantly positive attitudes and were soon zooming all over the lake.

Derry's morning programme saw each new sailor teamed with someone with experience in a yacht. All were challenged to sail out around 'one-horse' island then down towards the outlet of the lake, before doubling back around goose island and onto the beach for an early lunch.

During the afternoon everyone was challenged to sail by themselves. Just to keep things exciting, over lunch, the wind picked up quite noticeably, and though there were one or two nervous glances, all but two went back on the water by themselves and completed a remarkable day's sailing!

For the record, only two boats capsized, both more experienced sailors having a bit of fun or a momentary lapse! Josh Bertelink receives the award for the most spectacular controlled crash/capsize as he came ashore at the end of the day. The mix of internationals, some Year 10s and some Year 7 and 8s worked brilliantly. Everyone helped out, rigging and putting the boats away in record time. Annabel, Sagar and Justyn from Year 7 stood out as determined, gutsy, give it a go students.

Thursday dawned fine and calm – not weather for sailing! However it was a magnificent day to be on the water, so off we headed to Moturoa Island for a swim, explore and play on the beach before an early lunch. By this time, a perfect day breeze had sprung up so Callum, Harry, Kodi and Sagar (all Year 7) with Mr McFadden and Matthia, Annabel and Josh B with Mr. Webb headed out for two hours of perfect sailing.

Once again these students were a pleasure to be with and they all had a wonderful day. Sincere thanks to all our supportive parents for transporting students to Doves Bay then back to school. Mrs Chapman, hearty thanks to you for your amazing organising. It was fun!

- Phil Webb

Craft

A small, creative group took on the challenge of leaving school with a hand-made Christmas present for a family member. Necklaces, wall hangings and paperweights will make someone smile this Christmas!

- Jill Hatherly



Capt' Lorenz Bade on the helm



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2014 Springbank Staff Video

For the third year in a row, the Springbank staff got together to create a music video and had a bit of fun towards the end of the year. Judge for yourself whether you think that this year's video is the best one yet.



<http://youtu.be/JCera-JXUAo>

2014 Prize-giving

Congratulations to all of our students who received an award at our end of year prize-giving. A full list of recipients is in the 2014 yearbook. Thank you to all of the businesses and individuals who donated monetary prizes to accompany the awards.

Official photos can be found at:

<http://images.aerialvision.co.nz/Events/Springbank2014/>



Melissa Chapman – graduate and recipient of several awards including Dux.



Kimberley Rear – recipient of the Outstanding Student Award.

Giving a Little Hope at Christmas

We welcomed Santa with a big cheer as he arrived to collect a huge contribution of children's clothes, toys and toiletries. Gift-giving is an annual event at Springbank and this year the students gave gifts to the Northland branch of Foster Hope. This organisation provides backpacks filled with essential items to children who are displaced from their family, often in an emergency situation. Santa is pictured with some excited Springbank students in the newsletter banner.

Half Marathon Payout

Well done to everyone who participated in the recent Kerikeri Half Marathon. I had my \$100 challenge laid down once again this year: for every student or teacher who finished before me, I would give them a cool \$100 cash. This year I felt relatively happy with my training, and unlike last year, I had no jetski accidents leading up to the race! I finished in a time of 1:43.30. I offer a huge congratulations to Kurtis Foster (Year 10) who managed to beat me by only one minute! Kurtis finds himself \$100 richer. Also, a special mention to Matthia Mueller (Year 11) who finished only two minutes behind me.

Saying goodbye to Ruth and Paula

As Ruth Simpson departs Springbank, I thank her very much for her 18 years of service! As our music teacher, Ruth is our longest standing staff member who started teaching at Springbank in 1997, when our total roll was 40 students! It is not the last that we will see of Ruth however, as she will remain as an itinerant music tutor for several of our pianists, keyboardists and guitarists.

Thank you also to Paula Kirby who departs Headstart. Paula has been integral to Headstart's development and I wish her, Quentin and Talullah all the best as they begin the next chapter of their lives in Auckland.



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Bring on 2015!

Thank you to everybody who helped make 2014 a very successful year at Springbank. I leave you with a few shots of our traditional last-hour-of-the-year water fight. Sometimes I don't know who has more fun – the students or the teachers!



Enjoy spending some quality time with your children over the summer holidays. It is easy to forget that we live in one of the most beautiful places on earth, so make sure you get out and about and enjoy what the Bay of Islands has to offer.

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and a happy New Year.

Regards

Mike Warren

Principal

Thought for the week:

Week 3

A life lived for others is the only life worth living.

— Albert Einstein

Courtesy of Phil Webb

Week 4

Be true to yourself. Make each day a masterpiece. Help others. Drink deeply from good books. Make friendship a fine art. Build a shelter against a rainy day.

— John Wooden

Courtesy of Max Hittle

Week 5

No man is an island.

— John Donne

Courtesy of Mike Warren

Week 6

The things we get in life can make us a living, the things we give to people can make a life. Never look down on anybody, unless you're helping them up!

Courtesy of Bridget Foster

Week 7

Love is patient. Love is kind. ... It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

— Corinthians

Courtesy of Andrea Druery

Week 8

It's not **selfish** to love yourself, take care of yourself and to make your happiness a priority. It's **necessary**.

— Mandy Hale

Courtesy of Mike Warren



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