



**Newsletter No. 4 | May 2015**

### **Dear Parents**

It was great to see so many parents and grandparents attending our Cross Country last week. In fact, at the Junior School Cross Country, it looked as though the parents and grandparents outnumbered the students!

Cross Country is always a special day, however this year I was particularly impressed with the determination that all of our students showed, to get around the course as fast as their legs could carry them. Some students were competing for 1<sup>st</sup> place, others just pushing hard to achieve their own personal best. Whatever the motivation to challenge themselves, Cross Country draws out this competitive spirit in all of us and reminds us that success, in any field, rarely comes without grit.

This dogged determination is also evident in every classroom at Springbank, in the form of students pushing themselves to achieve their academic best. Through current staff appraisals, I have had the opportunity to not only discuss the progress of each teacher's goals, but through this process, I also gain a much clearer understanding of how each student is progressing. I am thoroughly impressed with our teachers' ability to know every one of their students; their strengths, their weaknesses and the strategies that are being implemented to improve academic outcomes.

The perfect "education cake" starts with a base of student self-belief. Add a cup of supportive families, a layer of positive peer support environment, then cover with a sweet icing of the best teachers ever. Delicious!

### **Dates to Diarise**

**27 – 29 May**

Senior Careers Trip

**Tuesday 2 June @6pm**

CIE Information Seminar

**Thursday 11 June**

Year 10 – 13 Reports Issued

**Friday 12 June**

Year 1 – 6 Reports Issued

**Week 9**

Junior Parent Teacher Interviews

**Thursday 18 June**

Year 7 – 9 Reports Issued

**Friday 19 June**

Pyjama Day and Winter Disco

**Week 10**

Middle/Senior Parent Teacher Interviews



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## Cross Country

The weather window was perfect; the heavy rain ceased just before school, then set in once again as soon as our Cross Country was wrapped up. The running gods were with us!

Huge thanks go out to the wonderful Friends of Springbank crew who ensured that our students (and parents!) were well fed and watered throughout the day. Thank you also to Christian Pera, Lynne Alexander and Max Hittle for your organisation.

Here is a collection of shots from our great day.



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## Preschool

The preschool children have started their forest walks on Thursday mornings. Children are prepared for the morning and go out rain or shine. It is amazing to see the excitement that the children have when making discoveries in nature. Children that grow up with close encounters in nature, grow into adults who have an appreciation and respect for our planet. This will be especially important for their future generation.



## Headstart

We are very fortunate at Headstart to have commenced swimming lessons at Little Dippers. Each Thursday our students excitedly line up to go on the bus to Little Dippers. This has become a great highlight for many of our children and they all enjoy laughing and telling stories on our trip to the pools. Once there, the children are divided into groups and they get a fun-filled half hour in the pool with an instructor. It has been a privilege to watch our children grow in both confidence and skills as the weeks progress. We look forward to assisting all of our children to become confident and competent swimmers.



## NSS Orienteering

Thanks to the Friends of Springbank, who paid for our property to be mapped as an official Orienteering course, we were able to host the Northland Secondary Schools Orienteering event for Years 7 – 10 on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

We welcomed over 60 competitors from many Northland schools, some as far away as Bream Bay!

Congratulations to Ishmael Strevens for 1st Place in the Year 7-8 Boys category and to Zach Kingsford for 3rd in the Year 9-10 Boys category. Looks like you had some tough competition!



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## Trashion show

At lunchtime on Friday 8th May, our Prefects organised and ran a Trashion Show in the school hall. The Trashion Show challenge was for students to create and model wearable art using only recycled products, from supermarket plastic bags to old bed sheets. It was an impressive and entertaining affair, with students young and old competing to be the ruler of rubbish and the tyrant of trash.

Congratulations to the following students, who were judged true Trashion waste wizards:

1st place: Imogen Malcolm-Solly

2nd place: Ashley Badger

3rd= place: Lila Evers & India Clarke



## Ugly Shakespeare

Omelette, the tragic tale of beaten eggs.

Wait, what? Sorry, apparently it's Hamlet, the tragic tale of a Danish Prince who must choose between avenging his murdered father or having eggs for breakfast. Yes! It's all here – murder, mystery, action, intrigue, ghosts, ghastly goings-on and poached eggs fit for royalty.



It's the most fun our students have had whilst learning about Shakespeare's greatest drama, Danish Kings and a final scene with a death count to rival Die Hard 9.



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## ANZAC Art Trip to Kaan Zamaan

Room 3's inquiry focus this term is 'Identity'. We are focusing on what it means to be a Kiwi, an Anzac and a New Zealander. As we celebrate the 100th year since Gallipoli we reflect on what it meant to be an ANZAC for the soldiers that fought so bravely.

As part of our education outside of the classroom we were fortunate to visit an ANZAC commemorative art exhibition titled 'For the Fallen', held at the Kaan Zamaan Gallery. This was a wonderful opportunity to view artworks by current local artists who have created pieces in honour of the Anzacs.



We thoroughly enjoyed this varied exhibition that included paintings of soldiers in the trenches, sculptures of bullets, a photograph of a local soldier wearing his medals, a woven flax kite, an old fashioned dress made with barbed wire and even buzzy bees painted as

planes.

Each student went on an art detective hunt, finding how many crosses and poppies were depicted in the artworks. They also had to choose their favourite artwork and explain why they liked it.

It was a wonderful experience to visit an established art gallery and to have excellent art to view. Thank you to the wonderful parents who freely gave their time to make this happen and a very special thank you to Julia Reinholt and Peter Sharp for their positivity in hosting our class and helping the children to understand the artworks better.



- Maria Zivkovich



## Lit Quiz

After practicing during their lunch periods for several weeks to discuss literature, including novels, poetry, nursery rhymes, folk tales, myths and legends, two Springbank teams entered the Northland Lit Quiz Competition. On May 1st, our teams were well prepared and enthusiastic representatives of Springbank, in a very difficult competition involving 36 teams. Out of a possible 110 points, the highest score was 60. Team 1, was within 10 points of the winners and Team 2 was not far behind. Khalila Strevens won a spot prize for her knowledge of animals in books.

### Team 1

Annabel Wood (Yr 8), Georgie Ludbrook (Yr 7), Jack Hittle (Yr 7) and Amber Scott (Yr 6).

### Team 2

Olivia MacCarthy (Yr 8), Keela Cashmore (Yr 8), Khalila Strevens (Yr 7) and Lucy Sizer (Yr 6).



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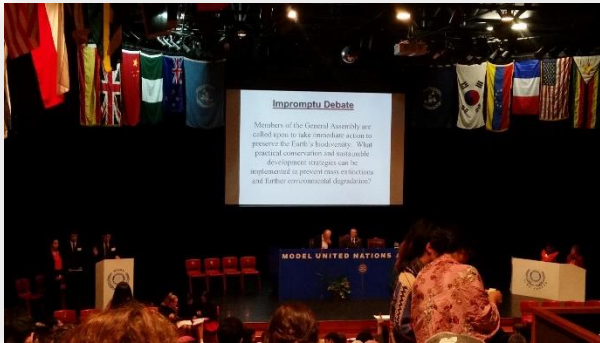
## MUNA

On Thursday 21st May, Logan Alexander, Megan Bramley and Noah Atchison-Darby travelled with Ms Hatherly to Auckland for MUNA 2015. The conference is modelled on the United Nations, with each school representing a different country and debating real-world issues. Springbank's country was Uruguay, and our team argued their two remits intelligently and eloquently, earning acclaim from the forum for their country's stand on marijuana and the destruction of international drugs cartels.

The two days passed in a whirlwind of heated debate, witty presentations about serious issues and a glorious array of national costumes. As well as the serious

side, our students were treated to a taste of city life – their billets showed them some of the sights and experiences Auckland has to offer.

An inspiring speech by Brigadier Phil McKee (Deputy Chief of the NZ Army) closed MUNA. He spoke on the role of the NZ Defence Force in the United Nations, emphasising that peacekeeping is a collective responsibility and must be a priority for each one of us; military force is effective as a last resort.



sponsorship. It's a great opportunity for our students – just ask Logan, Megan and Noah!

- Jill Hatherly

Each year Springbank has been fortunate to be a part of MUNA, and we thank the Rotary Club of Waipapa, as well as Springbank School for their continuing support and

## Put up Your Hand if You Want an Indoor Heated Pool!

Springbank School has come a long way in its first 20 years. What will the next 20 years bring, and what facilities would you like to see developed?

As you may be aware, several of our families are currently pursuing the idea of building a swimming pool at Springbank. They have formed a pool committee and meet each fortnight to discuss the many factors to consider when undertaking a project of this magnitude.

**Join our email list.**  
**Email Sally Collings today.**  
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Springbank School 20th Anniversary



We will be sending out a survey to all Springbank families very soon. It is crucial that you have your say, so please keep an eye out for it. We look forward to considering all of your responses!



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## CIE Information Seminar

This is a quick reminder about our Cambridge Information Seminar that we are holding next **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 6:00pm**.

This seminar is crucial for all parents, regardless of what year level your child is currently at. The aim of this seminar is to inform you about how the Cambridge curriculum is structured at each level. We want to ensure that you, as parents, are fully informed so that you are able to support your child through their education and make informed decisions about subject choice.

It is also important that when your child reaches Senior School, there are no surprises. We have important points that we wish to communicate, to enable you to help ensure your child's success.

Please make the most of this opportunity to have a complete understanding of Cambridge and bring along any questions that you have. All teachers will be present, all Middle and Senior School students are welcome and it is important that at least one parent from each family attend. I look forward to seeing you there.

Regards

Mike Warren

Principal

## Thought for the week:

### Week 2

To mates, say "G'Day"

To adults, say "Good Morning"

Courtesy of Phil Webb

### Week 3

"Be a knight, do it right!"

Courtesy of Jacqui Larkan

### Week 4

"I can live for two months on a good compliment."

– Mark Twain

Courtesy of John Haydock

### Week 5

"Nobody notices when you have good manners; everybody notices when you have bad manners!"

Courtesy of Max Hittle

### Week 6

"Transformation isn't a future event; It's a present day activity."

– Jillian Michaels

Courtesy of Henk Bertelink

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