



Newsletter No. 7 | September 2015

Dear Parents

Our students have been working hard in preparation for Market Day, which is just around the corner. I am looking forward to seeing the great range of innovative products that our students will be showcasing for sale. Make sure that you have Sunday 20th September, 11am – 2pm locked into your diary. Market Day is one of the highlights of the year, and this one promises to be better than ever!

Even though we still expect all staff and students to attend Market Day, this year we won't be taking the following Monday off. It will be business as usual, even though your child may try to convince you otherwise!

Also making its appearance over the horizon is our 20th birthday celebration. This special event will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 19th December for all past and present Springbank teachers, students and their families. Come along for live entertainment, catering by Ake Ake Restaurant and join in our celebration as we step back in time to chart Springbank School's 20 year history. There are several ways to find out more and to register:

- 1 – Visit our website: <http://www.springbank.school.nz/20th-celebration-registration/>.
- 2 – We will have a stall at this week's Market Day, where you will be able to register in person.
- 3 – Phone Sally on (09) 4075236.

I look forward to seeing you all there to share in our unique history and to have an enjoyable family afternoon in the sun.

Upcoming Events

Market Day

This Sunday 20th September from 11am – 2pm.

Term 3 Holidays

Saturday 26th September to Sunday 11th October.

Term 4 Dates

12th October to 3rd December (8 weeks)

Please note that both Preschool and Headstart's holiday programme will remain open until Friday 18th December.

Friends of Springbank Fireworks Extravaganza

Saturday 7th November – gates open at 6:30pm, fireworks show at 9:00pm.



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Daffodil Day 2015

This year Daffodil Day was memorable for a number of good reasons. Great weather, students working together for a very worthy cause and a creditable amount of money passed on to the Cancer Society.

With our senior students busy preparing for their mock exams, we have asked the Y10's to step up and run Daffodil Day, and they did so superbly well. Tosca was spokesperson with Assembly notices, and was ably supported by Sharea, Jasmine, Ruby, Jihee, Te Aroha, Luke and Michael.

This year these students put together around 50 bunches of daffodils with messages to 'secret' and not-so-secret admirers. They sold pens and pin wheels, they had a ball helping the Junior School staff run the Wheels Day fun on the car park and Tosca, Sharea, Luke, Te Aroha and Jasmine spent nearly two hours visiting every business in Waipapa to collect money and distribute the plastic daffodils.

The public response to our students collecting was amazingly generous and all came back to school buzzing with a 'good feeling' of having done a great job really well.



have fun on a skate board too! Thank you to our Junior staff for organising this wonderful event.

This year we raised over \$575.00 for Cancer Society– one of our most successful on record.

- Phil Webb

Staff vs Students Basketball.

Last Tuesday 8th September at lunchtime, the Springbank students took on the Springbank staff in an epic battle of skill, speed, stamina, sweat and stitch (granted, the staff team brought the majority of sweat and stitch).

Fortunately for the staff, two graduates were ring-ins for the day, who just so happened to be excellent basketball players. Thanks to George Anson and James Richardson for giving the staff team a much-needed edge. Without these two it would have been a significantly different score line!

After a great half hour of quality basketball in front of a packed Springbank gymnasium crowd, the staff (plus grads) team pulled out a convincing win of 33 – 10.

Most likely students' team response, "Let's see you try without those graduates!"

Watch this space for the re-match!

2016 Returns

Our senior students have chosen their 2016 subject options and we will soon be in the final stages of confirming next year's courses and respective teachers.

A reminder that if your child is not returning for 2016, you must give written notice by the end of Term Three.



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BOI Intermediate Speech Competition

Springbank hosted this year's event, which drew competitors all the way from Bream Bay to Kaitaia. It was a great evening and the audience enjoyed a wide range of entertaining and informative speeches from students in Years 7 – 10. The prizes were sponsored by Rotary and we had some new judges on board from Toastmasters this year. Springbank was represented by Tosca Paquale (Y10), Max Hittle (Y9), Faraday Haydock (Y8), and Eva Sfakakis (Y7). All our speakers did us proud and we were thrilled to have Faraday awarded runner-up in Year 8 and Max taking out first prize in Year 9, against a particularly formidable group.

Springbank pulled together to make it a very successful evening and we received numerous emails complimenting us on the smooth running and friendly helpers. A special thanks to:

Louise Huett, Sara Epley, Frances Whittaker and Michelle Chapman, who put on the tea and coffee and helped with clean-up at the end of the evening.

Mr. Hittle and students in Year 10 and 12 for set up of the Gym for the evening.

Tim Richardson and Max Hittle for being gofers for Mrs. Druery.

Olivia Philips for designing the certificates and Mrs. Collings for slaving over the copier.

Aside from our awesome speakers, we were really blown away by the prefects who attended in uniform on the night: Tim Richardson, Kimberley Rear, Kirsten Foster and Logan Alexander. They helped with greeting, ushering and serving refreshments. It was wonderful to see them representing us with such pride.

Next year's event will be hosted by Kerikeri High School. We encourage our Middle School students to aim high in their speeches so that we can bring an even tougher game to the competition!

- Andrea Druery



Year 1 – 3 Poetry Competition

On Tuesday 8th September, the final round of the Junior Poetry Competition was held. Steve & Laila Walsh were our judges for this year. They were extremely impressed with the high level of confidence that our young students showed whilst delivering entertaining poems by heart.

Year 1/2

Runners up: Tara Ware and Jessica Brown

3rd: Toni Warren

2nd: Sean Heath

1st: Clay Blakeman

Year 3

Runners up: Kasha Yeo, Leonardo Fisher

3rd: Jade Scott

2nd: Rees Fieldman

1st: Billie Flintoff

**Overall Winner of the
Year 1 – 3 Trophy:
Billie Flintoff**



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Retracing Footsteps- Room 3's Identity Tour

After reading the book *Lizzie Love* by Brenda Delamain, we embarked on a journey to retrace the footsteps of Elizabeth Kemp, who in 1833 was aged 12 years old. The book, based on a true story, describes Lizzie's experience of life as one of the early missionaries to live in New Zealand.

In Week 7 we were fortunate to visit the St. James Church, the Stone Store and Rewa's Village as part of our Identity Tour. Many of us also have a personal connection with the historical areas we visited. St. James Church is where Caitlin and Ms Zivkovich have family members buried, and where Ellie found her grandmother's memorial plaque. A few of us had parents marry in the church, memories of funeral services for loved ones and some of us were also christened there.

We thoroughly enjoyed the guided tour through the Stone Store and Kemp House. It was fascinating to compare Lizzie's life back in the early pioneer days to our lives now. We learnt how different schooling was as we tried to write on slate boards. We compared the Kemp House to our houses now and noticed how cold the early buildings still are today and imagined what life was like without electricity. The Stone Store is a magnificent building and our tour involved answering questions by finding information about life in the Stone Store in the early days.

Finally we visited Rewa's Village, a replica of an early Maori fishing village. We were intrigued to find a life completely different from the missionaries. Buildings were made from wood, flax and other plant material and were much smaller in size. I also found out that the Kororipo Pa that over looks the basin was Hongi Hika's pa site and over 3000 Maori lived there.

Luckily we managed to stay dry as we dived in and out of buildings to avoid the occasionally torrential rain. It was a wonderful experience and we would encourage others to read the book or take the tour themselves.

It reminded us of how fortunate we are to be living in Kerikeri.

- Maria Zivkovich



Upcoming Parenting Toolbox

Build a great family team and have fun on the way!

The Parenting Place is running a course for parents of Tweens and Teens (12 years+) and our very own Jacqui Larkan, along with husband Gary, are the registered tutors.

Course outline:

Although these years may be challenging, they can be some of the best years of your life – and theirs!

Tweens and Teens covers:

- Atmosphere
- Boundaries
- Communication
- Discipline
- Self-esteem
- Future focus

\$75 per person or \$110 per couple for the six week group.

- Small group course with trained facilitators
- Six sessions per course
- Tailored to your needs

Sessions commence Wednesday 14th October.

For further information contact Gary on 027 2819981.



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SADD (Student's Against Driving Dangerously)

Some of our prefects were seriously injured in the Springbank School carpark last Friday. Fortunately the grisly accident was not real but a demonstration organised as part of our Health Day.

Our prefects displayed their acting abilities and some rather gory fake wounds, while police and volunteers for the Kerikeri Fire Brigade and St John Ambulance showed an audience of our Year 7-13 students what happens after a serious crash. The aim of the mock crash was to raise awareness of the dangers of drink-driving before students reached an age where they meet the lethal combination of cars and alcohol.



Firefighters had to cut the roof off the teens' car to allow medics access to the patients; and with so many injured, St John staff had to sort them using coloured tags to make sure the most seriously injured were seen to first. Head Boy Logan Alexander kept the crowd entertained with

his drunken disorderly antics, singing from the back of the police car and making a break for it when he was finally let out. Our other prefects played their parts convincingly, including Elsa Meier, whose character was pronounced dead at the scene. Playing dead for over 30 minutes is no easy feat! After the demonstration students had a chance to ask questions of the emergency services volunteers.

Sincere thanks to Les Wasson from the Fire Brigade and Nick Scott from St Johns for the organisation of the teams to come and rescue the injured! Thanks to ATJ Wreckers for supplying the two cars for the accident scenario and thank you to our prefects for your realistic display. Lastly, a huge thanks to Mr Phil Webb for coordinating everybody to make this all possible.



Junior Speech Competition

The Year 4 – 6 speech finals this year were brilliant. All of the speakers were engaging and entertaining. They spoke eloquently about their topics and as always, it was very difficult for our judge to pick the top finalists. We wish those from Year 5 & 6 all the best in tonight's Rotary Junior Interschol Speech Competition.

Results are:

Year 6:

- 1st – Lucy Sizer – Dyslexia
- 2nd – Antonia Tyson – Courage & Determination
- 3rd Equal – Manish Prakash – Famous Indian Scientist
- Lilly-Marie Houry – My holiday in Cyprus

Year 5:

- 1st – Leon Haslar – Minecraft
- 2nd – Cameron Ireland – Pugs
- 3rd – Callum McIntyre – Soccer

Year 4:

- 1st – Millie Keogh – Manners
- 2nd – Ellamae MacCarthy – Lambs
- 3rd – Ellie Heath – Dolphins

Junior Speech Trophy winner: Leon Haslar.



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Science Fair

The Top Energy Far North Regional Science Fair on Wednesday 26th August was an impressive affair as ever. There were a great deal of entries from many schools across the Far North region, and overall the projects were of a very high standard. Springbank School sent a select representative group from Years 7 – 10 and several of our students performed well, achieving the following medals:

- Gold - Faraday Haydock (Clothing Catastrophe)
- Silver - Orlando Tyson (Suck it up)
- Bronze - Mya Napier (Tough Traction)
 - Khalila Strevens - Bronze (Volt Fault)
 - Jasmine Singh & Sherea Baxter - Bronze (Think Colourful!)



Preschool

What better way to celebrate the first day of Spring than to have a baby lamb at Preschool for the day!



Thank you to Harry Evers and his family for letting Pearl spend the day with us. Pearl was well looked after and made lots of new friends.

Headstart

Headstart has been busy with our poetry recital practice in the last few weeks. The children tried their hardest to memorise their chosen poem and then made up different actions to go along with reciting the poem to their family and friends.



We are so proud of the performances. The children used loud voices, had great posture and gave eye contact to all. We have some amazing performers in the making!



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Health Day

Springbank School's Health Day was held on Friday 11th September. All students from Year 7-13 were exposed to a variety of health-related topics in a one-day intensive.

This year's presenters captivated the students with the following themes;

Nutrition with Sophia Warren

Sophia spoke about what foods nourish us best, what proportions are considered balanced and the three macronutrients; carbohydrates, proteins and fats, and vitamins and minerals. She also taught the students how to read food labels and what to look for, the digestive system and how it works, and overall factors of good health.

Rights and Responsibilities with Rob Drummond - NZ Police

Rob spoke about rights and responsibilities at different age groups including what is legal and illegal on NZ roads. He engaged the students with age appropriate humour and his experiences with the NZ Police.

Puberty/Sexuality with Julia Monaghan - Northland DHB

Julia covered body changes during puberty both physically and emotionally and the importance of personal hygiene. In the sexuality sessions she spoke about the consequences associated with sexual behaviour, the symptoms of the range of STI's and medical advice on where to go for help with any health related questions. Abstinence was promoted and age and emotional preparation recommended.

Firewise with Terry Baylis - NZ Fire Service

Terry looked at being Firewise in a variety of age appropriate situations. DVD presentations and discussion around each scenario, helped the students to be aware of the risks and the importance of the use of fire alarms was highlighted. Terry really enjoyed the opportunity to be part of our Health Day and stated that *"being at Springbank School would be one of the most enjoyable experiences I have encountered over the last 16 years . The school management, staff and of course the students, I applaud you all. I have over the years spent many hours educating all age groups. On Friday I felt really proud to have represented the New Zealand Fire Service educating Springbank School students."*

Thank you to all the presenters who gave their time to be part of the Springbank School 2015 Health Day.

- Michelle Chapman

Connect – Vanuatu

This term we are "Looking Beyond" our immediate community, therefore we have connected with a school in Vanuatu. As many of you are aware, Vanuatu was hit with Cyclone Pam in March. The island nation was devastated, and many buildings, including schools, were crippled. Although rebuilding has been steady, there are still many students who are unable to return to their school as they cannot afford (the equivalent of NZ)\$80 for a year's school fees, because infrastructure has been destroyed and many jobs have been lost.

We may not be able to get a hundred people back to school, but we can get at least one. The challenge over the next two weeks is for us to do just that. There is a collection box in reception. If all of our students brought in 50c, we would raise the required amount to get one student back to school. Of course we would like to help as many as possible, so quite simply the deeper we dig, the more children we help.

You may not have direct access to our collection box, but you can still help by depositing funds of any amount into the Springbank bank account. We will then add it to the total fund. Hey, even if it's 50c, you're doing your part.

ANZ Bank Account Name:
Springbank School
Number: 06-0350-0041662-00
Reference: "Vanuatu"



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Term 3 Close is Close!

As we head into Term 3's penultimate week, I would like to congratulate our senior students on their mock exams and wish them all the best for the upcoming externals. Most are confident and on track, and the rest are now busy filling their knowledge gaps in anticipation of their final exams next term.

Thank you to our Senior teachers for offering their afternoons for revision classes this term. It is a significant commitment for them to run 1 – 2 hour sessions after school after a full day's teaching, then in addition mark all of their students' practice exams. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team.

And to our Junior teachers, who each continue to provide the most warm, welcoming environments for our younger students, who each have differing styles but the same high expectations and passion for teaching and the utmost care for their students. We are very lucky indeed.

Regards

Mike Warren

Principal

Thought for the week:

Week 5

"If you had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting?" - Stephen Levine

Courtesy of Jacqui Larkan

Week 6

"Respect your elders. Learn from the people who have walked the path before you. Because someday, and sooner than you could imagine, you're going to be old too."

Courtesy of Bridget Foster

Week 7

"We do not cease to play because we grow old. We grow old because we cease to play"

Courtesy of Henk Bertelink

Week 8

"Most of life's sweetness is only truly savoured through sacrifice"

Courtesy of Christian Pera

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