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Dear Parents

Our prefects really are a brilliant bunch. Throughout this year they have supported our staff and younger students, organised various initiatives and lunchtime activities, and in general they have been great ambassadors for Springbank. To say thank you, Phil Webb and I held a special Prefects' Lunch at the Springbank Café. It was great to have a final catch up with these students in a relaxed, informal setting and the food was delicious – thank you, Anthea! The only downside was that the students had to put up with Mr Webb and Mr Warren's jokes. They no doubt felt compelled to laugh along, which was a big mistake as it only encouraged us.

The next day we all headed out to perform a roadside clean-up, which is fast becoming a Prefect tradition. Last year's prefects collected 8 full rubbish sacks, and it was good to note that there was far less this year.

The last day of Term 3 was "Year 13 Day", as it was officially their last day of school. Pranks involved filling my office with sticky notes, turning Michelle Chapman's life upside down in Room 12 (think Roald Dahl's "The Twits") and presenting Phil Webb with oodles of balloons. It was all in the name of good fun and a special way to spend their last day **ever** of school.

With senior exams already underway, our senior students are well into exam mode. Also, all the best for our Year 6 – 10 students, whose exams have commenced this week.

2016 Term Dates

Term 1: 26th January to 8th April (11 weeks)

Term 2: 26th April to 1st July (10 weeks)

Term 3: 25th July to 23rd September (9 weeks)

Term 4: 10th October to 8th December (9 weeks)

Term 1 Public Holidays

•**Northland Anniversary:**
Monday 1st February

•**Waitangi Day (observed):**
Monday 8th February

•**Good Friday:** Friday 25th March

•**Easter Monday:**
Monday 28th March

•**Easter Tuesday:**
Tuesday 29th March



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2015 Market Day

What a day! Even the weather couldn't keep the students down!



50 student companies were on display with products ranging from bows and arrows to Darth Vader-themed dark chocolate, fashion accessories and crystal-growing kits. Instead of paying tax the students donate 25% of their profits to the charity of their choice.



Our Market Day also featured live music, a dance group, food stalls, bouncy castles and rides. Our thanks go to all involved, students, parents, staff, our bands and everyone in the community who attended.



Under 3s extension

We are currently building our new extension for Under 3s, and all going to plan, we should be ready to open in the New Year.



This is an exciting new development for Preschool as we will now be able to welcome children from as young as three months, to play, learn and explore with us.

The first teacher that we have employed, Jenna Pille (nee Ashby), comes with many years' experience as an ECE teacher within the local community and we are thrilled to have her joining the Springbank Preschool team.



If you would like to enrol your child, or know of someone that is interested in enrolling their child/ren in our Under 3s, please contact Sally on 09 4075236 or reception@springbank.nz.



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Friends of Springbank – Fireworks Extravaganza

The Friends of Springbank team are gearing up for another spectacular fireworks show this year. They have invested in even more firepower than usual, and it promises to be a great show!



To help make the night run smoothly and be a huge success, we need parent helpers on the night to help out on the gate and to monitor the bouncy castle. If you are able to give Louise and the team an hour of your time, you can add your name to the gate roster in reception, or speak to Sally and let her know what time slot you prefer. We thank you very much in advance.

Along with the amazing fireworks display, there will be the lighting of the bonfire, entertainment, stalls and plenty of food to enjoy on the night. Bring along a blanket and all your friends and family to the 5th Friends of Springbank Fireworks Extravaganza.

Gates open at 6:30pm with the fireworks show starting at 9:00pm. Tickets are \$5 per person with under 5s free. Parking will be available across the road from the school.



Thank you to Louise and Debbie.

After many years as the amazing Chairperson of the Friends of Springbank, Louise Huett will be stepping down at the end of this year. Debbie Sutcliffe, currently the Treasurer, will also be stepping down after years of dedicated service to Friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Louise and Debbie very much for their huge contribution to the Friends of Springbank.

Through Friends, they have made a huge positive difference to the Springbank community, and all Springbank students have benefitted in various ways from funds that the Friends of Springbank have raised and activities such as discos that Friends has run.

Friends will be looking for some fresh blood in the New Year to join the team. If you've been thinking about joining but just haven't taken the step, 2016 IS YOUR TIME!

Being part of Friends is a fantastic way to get involved with the school through a variety of fun events & sponsorship that support your children and the wider school.

You won't have to commit to an extensive amount of time and you'll be joining an energetic, friendly and fun group of parents.



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Room 2's Farm Visit

In Term 3, Room 2 learnt a little about where some of our food comes from. This included milk, bread and honey.

To see the process of where our milk comes from, we were invited to visit the McIntyre's dairy farm. What an exciting day we had!

We arrived to a beautiful spread of a "farm" morning tea – fruit, and scones and cream! Yum!

Once everyone was full enough, we climbed onto the trailer on the back of the tractor and headed into the paddock to see all the dairy cows. Riding on the trailer was great fun!



The cows surrounded us as we threw out some hay for them to enjoy.

Our next stop was the calf shed – that was very smelly! Rob and Cassie (the farmers) let some of the calves out into the paddock for the first time. They were so cute as they leapt and pranced enjoying their first taste of freedom.

We then headed to the milking shed. Everyone pretended to be cows as they followed where the cows go to be milked. We saw how the cows have to stand to be milked, and where the milk goes through the pipes into the tank.



We then had to get off the trailer and we walked along the river for about 45 minutes. We found some duck eggs. Some of us got stuck in the mud with our gumboots! We certainly worked up an appetite for our lunch.

After lunch, we got to hand feed some little lambs at the house. They were greedy little things, and as they sucked hungrily on the bottles we had to really hold on tight.

Our farm trip was so much fun as we learnt first-hand about where milk comes

from. Thank you Rob and Cassie, and all the parents who came along with us!

- Jacqui Larkan

Sport Talk

Hockey: We will be entering at least one team in 6 aside Twilight (Business House) Hockey, which starts next Wednesday (28th October) and runs for 6 weeks.

Games will be at 6:15pm every Wednesday night at the hockey turf in Kaikohe.



No experience is needed; just a bit of fun with friends, so dust off your hockey stick, come along and give it a go! If you are interested, contact Mike Warren principal@springbank.nz.

Basketball: It was another battle on the basketball court with staff Mike Warren, Max Hittle, Paul McFadden, Henk Bertelink and stand-in, Ishmael Strevens (Year 8) taking on Middle/Senior Students on 22nd September at lunchtime.

It was a great physical game with both teams looking like they might take the win, however the staff team managed to pull off another victory. Final score 14 – 10.



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Teacher Farewells

It is with sadness that we will have to say goodbye to two of our teachers at the end of the 2015 school year.

Christian Pera has been with us since 2012 and has been key in transforming our Sport and Outdoor Education programme. He has built strong relationships with staff, students and families and will be sorely missed. Christian is moving onto an exciting new adventure, for good. He has promised that we will still see him from time to time, as he will be just around the corner in Russell.

Maria Zivkovich has been teaching in our Junior School since 2013 and has been an amazing asset to Springbank in that time. We will miss Maria's passion for teaching and all-round greatness that she brings to each and every day! Maria will be moving back to Auckland with Orlando and Antonia to join her husband Andrew.

Both Christian and Maria have been energetic, friendly, supportive and wonderful teachers to all of our students and great staff members to work alongside. We know we'll always keep in touch and wish Christian and Maria all the very best in their new adventures in the New Year.

We will have an official farewell assembly at 8:40am on Thursday 26th November and you are all invited to help us say goodbye. Stock prices in Kleenex are set to rise!

Art Class visits Kauri Cliffs

It was a perfect day on 12th August when the Senior Art class, along with Ruth Simpson, set off in the school van to visit Kauri Cliffs. We were in awe of the amazing art collection that we saw in such a stunning setting. It was a bonus to see the largest Kauri tree on private land. A special thank you to Natalie and Garth for arranging our visit.

- Win Stringer



Money raised for Vanuatu

A huge thank you and pat on the back to everyone who helped raise money to go towards students in Vanuatu after the devastating cyclone earlier this year.

A total of \$504.50 was raised and we know that this contribution from Springbank School will be gratefully received.



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Speech Success

Late last term, several of our Year 5 & 6 students competed in the Rotary Junior Interschool Speech Competition. A huge congratulations to Lucy Sizer who gained 1st Place Overall with her speech "Dyslexia". Well done also to Antonia Tyson who came 3rd in Year 6 with her speech "Courage and Determination".

ICAS Results

Well done to all students who excelled in the recent ICAS Mathematics and English exams. The results are as follows:

Mathematics		English	
DISTINCTION (89 th – 98 th percentile in NZ)			
Jack Hittle	Yr 7	Luke Bramley	Yr 10
Max Hittle IV	Yr 9	Taiyo Serge	Yr 12
Taiyo Serge	Yr 12		
CREDIT (65 th – 88 th percentile in NZ)			
Ollie Ludbrook	Yr 4	Ollie Ludbrook	Yr 4
Georgie Ludbrook	Yr 7	Ashley Badger	Yr 8
Blake Vujcich	Yr 9	Connor Nobbs	Yr 9
Luke Bramley	Yr 10	Lauren Harrell	Yr 11
Lauren Harrell	Yr 11		
Megan Bramley	Yr 12		
MERIT (55 th percentile in NZ)			
		Megan Bramley	Yr 13

House Quiz

On the last hour of the last day of Term 3, Taiyo Serge (Yr 12) and Megan Bramley (Prefect, Yr 13) organised and ran an inter-house quiz. The Middle and Senior School was divided into teams within their house groups. The competition consisted of 30 questions and the format was similar to Mathex, with a runner from each team having to collect and deliver questions and answers.

There were different categories based on year groups, won by various house teams, which meant that there was no overall house winner. However, it was a thrilling end to a great term and much fun was had by all.

Accommodation Wanted

We have a family from The Netherlands who will be spending the majority of Term One with us and they are looking for some accommodation while they are here. If you or anybody you know will have accommodation available from mid-February to mid-April, please contact Mike Warren principal@springbank.nz.

National Earthquake Drill

Springbank School took part in the recent New Zealand Shake Out on Thursday 15th October at 9:15am. Everyone from our youngest friends at Preschool to our senior students and staff members stopped to Drop, Cover and Hold. Even though Northland has a very low rate of ever having a major earthquake, it's important for everyone to learn and know what to do should they ever experience one. Well done to everyone for taking part and supporting the drill. Thankfully there were no major casualties... this time.

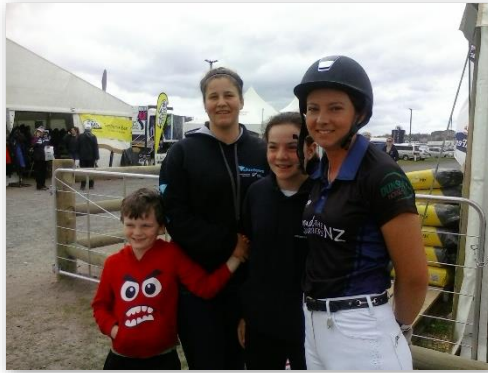


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Catching a Springbank Grad!

Several of our horsey-oriented students were lucky enough to head down to the 2015 national Equidays late last week. They were pleasantly surprised to spot Samantha Felton, a Springbank graduate. Sam was competing in some equestrian events at the Equidays. Our students enjoyed watching her win the Isuzu D Max Cross Country & Show Jumping Challenge on Ricker Ridge Rui, and she also won the Dunston Ex Factor challenge of re training ex race horse on Itsatry!



So a brilliant weekend for Sam and an inspiring weekend for our young equestrians!

Regards

Mike Warren
Principal

Thought for the week:

Week 9 (T3)

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one."

– Mother Teresa

Courtesy of Lynne Alexander

Week 10 (T3)

"We make a living by what we get.
We make a life by what we give."

– Winston Churchill

Courtesy of Mike Warren

Week 1

"The best education must include character development, such as learning manners!"

Courtesy of Mike Warren

Week 2

"Don't ever forget where you came from - especially if you don't even know where you are going."

– Sara Marie Hogg

Courtesy of Sally Collings

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