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Dear Parents

My wife and I are feeling very blessed at the moment, as we've just had our third child. Lachlan Maverick Warren was born at 8.00pm on Monday 2nd May, weighing in at an impressive 3.94kg (8lb 11oz). He's happy (when he has a full belly) and healthy, and we're thrilled with our now "complete" family. However, we've been encouraged to continue until we have a full hockey team, which is tempting.



Mason taking Lockie's blood pressure, while Frank loads up the syringe.

We are feeling equally as blessed with the support and congratulations from so many teachers, students and parents. Thank you all so much; we look forward to taking up the various offers of support... at 4.00am!

Dates to Diarise

School Production

Fri 20th & Sat 21st May

Cross Country

Fri 3rd June

Junior School Reports Issued

Wed 8th June

Junior School Parent/Teacher

Interviews 14th & 15th June

Middle & Senior Reports

Issued Wed 15th June

Middle & Senior

Parent/Teacher Interviews

21st, 22nd & 23rd June

Springbank Science Fair

Wed 29th June

Last Day of Term

Fri 1st July



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School-wide Focus – BOOST Independence!

This term we carry through our BOOST theme, concentrating on boosting independence. But what does it mean for our students to be independent?

- Being self-reliant and not needing others to perform basic tasks for you. For our younger students this might mean buttering your own toast or dressing yourself. It certainly means taking your own bag to school and hanging it up (rather than your parent doing it)
- Older students: having internal motivation to achieve, rather than being pushed by your parents and teachers. Also discovering your own career path, rather than being pushed into one.
- At school, seeking answers from various sources, rather than solely relying on your teachers
- Being able to use your initiative
 - to do chores at home without being asked
 - for our older students to take on leadership activities with minimal involvement
 - to see what needs doing and get on and do it!

Why do we want our students to boost their independence?

- Independence is a particularly important character trait to have for when our students leave home. Initiative and self-drive are traits that employers value.
- Life is more satisfying when you are in control. You develop a sense of pride and confidence knowing that **you** are making the decisions that impact your life.

"To find yourself, think for yourself"

- Socrates

Motocross Coaching

Many of our students are into Motocross riding, but who is looking to take their dirt biking to the next level? Professional coaching is available and there is a session coming up early June. Follow this link to register:

<http://www.broxy.co.nz/event/coaching-northland-2>



Roland's Wood

At Springbank School all Year 9 students, plan, fundraise and organise a project for a not-for-profit organisation. Last year Connor Nobbs, Harrison Irwin, Nakul Patel and James McFarlane ran a sausage sizzle, sold fudge and other homemade sweets, and cooked hot chips during the school's annual Market Day to raise the funds to help out the Roland's Wood Trust.



After several meetings with John Horrell, a Roland's Wood club member, it was decided that the best use of the \$350.00 raised was to get a sign produced by NPC to warn people of the hazard when arborists were at work in the woods. The students were pleased to support such a worthy organisation and thank John Horrell for the time he gave them to speak to their class on Roland's Wood and its purpose and goals, and in meeting with the boys on several occasions to discuss possible options for their fundraising efforts. The students feel that working with their local community was a highlight of their year.

- Michelle Chapman



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Yr 4–6 Camp Through Hannah's Eyes

Last term's camp was superb! We swam, played and did lots of other things, but let me start from the beginning...

When I arrived, I went to see my cabin. I was with Diaz, Juliette and Heidi. Soon, everyone was playing at the beach. Diaz and I sat on the sand, waves lapping at our feet. Next, we climbed to the top of St Paul's Rock. "Are we there yet?" Diaz gasped. The answer was, "No, of course not!" Finally, we reached the top. The view was beautiful. We climbed down again, drove back and had a dip.



The next day, we played a game of 'Capture the Ball' and the adults won. We had a drama contest, too. I was the pussy cat in our play, 'The Owl and the Pussy Cat.' We had the Tauranga Bay Olympics. I won the 'Master Chef,' where I had to eat a Weet-Bix faster than everyone else who was competing. We had a splendid BBQ as well.

That was the best school camp EVER!

By Hannah McIntyre, Year 4

Equestrian Success

Phoebe Huett, Liv Teixeira and Amber Scott recently competed in the Northland Area Pony Clubs Show Jumping Championships at Kaikohe. They competed in the 80cm class against approximately 20 riders, and they came first, winning the Ridgewood Trophy! Well done, girls!



Amber Scott has since competed on two ponies in two events on the same day. The first event was the Northland Dressage in which she competed against adults, gaining a fourth, two thirds and a first place! The second event was the Northland Area Show Jumping, where Amber placed 2nd in the 80cm speed round.

Amber has made it into the Bay of Islands Development Squad to have an intense focus on dressage, show jumping and cross country, working alongside three of Northland's leading instructors.

Exciting times ahead, Amber!



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AS Psychology Messing With Heads

The residents of Kerikeri were once again exposed to a series of experiments undertaken by the AS Psychology students who would observe the behaviour of individuals or groups who were exposed to a series of different conditions and events.

Would there be a behavioural modification due to the presence of someone perceived to be an authority figure?

Would we observe a conditioned response to a common visual/aural prompt?

Would individuals experience the 'bystander effect' and not offer any means of help to a person when other people are present in the immediate vicinity?

The students completed all the experiments with enthusiasm and collected data that would be analysed and used to prepare a presentation on our return to school. The students were focussed, on task and it was an absolute pleasure to accompany them for the day. Excellent work!

- John Haydock

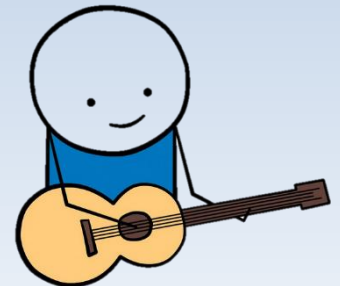


Springbank's Got Talent

On the last afternoon of Term 1, we were all treated to some of what our talented students have to offer. We witnessed stand-up comedy, a magic show, dancing, singing and several students showcasing their musical talents. The Talent Show's inception began when several Year 4 girls approached me in 2015, as they wished to put on a talent show to raise money for the SPCA. We then recruited some senior students, who also showed interest in such an event. From that point, Georgia Sheard and Leah Stewart took over and did an amazing job turning their ideas into reality.

Congratulations to these students who gained the following places:

- 1st – Khalila, Ishamel, Kodi – KIK
- 2nd – Diaz Turner – Ballet
- 3rd = Sean McConnachie – Drums
- 3rd = Shaelyn Whitehead & Khalila Strevens – Keyboard and vocals of their own original song.



Thank you to all of the senior students who pitched in to help create a fun, entertaining afternoon show, and thank you for those who donated at the door. You helped raise \$100 for the SPCA.



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Yr 7 & 8 Football Champs

On Wednesday 6th April, the Springbank Year 7 & 8 soccer team represented us at the Kaikohe tournament. The sun shone brightly as seven teams arrived, raring to go. Springbank were straight into the action against a no-nonsense all-girl team from Kaikohe Christian school. Soon the Springbank players started to find space and pass the ball around, creating chances and scoring freely in a game that finished with most of the team on the scoresheet. Next came Waima, playing with plenty of flair and passion, bringing the best out of defenders Max Stovell and Shaelyn Whitehead. The experience of Ollie Huett and Jai Dawson steadied the ship and by full time Springbank had amassed a decent goal tally, though at a cost, as Ollie was forced to retire due to injury.

Undaunted by the loss of their captain, the Springbank team pressed on, recording solid wins against both Okaihau teams and the premier Kaikohe outfit on their way to the tournament decider against the undefeated Rawene side. Throughout the first half the game was a see-saw battle with neither side able to take control of the arm-wrestle. Then, early in the second half, disaster struck as Rawene scored! They celebrated as if they had won. However, our players found another gear, and driven on by Jai's determination and Jack Hittle's intelligent passing, Springbank grabbed a late equaliser. A frantic final minute ensued with both sides missing chances to take the outright win before the final whistle blew leaving the teams to congratulate each other. However, this result was enough to ensure that Springbank remained at the top of the table for the tournament, so congratulations team for taking it out!

Throughout the day the team showed great character – humble in victory, resilient in the face of challenges and always backing each other. It has been a pleasure to watch them play and to work with their coach, Year 11 student Levi Whitehead. Final thanks are also due to our supporters who travelled to Kaikohe to support the team magnificently.

Springbank Year 7 & 8 football team: Ollie Huett (c), Jai Dawson, Jack Hittle, Max Stovell, Shaelyn Whitehead, Joshua Traas, Rhys Carr Smith, Kanwar Gil & Kyan O'Brien.



- Adam Horgan

Tryathlon and You Will Succeed!

Many of our students entered the Weet-bix Kiwi Kids Tryathlon on Sunday 10th April. The weather was dead against them, raining consistently throughout the day. However, this did not deter any of our students, as they pushed on through the tough conditions and kept spirits high while waiting for their time to compete. It is this gritty attitude that I am particularly proud of. Not only did our students survive the day, they enjoyed themselves immensely!



To top off the experience, our students ended up winning three mountain bikes for our school! We are looking into how we will utilise these mountain bikes effectively by making them available for students to ride around our multi-sport trail.



Well done, team. Looking forward to next year's event!



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Northland Secondary Schools' Orienteering Hosts

Because we have an amazing multi-sport trail created by Bob Warren and the Friends of Springbank paid to have our property officially mapped as an orienteering course, Springbank hosted the Northland Secondary Schools' Orienteering Competition for Years 7–10, for the second year running. We also entered 30 Year 7–10 students for this competition.



For those of you who don't know, orienteering is a competitive sport that involves running across unfamiliar country, using a map to find your way around a set course. It's essentially a giant treasure hunt.

This year we had an individual competition and a team competition, each split up into age groups. For the individual competition it was also split up into a boys and girls competition.

Our students performed well, with some gaining second and third placings. Well done to everybody who participated. I witnessed our students giving it all they had to set a perfect time. One student gave that much, he was almost crawling over the finish line when he got back!

Our Y11 PE/Outdoor students did an amazing job by doing all the timing for the competition. I would like to give a big thanks to Luke, Michael, Andrew, Aino and Jasmine.



Another thanks to Robyn Richards of Sport Northland, who organised the whole event. Also a big thanks to our Principal, Mike Warren, who allowed this fabulous event to happen at our School.

- Henk Bertelink

Staff vs Students

Our staff vs students sports games have been continuing most Friday lunchtimes. The competition has been fierce, and everyone has enjoyed each lunchtime game immensely.



This term we have moved on from football to Ultimate Frizbee, with our first session being taken by a student team! There were three student teams and a staff team, and whilst the staff team dominated for the first few games, it became clear that the students' green team were the ones to beat.

The green team held out all the other teams for the remainder of the lunch break and taught the staff team a lesson in Ultimate Frizbee class.

We are looking forward to meeting again soon for a re-match!



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IGCSE Geography Field Trip

Last week saw the Year 11 Geography class make their way down to Rotorua. As with last year, the group took in Omaha sandspit and Mt. Eden in Auckland before heading straight to Rotorua. This year involved some new activities with a 4WD trip. We then hiked up Mt Tarawera, which was unfortunately not blessed by the weather gods and took place in thick cloud. After that we went river rafting on the Kaituna River, going over the world's highest commercially rafted waterfall. Te Aroha and Levi were not content with being in the raft while examining the erosive force of the waterfall and took geographic field work to new levels by exiting the raft for some first-hand experience!



The next day saw an early start with a visit to Wai-o-Tapu Thermal Wonderland followed by the Aratiatia Rapids and the Huka Falls, then to Taupo, before heading back to Rotarua for a bit of fun on the Luge. Once again Te Aroha seemed to not

understand that the point was to stay in the conveying vehicle and took the opportunity to exit both the luge and the track on the final, highly competitive run of the day, where Mr McFadden prevailed over a valiant effort from Levi to take the win.

The last day saw another early start with a trip to Waihi and a tour of the Waihi Gold Mine as guests of Oceania Gold. After that we had a stop at the Karangahake Gorge looking at river



processes, before the trip back to Kerikeri.

Overall, lots of fun was had. Quote of the trip went to Levi with his "I didn't realise we would be doing this much Geography" comment!

- Paul McFadden

Headstart

On Friday, the Headstart children were given the opportunity to walk to one of our children's grandparents' orchard to learn about how Mandarins are grown, to pick their own and enjoy sampling the sweet, juicy mandarins.

The children learnt about road safety, perseverance, collaboration and how to nourish our bodies with healthy food. A big thank you goes out to Arthur for sharing his vast knowledge with us and to Laila Klauui for being a wonderful parent helper.



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2016 Cape Brett Challenge

Normally the annual Springbank Cape Brett Challenge is a balmy, sun-soaked affair

undertaken in high summer. This year, in an attempt to build even more character in our Year 12 & 13 adventurers, the date for the swim & hike was set for the chilly month of May. This meant not only a marked drop in water temperature but the added task of completing the formidable track before sunset. No pressure.



As we all know, when the going gets tough, the tough put on a wetsuit, roll up the proverbial sleeves and get on with it. Joined by Captain Fifi LeBoeuf himself, Mr. Christian Pera, the team set afternoon, landed at Urupukapuka Island and pitched camp. Kurtis cooked a stir-fry, Billy told the shortest ghost-story ever, and before we knew it the sun was up. Friday the 13th had arrived and the challenge was upon us. Eschewing a clamber across the rocks to save a few metres, the team swam straight from the beach at Urupukapuka Bay against a rising tide across the Albert Channel to Kaimarama Bay, taking fifty-eight minutes to complete a swim of just under two kilometres! On the beach, high-fives were exchanged, energy snacks consumed and walking gear donned. By 0930 the team were on the Rawhiti Road with only sixteen kilometres of track between them and Cape Brett.

Now it's all well and good telling people sitting in a Monday morning assembly that a journey of a thousand miles starts with one small step. It soon became apparent that as the track became steeper and more punishing and the magnitude of the task ahead of us became clearer we needed a more direct approach. One thing that stands out in the memory from a very memorable trip was how this group pulled together and literally sang, cajoled and at times simply chanted themselves up and down some very serious terrain, refusing to quit. Whatever punishment the track threw at them they ate it up and asked for more.

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Sheer Luck Holmes – Your Night Out This Weekend

We are proud to present Sheer Luck Holmes, which is a funny take on the classic character of Sherlock Holmes. This production is running THIS Friday 20th and Saturday 21st May at 6.45pm.



Springbank School runs a production every alternate year, and for some of the senior students this will be their last time on stage, so it would be wonderful to fill the seats for both shows. Small children will have the option to watch from mats in front to fully enjoy the action on stage!

The school art exhibition will be held on the opening evening before the show. Tea and coffee will be served before the show and at interval.

Tickets cost \$5 per person or \$15 per family (2 adults, 2 children). Please contact Sally on 09 4075236 or reception@springbank.nz to book your tickets.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Amidst the grit and the sweat there were moments of breath-taking beauty as the sun shone and the majesty of the scenery was there to be enjoyed. From the light filtering through the ponga, nikau palm and manuka to the soaring cliffs at Cape Brett, we marched on feeling both humbled and blessed to be out in such stunning country. After an eight hour tramp, nine and a half hours after entering the water at Urupukapuka Bay and with the sun setting over the sea, we staggered down the final slope past the iconic light house to the hut – our shelter for the night.



Dawn broke over a calm, clear day at the Cape. Some of us swam with the local seals while we waited for skipper Warren and first mate Webb to arrive. A two-hour hike to Deep Water cove was avoided (cue much rejoicing) due to Mr Warren's outrageous skill manoeuvring his boat close to the rocks and we clambered aboard and headed for home. Sore – maybe. Tired – yes, a little. Feeling that unique sensation that we achieved something amazing together – definitely. It's what outdoor adventure is all about and this teacher would like to thank Mr Warren, our parents and our awesome students for experience.

- Adam Horgan

I look forward to an action-packed second-half of Term Two. It hasn't felt like it yet, but winter is around the corner, so wrap up and stay warm in this beautiful slice of paradise we call home.

Regards

Mike Warren

Principal

Preschool

The weather has been amazing, and we have been out and about enjoying the warm sun on our forest walks.



So much learning happens when we go on these walks. We practice our writing skills, sing songs, count the steps we take, investigate insects and measure distance. We get to feel the cold, wet grass between our toes and the warm sun on our backs. What wonderful life experiences!



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