SPRINGBANK SCHOOL

Newsletter 6

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Dear Parents

Some of you may have noticed that you received a "Scholar Rebate" on your Term 4 school fees, and you may not all be aware of what the rebate is for.

A few years ago, we decided to create a rebate for families who have had their children at Springbank for a long period of time. Essentially, it is our way of saying thanks for your long term commitment to your child's education at Springbank.

For students who have been enrolled at Springbank School for 3 full calendar years, they receive a $250 rebate in the 4th term of their 4th year. This continues for the 4th and 5th years. Then from 6 years onwards, the rebate doubles to $500 per year.

How you spend your rebate is up to you. I hear that a certain Principal is a lover of chocolate and beer...

On a serious note, a couple of years ago we had a family mention that they were thinking of forwarding their rebate to Friends of Springbank. I don't think that it eventuated, but it certainly would be a great way to give back. If you would like to be the first family to do so, please email friends@springbank.nz to request their bank details. I'm sure that it would be very much appreciated!

(And if not, then hey, did you know that the Principal loves chocolate and beer?)

Dates to Note:

Term 4 : 10th Oct – 8th Dec

Preschool and the Headstart holiday programme will continue until 23rd December.

CIE Exams Begin

Senior Exams: 10th Oct – 18th Nov

Primary and Secondary Checkpoint: 17th – 21st Oct

Friends of Springbank Fireworks Extravaganza!:

Saturday 5th November

- Gates open 6:30pm
- Fireworks show at 9:00pm

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Ms. Alexander's Market Day memories.

Here I am at Market Day for the sixteenth year in a row. So, who better to reflect upon the brilliance of this day.

The weather is smiling upon us and everyone is buzzing with excitement. Children, parents and teachers have worked together to create the products and stalls. It's the true showcase of entrepreneurship. Whether as a sole trader, group, or class effort, all are here to pitch their wares to the public and in turn to donate a percentage of their profits to charity.

Sixteen years ago we weren't dealing with real money, we were using a Market Day currency, which all shoppers had to convert their real money into. We soon abandoned the Enterprise New Zealand idea and zoomed ahead of the rest of the country to have our students trading in real currency...

Market Day – A Room 2 child's perspective...

At Springbank School, we have Market Day every year.

Last week we made wind chimes and aeroplanes for Market Day. It was hard to make the wind chimes! But the aeroplanes were easy to make. We made 16 wind chimes and forty four aeroplanes.

On Wednesday we went to the back of the track to get bamboo for our stall. It was hard work to carry it all the way back to the class.

Today in assembly, we won for best stall. We also counted the money up and we each got $12 to take home. I wonder what I will buy with it?

Market Day was... amazing! I can't wait till next year!

By Charlie Andrew (Year 3)

...Market Day Continued

Sunday 11th September 2016 was a fantastic day. The students provided a huge range of food, products and services for three hours at their stalls. Senior students and staff provided the backup support, dealing with rubbish, entertainment, parking, advertising and much more.

I also totally enjoyed previous Market Days where my own two children actively participated for more than fourteen years. I also made a yearly profit with my own stalls, especially on the year when I opened the 'Poi Palace'; such a great experience.

Congratulations to our Springbank School community for building something up to such a stunning level. Our children's best memories of school won't be the mathematics or English lessons. They will be the fun times like Market Day that stay with them forever.

- Lynne Alexander, Market Day Veteran

Market Day Trophy Winners

In general, the products at this year's Market Day were some of the most innovative and professionally produced that we have had to date, and the vast majority of stalls were very well presented.

Every year judges decide who will take out our major trophies. The 2016 winners are:

Junior School Most Innovative Product
Nature's Candles (Billie Flintoff, Ema Hollister & Liv Teixeira)

Junior School Outstanding Stall Presentation
Bamboo Hutt (Room 2)

Middle School Most Innovative Product
Hilly Billy Hobo Stoves (Harry Sizer & Ishmael Strevens)

Middle School Outstanding Stall Presentation
Tumblr & Things (Casi Bulkeley & Annabel Wood)

Congratulations to the winning teams. Fantastic effort!

Year 7 – 10 Disco

Our 2016 disco was held at the Kerikeri RSA last Friday evening. Much fun was had by all, and it was great to see the students (and teachers!) really getting into the Wild West theme.

Thanks to Michelle Chapman for organising, and a huge thank you goes to our parents who created an authentic atmosphere. This includes Tawnya & Charles Badger, Ian & Anna Sizer, Deb Blakeman, and Anita Pistorius.

There is also a short clip of the evening: https://youtu.be/GcK9iMWzaGo

Agri Pets Day

After the great success of last year's Agri Pets Day, this year's event will be held on Friday 11th November.

Everyone is welcome to participate and bring along their best four legged friend.

Entry forms need to be returned to Kimberly Knight by the end of Week 2, Term 4.

Junior Poetry Winners

Congratulations to our youngest students, who chose or created poems, memorised them, then delivered them to an audience of parents and students. They were inspirational!

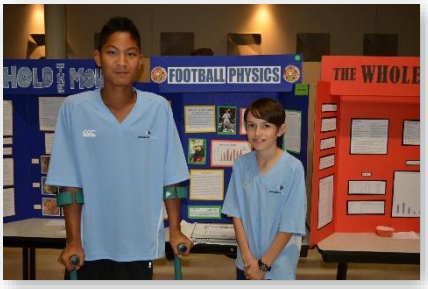
Room 1:
1st – Pipi Flintoff
2nd – Simon Kistemaker
Runners up – Toni Warren and Rio Gardner

Room 2:
1st – Lila Evers
2nd – Dan Sutcliffe
Runners up – Hugh Wojtulewicz and Imogen Malcom-Solly

Overall winner – Lila Evers

Regional Science Fair

We are very pleased to report that we had great success at the recent Top Energy Far North Science and Technology Fair. These students gained the following awards:



Bronze (incl. $50 prize money)

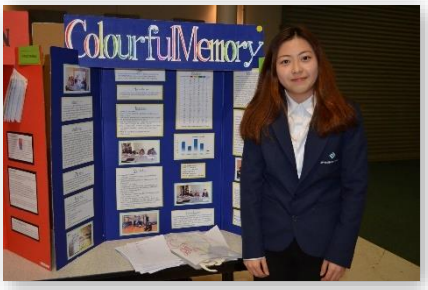
Jai Dawson & Jack Hittle (Football Physics)

Malindi Reihana-Ruka (Distraction? Reaction!)

Olivia Phillips & Jessica Kossmann (Soak It Up)

Special Award (incl. special prize)

Mya Napier (The Whole Muffin)



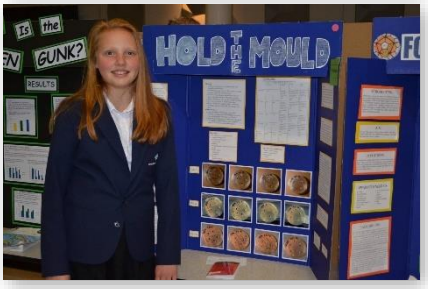
Gold (incl. $150 prize money)

JiHee Jeong (Colourful Memory)

Khalila Strevens (Hold the Mould)

Faraday Haydock (Fitness Fiasco)

Max Hittle, in partnership with Isaac Chandler from Kerikeri High School (Left is Right, Right is Wrong. You're Not in Kansas Anymore!)



Premier Award - Overall Top Year 9 & 10 ($350 prize money)

Faraday Haydock (Fitness Fiasco)

An Interesting Article...

Here's a true saying: 'The family that eats together and communicates, raises well-adjusted children.'

The Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Centre studied five hundred teenagers and found: Children whose parents ate dinner with them five times a week or more were the least likely to be on drugs, to be depressed or to be in trouble with the law. They were also more likely to do well in school, and be surrounded by supportive friends. Even when families met together at a fast-food restaurant they got the same results. By contrast, the more poorly adjusted teens ate with their parents only three times a week or less. What do these findings mean? (1) You need to be involved with your children on a daily basis, especially during the formative years. (2) When you give your children things you give them short-term pleasure and excitement, but when you give them time you give them self-worth. This may call for working fewer hours or eliminating certain activities, but it's an investment you'll never regret.

You need to ask yourself: 'Am I spending enough time with my family?' If you don't like the answer, start changing things.

Preschool

Last Friday, Preschool had a special disco! Everyone had so much fun. It was awesome to see everyone in their disco dress-ups. We danced the morning away, had a shared morning tea and later a water fight with Headstart. What a fantastic Friday!

Headstart - Market Day fun

Headstart had a very successful Market Day stall this year, and the children were all excellent shopkeepers when it was their turn to run the stall.

It was so exciting to be selling the products they had lovingly made, alongside things kindly contributed by their families. We practiced buying and selling items in class so the children were familiar with cash handling on the day.

Some of the items on offer were hummus, seed crackers, tooth fairy cushions, poi, and individualised cards, which were snapped up in no time!

Year 4-6 Speech Winners

The Year 4 – 6 speeches certainly did not disappoint this year. Some entertaining, some thought-provoking, and all very impressive and delivered with confidence. Well done to the following students who took out placings:

Year 4

1st – Rees Fieldman - Pinewood Derby.
2nd – Samantha Lupi - Aussie Slang

Year 5

1st equal – Ellamae MacCarthy – Detectives & Oliver Sizer - Wifi
3rd – Jana Vujcich – China

Year 6
1st – Diaz Turner - Ballet
2nd – Leon Haslar - Ancient Inventions
3rd – Callum McIntyre – Zoos

Also, a special congratulations to **Oliver Sizer**, who took out the **McLeod Rotary Interschool Speech Competition!**

ICAS English

We were thrilled with our ICAS English results this year. Out of the 20 students who sat, 14 of them receive an award. Well done to you all!

Award	Name	Year Level
High Distinction (top 1%)	Jack Hittle	8
Distinction (top 11%)	Max Hittle	10
Credit (top 36%)	Kasha Yeo	4
	Ollie Ludbrook	5
	Georgie Ludbrook	8
	Sean McConnachie	8
	Eva Sfakakis	8
	Khalalia Strevens	8
	Ishmael Strevens	9
	Mya Napier	10
	Sam Sutcliffe	10
	Luke Bramley	11
Merit (top 46%)	Amber Scott	7
	Malindi Reihana-Ruka	8

Enjoy the last few days of holidays with your children, and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 10th October for a stunning Term Four!

Regards

Mike Warren

Principal

Checkmate!

Monday 22nd September saw Mr McFadden and Mr Hittle take 30 students to the Chesspower Northland Regional Tournament at Kamo High School.

We were able to enter Primary, Intermediate and Secondary teams, as well as having a number of entries in the Rookies division. Play was split into two tournaments with the Primary, Intermediates and Secondary tournaments playing in the same section. This meant some of our Primary students played much older students!

There were 7 rounds, and as the tournament progressed each player played against players similar to their own level. We had some outstanding individual performances with Levi Whitehead finishing 3rd overall and Mya Napier finishing 2nd female. Our Secondary team came first in their division and the Intermediate and Primary teams both finished second in theirs.

We had some great feedback from the students about the event and this is something that we will look to do again next year. Thanks to all the parental support with transport; without that support this would be much harder to do.

- Paul McFadden