



## Newsletter No. 3 | April 2017

### *Dear Parents*

This week, tens of thousands of competitors from all over the world (including one of our own – Lynne Alexander) have descended into Auckland to compete at the World Masters Games, the largest multisport event in the world. One marvellous feature of this particular competition is that the only entry criterion is competitors must be over 35 (or 25 for swimming). In fact the oldest competitor is a 101 year old woman from India! With equal emphasis on competition and comradery, it is a fun event in which participants of all athletic abilities are able to test their sporting prowess, compete against the world's best, and have a great time in the process.

The World Masters Games takes the Olympic Games' ethos of "Sport For All" and applies this across all ages to create more of a "Sport For All, Forever" ethos. Sport and physical activity is something that we should all aspire to continue to pursue throughout our entire lives, in the name of fun, social interaction, and keeping fit. Regular physical activity is crucial for our health and mental wellbeing, regardless of age.

I am proud of the opportunities that our students receive in order for them to develop a passion for sport and physical activity; opportunities through Springbank fitness, Physical Education, Outdoor Adventure, after school sports clubs such as karate and athletics, and school sports teams. It is also great that there are many opportunities out in the wider community with a variety of sports on offer in the Northland region.

An holistic education includes developing lifelong sporting and physical capabilities so students will confidently continue to put into practice their learned physical habits and play sport well into their adult lives. Who knows, one day they may also compete at the World Masters Games!

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## Dates to Remember

**Term 2:** 1 May – 7 July (10 weeks)

5 June: Queen's Birthday

9 June: Cross Country

30 June – 2 July: Enterprise in Action

24 June: School Ball

4-5 July: School Science Fair

For more dates on school events please look at the calendar online at:

<http://www.springbank.school.nz/newsevents/calendar/>

## 2018 Aspire Scholarships

Do you know of anyone who would love for their children to attend Springbank, but simply cannot afford the fees? The NZ Government offers Aspire Scholarships for students coming into Year 9, which cover ALL Springbank tuition and activity fees until they graduate! If you are a current family who fits the criteria, you will also be eligible and can apply. The link below provides all the information on how to apply:

<http://www.education.govt.nz/school/student-support/scholarships-and-competitions/the-aspire-scholarship/>



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## *I See Green, I See Green, I See Green!*



On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, the day started off like any other day for everyone at school. However, something occurred that captured the energy of every student! They had the opportunity to throw gunge at their fellow peers, a teacher and their principal to celebrate St Patrick's Day! They paid for this privilege and the money raised went to Hospice.

It was also fantastic to see so many students and teachers participating in the day by dressing up in green.

Thank you to the senior students who organised the gunge throwing session, and thank you to Wilson Baker, Levi Whitehead, Paul McFadden and Principal Mike Warren for getting into the spirit of St Patrick's Day and getting gunged! Which staff members or parents want to volunteer to be gunged next year?



## *Shakespeare Team*

Mark (Y9), Lana (Y9), Isabella (Y11) and Nina (Y13) took part in the Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival in Whangarei on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

This was a student organised and directed performance in which they had to perform an adapted Shakespeare scene.

All four students gained a lot of experience from attending this year's festival and are keen to get involved again next year.

Thank you very much to Isabella for organising the team and creating the script, and to Birgit Michaux for managing the group and transporting them to and from the event.



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## AgriKids 2017

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March, the AgriKids competition was held in Whangarei.

This competition is the younger version of The National Young Farmers competition. AgriKids is for teams of three Year 7-8 students. This year's Springbank team was Cameron Ireland, James Small and Reuben Harrison. The students competed in a variety of events including drenching, bridling a horse, assembling a beehive, an agri-quiz, identifying farm equipment and sorting wool grades.

The team competed in the preliminaries and then the final race-off and from the original 32 teams, we are proud to announce that Springbank School placed second.

They have now been invited to compete in the Nationals being held on 6-8th July in Fielding. This will require the team to fundraise and find sponsorship in order for the team to get to, and be accommodated in Fielding. If any business would like to sponsor the team please contact the school office.

Well done to the team and we wish them luck at the Nationals.

- Michelle Chapman



## Elgregoe

The world of magic and wonder came to Springbank School at the beginning of last month, when Elgregoe visited to perform some magic for our students.

The theme was about anti-bullying and reminding everyone they had the power to stand tall and strong.



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## Art Corner

### Artist in Residence

On 14<sup>th</sup> March, Sarah Davis, a local artist, spent the day in the art room as our artist in residence. The students were able to watch her printing dry point etchings and were inspired to want to have a go themselves.



### Year 9 trip to 'Waitangi Wahine'

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, the Year 9 students spent the afternoon investigating works of art.

The first stop was at the Turner Centre to see 'Hiko O Te Rangi' (The Light that Guides) an exhibition of local, mostly Maori artists, showcasing a range of media and themes.

Following this, it was back into the school vans and down to Waitangi for the 'Waitangi Wahine' exhibition, an exhibition with the work of 6 contemporary Maori woman artists. It was put together to commemorate 175 years since the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi.

A special thank you to Mrs Hittle and Mrs Cox who came with us.



### Year 10 Art Class visit the Turner Centre and Waitangi

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, the Year 10 art class travelled to Kerikeri to see the '100 x 100' art exhibition, where more than 100 local artists have produced one work each measuring 100 mm square. There were a lot of works to see in the short time they had at the Turner Centre. The students had an imaginary \$500 to spend so had to choose 5 works that they particularly liked.

They then travelled to Waitangi to see the 'Waitangi Waihihine' exhibition. After an explanation of the artworks by Monika Kern, it was amazing to see the students from initially looking blankly at the art works to having a clear understanding of the artist's intentions. Thank you to Mr Foster for driving one of the vans.



- Win Stringer



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## *Celebrating Success!*

At Springbank School we love to celebrate and acknowledge the many talents of all our students in their sporting fields. Here are just some of our students' recent achievements.

- ❑ Nathalie Hull (Year 9) is one such student who has started off 2017 in fine form with some superb results in swimming, athletics and triathlon events.

### Northland Secondary Schools Swimming

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 100m Back
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 50m Fly
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 100m Freestyle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 50m Breaststroke

### Northland Secondary Schools Triathlon

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Junior Girls Individual

### Northland Secondary Schools Athletics

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1500m
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 800m



- ❑ Harry Sizer (Year 10) and Mike Michaux (Year 9) took part in the Chief Scout Award 150km Journey. They cycled from Horeke to Okaihau, camped overnight and then cycled to Kawakawa to catch the train to the bridge and then continued the cycle ride to Opuia for a total of 84kms.

At Opuia they boarded a sailing yacht and crewed the boat out to Urapukapuka Island, where they camped overnight before sailing back to Windsor Landing. From here they kayaked 4kms up to the Stone Store in the pouring rain to complete the final leg of the journey.

**If you know of a student who is excelling or giving it their all in a sporting code, club or event that we may not be aware of, please let us know by forwarding details to Angela Warren ([angela.warren@springbank.nz](mailto:angela.warren@springbank.nz)) so that we can share the news with the Springbank community.**

- ❑ Oscar Wells (Year 5) played his first season of 'hard ball' through the Bay of Islands Cricket Club over summer, and at their prizegiving he was awarded the trophy for Sportsmanship for the 2016/17 season for his age group.



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## BP Business Challenge

Springbank School was given the opportunity to host the 2017 BP Business Challenge for Northland. This was a three-day challenge organised and funded by the Young Enterprise Trust on 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

The BP Business Challenge is a unique, experiential learning programme to develop skills, connect students to their community and build their understanding of how successful businesses operate. The competition involved eight teams of Year 11 students from Springbank, Whangaroa and Kerikeri High School.

Through this programme the students:

- Learnt about starting and running a business.
- Gained an understanding of the business planning process.
- Created and articulated their own business plan.

On Day One, the students:

- Formed groups and completed some teambuilding activities.
- Brainstormed product ideas.
- Chose one product idea and completed a basic business outline.
- Presented the outline to the wider group.

On Day Two, the students:

Learnt about business strategies, marketing, production, and financial management.

Used their learning to create a basic business plan.

Took responsibility for a particular area of the business.

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On Day Three, the students:

- Finalised their business plans.
- Prepared and delivered short group presentations to judges from Northland Inc, Young Enterprise Trust, The Orchard Business Hub, the Northland Youth Development Trust and Ian McConnachie from Masterpieces.
- Reviewed what they have learnt during the programme.

This was an exciting opportunity for our Year 11 students and it was certainly a valuable learning experience for all involved.

- Michelle Chapman

Aside from the fun and variety of extracurricular activities, our teachers and students have worked incredibly hard this term to be well on their way towards their academic goals. Thank you to our parents for all of your support this term. We really do appreciate it.

I hope you are enjoying spending some quality time with your children while they are on their school holiday break. Keep an eye out for our next newsletter, which will include our latest Athletics Day and Geography field trip exploits, and of course Term Two's upcoming events and activities. Our teachers look forward to discussing your children's academic progress when we hold our Parent/Teacher Interviews later in Term Two.

Regards,

Mike Warren

Principal



### Thought for the Week:

#### Term 1, Week 8:

In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure.

Courtesy of Lynne Alexander

#### Term 1, Week 9:

"Some believe that it is only great power that can hold evil in check but that is not what I've found. I find it is in the small things; everyday deeds by ordinary folk that keeps the darkness at bay." – Gandalf

Courtesy of Aimee Larkan & Sara Finch  
(Deputy Head Prefects)

#### Term 1, Week 10:

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. And if that doesn't work, try a different way.

Courtesy of Clare Dorans

#### Term 1, Week 11:

The best view comes after the hardest climb.

Courtesy of Bridget Foster



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