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Dear Parents

This is a special edition of our newsletter. In this edition, and each subsequent edition into the foreseeable future, we will be profiling members of the wider Springbank community.

We have many Springbank families running businesses, and I am looking forward to showcasing this diverse range. On Page 2 you will find our first profile, Way Cup – a drive-through coffee stand on Kerikeri's main road. Not that I'm a coffee expert, but my personal consumer experiences at Way Cup have all been positive! Check out their profile for a special deal **exclusively** for Springbank families.

Another membership of the wider Springbank community is our ever-growing alumni. Our teachers discuss our past students with great fondness, and we wonder what they've been up to since leaving Springbank and what paths they have taken out in the big wide world. I look forward to showcasing a diverse range of Springbank alumni, and celebrate the variety of life experiences that they are having. Our first profile on Page 5 is Jada Parata, class of 2012. We were lucky enough to have Jade visit school recently, so I nabbed her and she graciously provided what is now our first ever profile of a past Springbank School student. Thanks, Jade!

EXCLUSIVE: Dr. Sven Hansen Presentation for Springbank Families

Where: Springbank School Hall

Date: Monday 19 June

Time: 7:00pm

Sven Hansen is Founder of the Resilience Institute, a medical practitioner with an MBA, who has pioneered corporate wellness programmes for adults. He also teaches students that resilience and living a happy, fulfilled life is a learned ability.

Sven is a riveting speaker who shares practical techniques to enhance your life. He talks about how to master stressful situations physically and emotionally, and how to be able to bounce forward from challenges confidently and to flourish in today's world.

This is an opportunity not to be missed, not only for your children, but for your own personal wellbeing. We'll see you there!



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Springbank Community Business Profile – Way Cup

The journey really began in the late 1980s when Claire's parent's decided to move to Kerikeri from northern California with Claire and her sister, Faith. They purchased the property at 1 Hall Road and decades later decided to open a café, which they called Cafe One.

Claire's mother, Rhona, roasted the coffee and has been doing so for 15 years. The cafe became well known for their delicious baked goods (thanks to Faith and Rhona's skills in the kitchen) as well as great tasting, freshly roasted coffee.

After seven years in business, the family reluctantly closed their doors, and that is where the story appeared to find its conclusion. Claire's father, Michael, had always thought that a drivethru coffee window at Cafe One would have been a great fit for Kerikeri, but unfortunately the idea never materialized. Then in 2015, after numerous discussions with her father and hours scouring the internet, the perfect small, drivethru espresso bar was found.

Claire and her partner, Ike, then discussed the idea, and after some careful thought and reflection they decided to take a chance and purchase the kiosk. This was really the moment that Way Cup became a reality. After that, the next two years were spent upskilling and avidly researching drive thrus around the world. Way Cup opened its door January 4th 2017, and now provides all the quality and skills that were born from Cafe One. With the belief in a dream, determination, and persistence being the driving force behind Way Cup, we have been serving up great beverages ever since.

We are a family run business focused on providing the highest quality espresso and baked goods, quickly, efficiently, and always with a smile. Our goal is to have something for everyone that includes your four legged passengers. Way Cup has many wagging tails drive through each day with a treat always at the ready for these happy canines. Way Cup is very conscious of the impact on the environment and provides biodegradable cups and packaging with every product we sell. A huge thank you to all our great customers; it has been so much fun meeting you all.



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Cross Country 2017 – Junior Report

Woohoo! We had a fabulous Junior Cross Country last Friday 9th June. The House Parade sounded and looked amazing!

The Starfish, Orcas, Sharks, Dolphins, and Stingrays chanted their way down to the lower field. That was when the competition began. All of the students gave their best effort to zoom around their respective tracks, all being a challenge for tiny legs and young lungs.

There were some breathtakingly close finishes. Fastest boy was Hunter Blakeman in 7min 55sec. Fastest girl was Ellamae MacCarthy in 9min 53sec.

Thanks to all the teachers, parents, and grandparents for supporting the event and helping everything to go so smoothly. Plus, many thanks to the Friends of Springbank for the yummy sausages, mandarins, and water to quench the parched runners.

The event was topped off by a keenly contested parents' and teachers' race. It's always great for the children to see that we can all still run or walk the circuit even when we get older!

- Lynne Alexander



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Cross Country 2017 – Middle / Senior Report

Backing the trend of 2017 Springbank sporting events, this year's Cross Country went ahead on the allotted day in glorious sunshine. Proving that you can't please all of the people all of the time, there were some complaints that the bog wasn't nearly as deep or as mucky as it should be. Admittedly most of the grumbling was from staff, and in the meantime the runners made the most of the fine weather and attacked the course with gusto, recording some seriously fast times.

Before the racing began there was a typically raucous parade that culminated in the impressive, if slightly bizarre, spectacle of the *Sharknado*. While other houses settle for a noisy chant and perhaps a bit of finger pointing, the Sharks took it to another level – whether they went up a level or off on a tangent is up for debate! It was all great fun and after Mr. Warren had duly awarded points to the Dolphins the racing began in earnest.

The Under 12 Boys' race was won by newcomer Jack Bannister, while Indra Pasquale took first place in the Under 12 Girls'. In the Under 14 Girls' race, Lucy Sizer held off a valiant challenge from Nathalie Hull to take the top spot, while Jai Dawson and Jordan Wojtulewicz were neck and neck in the Under 14 Boys' race, until the final lap when Jai hit the afterburners and sped away. Max Hittle and Karla Endres took the first places in the Under 16 section, and the Under 19 races were won by Nina Beckmann and Raven Kerr Allen.

As for the teachers' & parents' race, a collective sigh of disappointment went round the field as Mr. Warren announced he was unable to compete this year. In a noble attempt to raise the morale of the spectators, Mr. Horgan and Mr. McFadden pulled on their running shoes and took off around the track. While the ageing & frankly haggard PE teacher managed 2km before retiring from the race to attend some crucial duties on the finish line, the evergreen

Mr. McFadden breezed through a full 5 km run. One spectator was heard to say that he crossed the finish line, "like he was walking onto a yacht."

A great day's racing all round, made possible by the combination of the energy and positivity of all the students that took part, the help and encouragement of all the staff and the fantastic efforts of the Friends of Springbank.

Good luck to all our Cross Country runners who will go on to represent the school at the events at Barge Park, Whangarei, and Takou Bay.

- Adam Horgan



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Springbank School Past Students – Where are they now?

Name: Jade Parata, 21 years old

When did you attend Springbank School? 2008 – 2012

Where are you living? Auckland

School House: Stingrays – GO GREEN!

What are you doing now? and What are your future goals?

I am currently in my fifth year (and last) doing a conjoint degree in Law and Arts at The University of Auckland. Outside of study I do some casual office admin and work as a support worker for a child with autism.

My main focus is to graduate. After that I'm aiming to get an internship with a law firm and eventually do some more travelling. A long term goal of mine is to study Clinical Psychology and help those with mental illnesses; as it is something I'm very passionate about.

What is your greatest achievement to date?

Making it into the second year of Law School. It is very competitive and the intake is limited. You need a B+ average across all your subjects to even have a chance to get through. I worked so hard all year with that as my goal, and it was an amazing feeling when I finally got it!

Which was your favourite subject and why?

English with Mrs Druery. She chose such an interesting syllabus for us to learn and her passion rubbed off on the whole class!

Who was your favourite teacher and why?

The one and only ... Mr Haydock! Nothing can beat his witty sense of humour. I also thoroughly enjoyed having him as our form teacher in Year 13.

What did you appreciate about Springbank School?

First and foremost I appreciated the friendly and safe environment at Springbank School. It meant that I was able to focus on learning without any distractions. Secondly, although I might have complained a little at the time, I'm really grateful that physical activity was still such a strong focus right up to Year 13. It was so good for me health-and-fitness-wise!

How did your experience at Springbank School help you?

The Cambridge education system has helped me a lot. It is said to be more challenging than the NCEA system offered by most schools in New Zealand, and therefore I was more prepared for the higher standard of work required from me once I got to University.

Secondly, the general culture of the school has also been helpful. There was a strong focus on setting goals when I was at Springbank and this mindset became very valuable once I was at University. It is the main reason I got into law school; because I had already learnt the importance of setting small goals that led up to an ultimate goal. The values and work ethic taught throughout Springbank have not only been helpful for my University achievements, but have also taught me a valuable mindset to have in life generally.



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Market Day 2017 – Mark it on Your Calendar

Market Day is booked in for Sunday 17th September from 11am – 2pm. Springbank School's Market Day is a great opportunity to come along for some delicious food, great local entertainment, and to purchase some creative products designed and produced by our very own students, from Preschool right through to the Senior School.



We are again offering free stall space to local not-for-profit organisations to showcase their charity.

If you know of any who may be interested, they can email michelle.chapman@springbank.nz or contact Sally on (09) 4075236.

We would also like to give a big thank you to Dave McClelland from G.J Gardner for donating the billboard space on Homestead Road to us, as an additional medium to promote this year's Market Day.

The billboard location is in a great high traffic area and gives Springbank School great visual coverage and presence in the local community. So keep a lookout from 1 – 17 September for the billboard.

G.J. Gardner. HOMES

Rocking into the Regional Finals!

The power of rock was behind Springbank students; Khalila Strevens, Ishmael Strevens, and Sean McConnachie who make up the band Jinx, when they competed in the recent regional 2017 Smokefree Rockquest in Whangarei.

They have progressed to the regional finals on July 1st again in Whangarei at Forum North. From here, the winners from this round will then go onto the national finals in Wellington.



You can help give your support to Jinx by voting for them as your People's Choice.

To vote, text jinx (all lower case with no spaces) to 5678. (NB: texts cost 20c – one text vote per band per phone number)

So go get your thumbs texting and vote Jinx as your People's Choice!



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2017 Trustpower Youth Spirit Award

As you may have seen on our Facebook Page at the end of last month, or read the article in the Northland Age, our very own Head Girl, Aliesha Whitehead, took out the Trustpower Youth Spirit Award for 2017. We are extremely proud of Aliesha winning this award, as it reflects her great leadership, friendship, and initiative every day. The award recognises her selfless and caring spirit for those all around her.

If you haven't seen the article in the Northland Age it can be found by going to: http://www.nzherald.co.nz/northland-age/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503402&objectid=11862842

Aliesha pointed out there were a few mistakes in the written article that she wished to clarify, to make sure the correct information was known, which again demonstrates her integrity and strength of character.



AlieshaRose Whitehead Thank you. I'd just like to clarify that there was a few mistakes in this herald article, it should say I was part of netball and hockey as it was past tense, but not currently. Also i was a leader at school camp but i did not soley lead the school camp as it implies. At the time of application I was going to be part of the Munna group but circumstances changed and I was unable to attend. Also concerning singing in the band, leading the youth band and running my own beekeeping business that is present tense not past tense as article implies. And the trash-in show has now changed to a talent-show. Just wanted to make sure the facts were straightened 😊

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Springbank School is also proud to acknowledge that Aliesha is in fact our 4th Springbank School student who has won this award over the last five years. We are immensely proud of Aliesha and past winners for their extraordinary dedication and presence in their local community.

Holiday Sports Camps

Week 1:

Monday 10 July- Friday 14 July

Action Packed Adventures, Around the World, Super Hero Academy, Ball Sports Day, Jumbo Friday

Week 2:

Monday 17 July- Friday 21 July

Wacky Sports Day, Outer Space Mission, Multisports Day, Crazy Minecraft, Show Time

Meeting Point: Springbank School Hall

Drop off: 8.00am-9.00am

Pick up: 3.00pm

Ages: 5-14 years

Cost: \$40.00 per day includes all activities and instructors.



If your child is interested in participating, please collect a registration form from the school office or email Tina direct on info@getactive.co.nz



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Prefect Report

Pink Shirt Day

On Friday 26 May, Springbank students showed their support against bullying by coming to school dressed in an array of pink shades.

Several senior students offered their time to do face painting during lunchtime.

Thank you to everyone who supported this cause, and well done to Jessica Prak Khin for running this initiative.



Ball Planning

The Ball committee has been hard at work, organising the 2017 Japanese Blossom Ball which will be held at Palmco.

It is fast approaching and will be on 24th June. On behalf of the Senior School, we would like to say a HUGE thank you to The Friends of Springbank for donating \$350 to help cover costs!

Thank you, Sara & Billy, for designing our ball ticket!

Film Course with Harley Alexander

On the first weekend in June, a few students and I took up the opportunity to work with an experienced filmmaker and producer over the course of a two-day workshop. On Day One, we went over basic camera angles, positioning subjects to give them a stronger presence, and how to make high-quality movies and clips with just two mobile phones. We split into two groups, each filming our own adaptation of a short script we were given.

On the second day, we finished our short films and edited them. Then we watched and analysed the New Zealand movie, *The Hunt for the Wilderpeople*, critiquing the different scenes and shooting styles. Finally, some of the group began making a mock-up of a film that will be entered in a short film competition.

On behalf of all the group, I'd like to say a huge thank you to Harley for this amazing experience!

By Max Hittle (Student)



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Prefect Report (continued)

The 40 Hour Famine Challenge 2017

This year, the 40 Hour Famine was from 8pm Friday 9th June to 12pm Sunday 11th June. The event is designed for students to go without something they rely on, such as food, technology, or talking. etc for 20 hour or 40 hours. The students must get sponsors who donate money to World Vision in support of the students doing this challenge. This year we estimate that our Springbank 40 Hour Famine team raised \$3,000+, which will go towards building child-friendly spaces for the Syrian refugee children to help continue their education and to help them recover from the trauma of war.



Sleepover on Friday Night

On Friday night, after Cross Country that day, 20 of our students came to the Cardboard City Sleepover, where students had to sleep overnight in the cardboard houses they created. The house designs were amazing, and we had a hard time selecting the winners. We also played several games, including Balloon Badminton, Star Wars, and card games. A big thank you goes to Levi Whitehead who organised and ran the games. Thank you to Mrs Badger for coming in and taking the photos. Also, a big thank you to Mr Webb for staying with us overnight in the *freezing* cold school gym. It was a great night; thank you to all the students who came and all who did the 40 Hour Famine challenge - you guys are AWESOME!!!



- Aliesha Whitehead (Head Girl), Prefect Report written on behalf of our Springbank School Prefect Team.

Scholastic Book Orders

Just a reminder please, when you are making your book order and delivering it to the office, please **do not** include cash with your order.

Please only make your order with a credit card number or a cheque made out to Scholastic New Zealand. This makes the submitting of orders much easier for Nikki (a parent from school), who helps organise this service for us.

At the back of the Scholastic catalogues, there is also an option and easy instruction on how to order online, which will link your order through to school.



Thank you from Nikki, and keep an eye out for Issue 4, which will be out soon.



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Preschool

The Preschool focus for June has been transport and things that move. To extend this interest, we decided to take our children on a train trip to the Kawakawa Railway Station. We were able to experience a train ride as a different mode of transport. The children were so excited to have this experience and to be able to stand on the open carriage, taking in the beautiful views.

What was more exciting, was that this was only one part of our trip. We also visited the Glow Worm Caves, which tied in with our up and coming Matariki celebrations.



Trips are an important part to our learning experiences and we are always thankful to everyone that supports us in making these possible.



Scottish Dance Bay of Islands

Put some laughter in your day and some joy in your heart by learning Scottish Country Dancing – no previous dancing experience is necessary.

Unlike most folk dancing, Scottish Country Dancing was not in any way "rustic", it was actually the ballroom dancing of Scotland in the 18th and 19th centuries.

The programme will be specially designed for 100% enjoyment as well as providing a challenge to your fitness and your brain... are you mentally and physically up for it?

No Scottish blood is required for this venture, but given the many great exoduses from Scotland over the centuries, many New Zealanders have at least a smidgeon of Scottish blood coursing through their veins.

Dance Scottish Bay of Islands will be performing at the Springbank School Market Day and they are inviting Springbank students to join their Scottish dancing club nights (free) from now till Market Day so that our students can be part of their dancing sets. It would be a good learning experience for our students and give a Springbank School focus to the dance demonstration being performed on Market Day.

The Club nights are 7.30pm on Mondays at the Kerikeri Primary School hall. If interested, phone Heather MacKay on 021 245 4624.



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Headstart

Each Friday, our children put on their wet weather gear and take part in a Forest Walk on Springbank's native tree walking track. Dependent on what we are hoping to discover or learn each week, we will look for habitats, specific insects or bugs, and partake in scavenger hunts.

Our Headstart children have taken a great interest in the animals and insects that live in New Zealand, and we have spent time in both Term One and Two writing stories about insects and native animals, had visits from Eden from Enviro-schools who taught us about habitats, and built a bug motel with the children using natural resources. We then extended on this interest by designing some permanent wooden animals to live in our Headstart habitat. We asked for volunteers to create these new animals, and Dean and Teresa Pollock very kindly offered their assistance.

Words cannot describe how appreciative we are of the many, many hours both Dean and Teresa put in to cutting out the animals with a jigsaw, painting them with the Headstart children, then masterfully adding the finishing realistic characteristics to our animals.

See if you can spot them all when you're next visiting!



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Springbank School Talent Show

The Prefects have been organising The Talent show, and the date is set for **Friday 7th July** (Last day of Term 2).

Due to the massive interest in the Talent Show, auditions will be held at lunchtimes on Monday 3rd July and Tuesday 4th July, on the last week of Term 2.

So warm up those voices, dust off the dance shoes, and come and dazzle us with your talent! Parents are most welcome to come along to the show on Friday, which will start at 2pm.

Regards

Mike Warren

Principal

Thoughts for the Week 2017:

Term 2, Week 5:

"Don't wait for it to happen. Go make it happen!"

Courtesy of Win Stringer

Term 2, Week 6:

"Three choices in life: Give up, give in, or give it all you've got!"

Courtesy of Phoebe Huett (Prefect)

Term 2, Week 7:

"When it can't be done, do it. If you don't do it, it doesn't exist!"

Courtesy of Mr Hittle



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