



Newsletter No.6 | July 2017

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

Term 3: 24 July – 29 September

27 July: Australian Maths Competition

1 August: School Science Fair

10 August: Wayne Prince – session for parents (7 – 8:30pm)

19 August: YES Trade Fair

25 August: Tony Fernando – session for parents (7 – 8:30pm)

Market Day – date has now changed to SATURDAY 16th SEPTEMBER (not Sunday 17th)

18 September: Spring Break Monday

29 August – 8 September: Mock Exams

Dear Parents

Wow, what a massive term, and what a massive newsletter to report back on all of the activities that have been happening over Term Two! It really is a mammoth newsletter, so you may need to read it in stages! Looking forward to Term Three, I am excited to announce that we have two important parent evenings coming up:

1. **Wayne Prince** – will be running a full day session for our Year 9 – 13 students on brain function, handling significant challenges, memory strategies, and dealing with exam stress. He will also run a **parent evening on Thursday 10th August 7:00pm – 8:30pm**. All Springbank parents are invited, regardless of your child's age. Some of the topics covered will be: setting up effective learning environments at home, how to have supportive conversations, supporting children with learning and exam anxiety, and tips on how to support exam preparation.
2. **Tony Fernando** – Tony is a psychiatrist who works at Auckland Hospital and the University of Auckland Medical School, and runs his own private practice as a sleep specialist. Tony has been the keynote speaker for several national conferences that I have attended, and I have come away from every one inspired. Tony will present on , mental wellbeing, true happiness, and compassion. **He will present to all of our students on the afternoon of Friday 25th August, and he will run a special presentation for Springbank parents that evening, from 7:00pm – 8:30pm that evening.**

We have invested a great deal to secure both of these presenters come to Springbank, exclusively for Springbank families. They really are not to be missed, so make sure you diarise both dates. As was the case for Sven Hansen's presentation, **we will not be taking RSVPs as we expect ALL to attend!** I look forward to seeing you there ☺



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Sir Peter Blake Young Leader Award Winner – Lana Pistorius

A huge congratulations to Lana Pistorius who was awarded a Sir Peter Blake Young Leader Award at assembly on 3rd July. The award was presented to Lana by one of the trust's sponsors and representatives, Tracey Tutin, who is the Northland Westpac Manager.

The Young Leader Awards celebrate young people whose outstanding leadership uplifts their school community. By acknowledging leadership at this young age, The Sir Peter Blake Trust hopes it encourages these talented young people to keep going and to aim higher.

Lana was a popular choice for the award by her peers, acknowledging her ability as a natural born leader. Always putting others before her own needs are met, Lana is kind, thoughtful, and always looks on the bright side of life.



Congratulations to Billy Robb, Prefect



We are very happy to announce the appointment of Billy Robb to Springbank School Prefect.

Billy has shown considerable personal growth over the last 6 months, and even though we would not normally appoint a Prefect mid-year, we have been thoroughly impressed with Billy's application and interview.

A quote from Billy's application: *"I also want to become a prefect in order to give back. The near seven years that I have attended Springbank School has made me into who I am and it has helped me achieve results far better than I would at other schools. To me Prefect is the best way that I can give back to my teachers and fellow students and be a part of everyone else that makes this school such a special environment to learn and grow in."*

We look forward to Billy making a significant contribution to our already-strong Prefect team.



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International Report

Where on earth did Term Two go? Actually, where on earth did half a year go? These were the questions our international students kept asking at the end of last term.

When we looked back at everything our international students had participated in during the last five months, it really is quite outstanding. Our International students arrived with the rest of us at the beginning of Term 1 and fitted into life at Springbank School seamlessly. Our teachers were very impressed with their work ethic, and all our international students have made the most of every opportunity presented to them.

This term our 13 Outdoor Adventure students learnt to sail and paddle a six person Waka-Ama (out-rigger canoe) as well as a stand-up paddle board.

They spent a three day weekend at Ahipara surfing some of the most challenging surf conditions they had ever encountered, and then a couple of weekends later they spent the day immersing themselves in the culture and history of the Far North. They saw and experienced some of New Zealand's most spectacular scenery whilst exploring Northland from Kerikeri to Cape Reinga via the Puketi Forest, the Ancient Kauri Kingdom, 90 Mile Beach, boogie boarding down some of the biggest sands dunes they had ever seen, and eating Fish and Chips at Houhora.

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International Report Continued . . .

Thankfully they then got a three day weekend to rest and recover; but no, some of our students decided to participate in a two day weekend course learning how to make films with an award-winning filmmaker. The rest of the term was spent participating in our annual Springbank School Cross Country day, visiting our Auckland and Hamilton Universities with the rest of their Year 12 class., attending our annual Senior Ball with their rest of their class mates and fellow students, presenting speeches (in English) to their classmates and fellow students, representing Springbank at the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge, and then we very sadly had to say, 'see you later' (as we never say goodbye) to Annika, Anni, Lee-Ann, Isabelle, Charly and Karla.

We wish all our students wonderful and happy holidays, safe travels back home, and all the very best for wonderful futures.



YES Mid Year Awards

Congratulations to our Young Enterprise team who attended the YES Northland Mid-Year Awards.

Aimee, Kurtis, and Wilson of Hopu Ahurea took out:

- ❖ 1st place for their Dragon's Den presentation and
- ❖ 2nd place for their Business Plan.



They also gave a polished, professional presentation, which we all very proud of. Well done, team!



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Springbank School Past Students – Where are they now?

Name: Jilly Alexander, 24 years

Where are you living? Kerikeri

When did you attend Springbank School? Year 2 - 13

School House: Stingrays, Stingrays, are the best! We're gonna beat all the rest!

Since leaving Springbank School, what have you been up too? I jumped straight into studying a Bachelor of Pharmacy at The University of Auckland, which took four years to complete. It was certainly a challenge, and a lot different to studying at Springbank, with 1000 students in all of my first year lectures.

The level of learning was tough, and I didn't get amazing grades first year. It was rewarding to see my grades improve from Bs and Cs to As during the next few years, and with hard work and determination, I was awarded top student in fourth year and first class honours.

During my studies, I worked part-time at Kaikohe Pharmacy, and when I graduated I started there as an intern pharmacist for one year. I still work in Kaikohe, and I like the challenges it brings with a variety of patients.



What are your future goals?

I am always trying to think of ways to improve our delivery of care to patients, and utilising technology is the way forward for this, so I'm trialling a few projects at the moment in the hope that they will be successful. Next year I might enrol in a post-graduate paper for clinical pharmacy, to improve my knowledge and give opportunities for future employment.

I would be keen to do my PADI dive certificate this summer. I really enjoy snorkelling, but I think it might be time to take the next step.

What is your greatest achievement to date?

This is a difficult question. I have many achievements to be proud of. Recently I herded a John Dory fish into shore using my paddleboard and caught it with my bare hands when it beached itself. This was a great moment - and later I ate it for dinner. I was on a high for the whole day - such a great achievement!

Which was your favourite subject and why?

I enjoyed chemistry, English and statistics equally. Chemistry and maths came in handy for my degree. English was a nice creative break from the analytical subjects, and I enjoyed co-directing the school production "MacBeth" with Nicky Felton in Year 13.

Who was your favourite teacher and why?

All of our teachers were great and certainly a highlight of my schooling.

Mr Taylor, Mr Webb and Mr Haydock each housed a world of general knowledge that I still marvel at.

Mrs Chapman provided motivation and inspiration for enterprise.

Mrs Price and Mr Warren always possessed too much energy and pushed us to our physical limits.

Mrs Scotney, Mrs Druery and Mrs Hatherly all had such a flare and passion for English, which made it hard not to enjoy.

Ms Stent and Mrs Stevenson were both wizards at maths, and worked hard to help us understand.

What did you appreciate about Springbank School?

I was discussing this with someone recently. Springbank was special in the way that the school motto of "learning for life" really was engrained in all that we did. Weekly quotes, goal setting, being encouraged to create and man our own market day stalls, leadership opportunities and celebrating our successes all helped to make each and every student confident in themselves.



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Scholarship Solidifies Otago University Decision for Northlander

This article on Tim Richardson was written recently by Otago University and has featured in a local newspaper:

Northlander Tim Richardson may be a long way from home, but after being awarded a scholarship and settling into student life in Dunedin, he says he's happy with his decision to head south. The former Springbank School student was awarded a \$2,500 New Frontiers Excellence Scholarship to attend the University of Otago this year, where he is studying toward a BSc in Human Nutrition with a minor in Biochemistry.

He had already been accepted to the university when he learned of his scholarship, and says he "would have come to Dunedin regardless". It was Dunedin's comfortable atmosphere that Tim says first drew him to consider Otago. "I like the idea of a university campus rather than a string of jumbled buildings and Dunedin seemed a much more relaxed place to live than one of New Zealand's larger cities," he says.

Tim is among the first students to enjoy the Otago's newly refurbished chemistry laboratories and says the further facilities upgrades which are currently underway will be "incredible" for future students. Like many first-year students, Tim says he is finding the workload a jump from high school but feels his teachers prepared him well academically. "My school did a great job of building the foundations that I needed to start the year. Without that base knowledge, I would have had to learn twice as much."

The workload has kept Tim busy, but he's found time to take part in many of the activities offered at his residential college including Relay for Life, social events, sports, tutorials, and inter-college competitions. While in Dunedin, Tim is living at Cumberland College, one of 15 residential colleges on or near Otago's Dunedin campus, each offering care and support in its own unique style.

For Tim, living in a residential college was a good choice. "It really is one big family that helps you through the first year of university." A keen runner, Tim uses his spare time to explore his new home away from home on foot. "On the one hand, Dunedin feels like a rather small and comfortable town. But then there is the huge variety of things to see and do. And if you try running through it and out the other side, I can tell you, you have to be incredibly fit – I have never made it."

Before coming to Dunedin, Tim says he didn't know what to expect of his Otago experience, hoping only for "opportunities, crazy student life, plenty of fun, as well as some learning". "It has certainly lived up to all of those so far. Sure it can be relatively exhausting, but looking at it from the perspective of almost having completed one whole semester, I can't wait for semester number two.

"I had never set foot in the South Island before I flew to Dunedin. Honestly, it took me far too long. I'm happy I finally made it."

Farwell and Thank you

At the end of Term 3 we said farewell to Miss Rosie Palmer who has been our Primary teacher at Headstart. Rosie joined the teaching team at the beginning of 2015 and it has been a real pleasure to have had Rosie work with us.

I would like to once again thank Rosie for all her hard work, contribution and friendship to not only Headstart but the wider Springbank community.

As we farewell one person, we say hello to another. We are happy to introduce Shelley Ash to you all. Shelley will join Jess and the children at Headstart starting Term 3, and she will be with us until the end of 2017.



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Room 2 Whanau Afternoon

The children in Room 2 invited their families in to share an afternoon in Room 2 looking at their work and playing games. This happened on Monday 12 June at 2:00pm. There was a full turnout and the children were proud showing off all they've done this year. They said that they especially loved the comments and feedback from parents and grandparents as they were looking through the books as it made them feel good. This was a positive experience. The photos speak for themselves and show the enjoyment had by all.

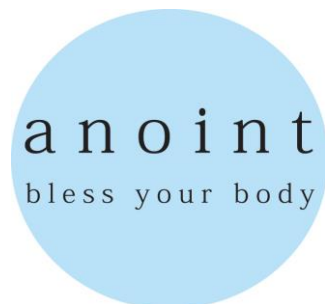


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Springbank Community Business Profile - Anoint



Introducing Anoint, a family run artisan skincare company that traveled north with the Wells Family (Gavin, Erica, Oscar 10yrs and Zoe 9yrs) and a recent arrival to the Bay of Islands. Founded on the belief that nature knows best, Anoint uses all natural ingredients to hand craft their range and are passionate about Essential Oils and their therapeutic properties.

Anoint's packaging philosophy is unique and is either upcycled, recycled, reusable or recyclable. Wherever possible, paper, cardboard, glass, ceramic or tin are used in place of plastic.

Anoint originated on Waiheke Island in 2012 in an eclectic gallery called Upcycle. The gallery was formed by a cooperative of creative souls with a passion for upcycling and repurposing unwanted and discarded objects.

Always interested in natural remedies, Erica had been experimenting with a recipe for a moisturiser in a solid bar called a 'Lotion Bar' (made from Beeswax, Shea Butter, Coconut Oil & Essential Oils) and decided to gift wrap some Lotion Bars in upcycled paper and sell them in the Upcycle Gallery. The first few batches sold out in record time and a short time later the brand Anoint was born.

Since 2012 the product range has increased considerably and now includes lip balm, bath salts & milk, body scrub, and facial steam. Anoint now supplies over ninety gift shops and galleries nationwide. True to their beginnings, their products are still completely natural and crafted by hand.



With a rapidly growing business (Gavin likes to joke that their house on Waiheke turned into a factory with inbuilt accommodation) and two active children regularly traveling off the island for sport, living on an island had become a challenge. After 12 years of calling Waiheke home, the family decided it was time to fulfil their dreams of land, animals, and building an off the grid house and boutique factory for Anoint.

Moving north was the only option considered, and the perfect 12 acres presented itself in Ness Road, Waipapa. The Wells family have loved their first 9 months in Northland and are thankful for how welcome they have been made to feel by both the Springbank and wider community.

The Anoint range can be found at Keriblu, Pallet Design and The Stone Store in Kerikeri, and The Flying Fish Design Store in Paihia.

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Senior Ball 2017

2017 Japanese Blossom Springbank Ball was AMAZING! We started with a sit-down dinner, followed by dessert provided by Palms & Bistro. We started with a snowball waltz, and got to put our dance skills into practice (thank you so much Aimee & Isabella for teaching us all how to waltz this term). The party then began as everyone hit the dance floor, laughing and strutting their stuff.

The Ball was so much fun! Thank you to our awesome Springbank school staff who came, to everyone who helped decorate and organise the event, to all the students for being such a great bunch of individuals, and to Palms & Bistro for providing us with the venue. Huge thank you to Mrs Badger, our beautiful photographer; you did such a wonderful job at taking hundreds of photos of us all throughout the night.

- Sara Finch, Deputy Head Prefect



King - Wilson Baker
Queen - Aliesha Whitehead
Prince - Luke Bramley
Princess - Ruby Hull
Duke - Max Hittle
Duchess - Mya Napier



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Mathex 2017

On Friday 30th June we travelled to Whangarei for the annual interschool mathematics event of MATHEX. One group of every year level from Year 6 to Year 10 represented Springbank School with the aim of winning the trophy. We did extremely well this year in comparison to the last 3 years.

Out of the 100 points, Year 7 (including a Year 6 student) gained 70 points, Year 8 got 80 points and both Year 9 and Year 10 gained 95 points, which led to the Year 8, 9 and 10 teams getting into the top 10 of their respective year levels; an amazing effort. The Year 9 and Year 10 teams completed the whole question series with around 5 – 10 minutes still on the clock. Unfortunately, both teams passed one question, which meant they just missed the top 3.



Given the strong competition, our students did extremely well and made the school proud.

I would like to give a big **thank you!** to the parents who drove the students down to the event:

Mrs Windsor, Mrs Ludbrook, Mrs Traas, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Nugteren, Mrs Fieldman, Mrs Hittle and Mr and Mrs Tahere. Also thanks to our only student supporter: Faraday Haydock, who stayed till the end.

Henk Bertelink

Free Balls for Rural Schools

We had a huge surprise for all the students towards the end of Term 2, thanks to Gas & Tyre in Waipapa.

Sales Manager, Josh Boakes, nominated Springbank School to receive a rugby ball or soccer ball for every student in the school!

The promotion aimed at rural schools and keeping children active was sponsored and supported by one of their tyre suppliers, BKT Tyres.



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Enterprise In Action Weekend

On the last weekend of June, Kurtis and I had the opportunity to go down to Auckland to attend the Young Enterprise Trust/Massey University Entrepreneurs in Action weekend. EiA entails 64 of the most awesome YES students from around the North Island (6 from Northland) congregating at Massey University, where we were split into preassigned groups of 8, each with a host business. Kurtis and I both ended up being in Team Air New Zealand.

On Saturday morning at 8.30am we were issued the Massey Innovator challenge, which was to provide a product or service that would monetise the stretching of best before dates. Over the course of the day we had to come up with a product, write a 2 page business plan, create a professional presentation, and finally at 7pm we had to pitch in front of 6 Dragons and all the other teams. Judged on our business plans and pitches, one team was chosen as the winner. Our team (Air New Zealand) was that team, meaning that we each received a \$2000 Massey Scholarship in addition to the \$1000 that we received for being selected to attend the weekend in the first place.

On Saturday night after all the presentations, we were issued with the next challenge, the NZTE challenge. This was to come up with a market entry strategy for a premium food and beverage company entering an East Asian market. Bright and early on Sunday morning we all met up at the Air New Zealand headquarters where we planned our product and strategy and once again wrote a business plan and pitch. However, this time there was even more time pressure than the day before. We then went back to Massey where we again pitched our solution to the challenge. Whilst we did not win this time, we did come runner up and it was apparently very close.

On Sunday evening, following the presentations, 17 people were selected to participate in the quickfire challenge, which is an individual competition, after which 3 people were chosen to fly to San Francisco (all expenses paid) to visit successful tech start ups. The entire winning team from the NZTE challenge were automatically through to the quickfire round and the remaining 9 students were chosen from the other teams as nominated by fellow team members and business mentors. I was lucky enough to be selected.

We were taken to a room and one by one called into another room alone where we were presented with a business challenge and given 10 minutes to plan our company. We were then taken into the Dragons Den where we gave a 2 minute pitch and answered 2 minutes of judges' questions. Whilst I was not one of the 3 winners, I was very happy with my presentation and proud I didn't cry under all the pressure ☺.

Overall, Kurtis and I are both so thankful that we were able to attend such an awesome weekend, where we learned lots, were pushed beyond our comfort zones, met new friends and made connections with people in the business world. A huge thank you to Gary Larkan (Young Enterprise Scheme Northland Student Wrangler) for encouraging us to apply and driving us down to Auckland and back, and to all of the sponsors and mentors who made the weekend happen ☺.

- Aimee Larkan, Deputy Head Prefect



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Middle School Speech Competition

Kiwi AS Speeches!

We held our annual Middle & Senior School Speech Competition on Wednesday 28th June, where the best two speakers in each year group stoushed it out for top position.

Our broad theme this year was “Kiwi As!” to encourage students to think about issues, ideas, and inspiration closer to home. As a result we had an excellent variety of speeches ranging from serious, to informative, motivational – and amusing! Along with sobering topics like depression and the influence of social media on young Kiwis, and thought-provoking ones about our political system and direction of the country, we were also uplifted by speeches that highlighted our sporting and innovative achievements and even poked a little fun at our ex-sent (accent).

As usual the standard was very high, and all our speakers are commended for their confident, engaging presentations. A big congratulations goes to the winners on the day, especially our top speaker – Malindi Reihana-Ruka (Y9), and a special thank you to our adjudicators, Sophia Warren and Michelle Chapman, for doing the tough job of judging some very worthy speeches.

Year 7/8

1st Lilly-Marie Houry

2nd Callum McIntyre

Year 9/10

1st Malindi Reihana-Ruka

2nd Faraday Haydock

Year 11/12

1st Max Hittle

2nd Michael Horsman



Hook, Line and Sing-a-long 2017

Congratulations to the Year 5's, Mr Hittle, and Sean McConnachie who are winners of the 2017 Hook, Line & Sing-a-Long video competition!

The Year 5 class sang a song that was co-written by Mia Pistorius (Year 5). This rendition was then filmed by Sean McConnachie (Year 8), and spliced amongst some amazing footage of Cape Reinga previously shot by Sean.

As one of the top five winners, they won a \$100 MusicWorks voucher.

This is the second year in a row that Springbank School has won a prize in this competition.

Tough Guy & Gal Challenge

On Thursday 29th June, we had a whopping 40 students travel down to Helensville for the annual Tough Guy and Gal Challenge.

This event involves completing either a 6km or 12km course of running up and down steep hills, wading through knee, waist, and chest-deep mud, climbing over obstacles, and crawling under others (such as electric wires!).

Many of our students simply entered for a fun, challenging day out, so we did not take home the coveted “Toughest School” trophy as we had done in previous years.

...maybe next year, team!



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Careers Trip

Monday morning, mid-June, Year 12 loaded the van and we were away! Auckland and Hamilton, here we come! We had a perfect run through to Kaiwaka for morning tea, then into Albany mall for lunch. Here, the girls bought only food, Mike and the boys bought a rugby ball, while the only person to bring a shopping bag back to the van was Mr Webb who just had to visit 'Just Jeans'! Really!

After lunch, Cam te Paa, the Massey University Liaison, meet us by the Massey 'chicken wing', giving us a flying start for our first university tour. Cam gave us a full briefing of all courses available at the three Massey University campuses, then a tour around the Albany site including through the amazing gym and stunning new accommodation blocks, which are just a short stroll from the lecture theatres.

After a 'team shop' at the supermarket to get breakfast supplies and snacks for the week, we drove into the CBD to check into the YHA; home for the next three nights. A few minutes to acclimatise and familiarise ourselves with all that the YHA had, then onto Queen Street to walk down to Aotea Square for tea, ten pin bowling and entertainment for the evening. Phew, this touring lark is quite full on!

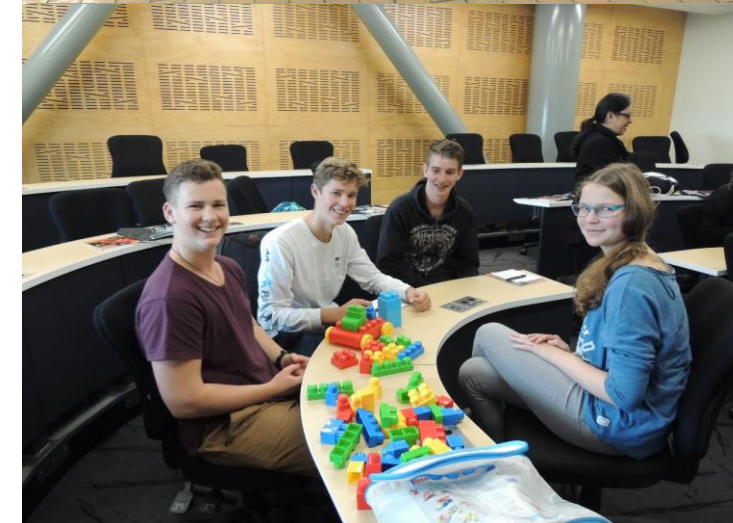
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday followed similar patterns as we visited in turn the two Campuses of Auckland University of Technology (AUT), Waikato University in Hamilton, UNITEC and Auckland University. Each University provided an overview of courses they teach, a look through accommodation (student hostels), bags, pens, information booklets, clear exam style pencil cases, snacks, drinks and tours. We certainly didn't miss out on fitness, as we probably walked about five kilometres around each Campus!

In the evenings, we boosted the Auckland entertainment economy by going bowling, playing Laser Strike, air hockey, table football, and going Ice Skating. We also sat at 'home', at the YHA and played cards!

This group of our seniors was a great group to take away. They are such good mates that to entertain them was a breeze; they entertain themselves! They were on time at every group meeting, were prepared to try all activities asked of them by the Universities, and were excellent Springbank ambassadors. Thanks to each and every one of you, Year 12. I trust that you also learnt a great deal about what Universities have to offer.

Phil Webb

Photos Top to Bottom: The 'Chicken Wing' Sculpture at Massey Albany // Wow, they still use Duplo at Uni! Learning by playing, it's never too late folks! Management exercise at AUT. // Ruby and Phoebe enjoying the animals at the Vet Nursing Clinic at UNITEC.



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Takou Bay Inter-School Cross Country

Congratulations to the team of fit and enthusiastic runners who represented Springbank at the challenging Takou Bay Inter-School Cross Country course. There was wind, cold temperatures, bogs, steep hills and prickles to contend with. All the competitors ran their best races and many improving their placings from last year. Hunter Blakeman and Ellamae MacCarthy pushed themselves to their limits to fly into first place in their races. Well done to Ollie Huett who took out a second placing. Many thanks to all of the parents who transported and accompanied the team. Your encouragement and support was much appreciated by the students and staff.

Placings:

- 9 Year Boys: 1st Hunter Blakeman
- 10 Year Girls: 1st Ellamae MacCarthy
- 12 Year Boys: 2nd Ollie Huett



Junior Inter-School Cross Country

A last minute change of venue saw Springbank School hosting this year's Junior Inter-School Cross Country.

It was a great morning's event, with the runners from various ECE centres and schools showing boundless enthusiasm and speed as they ran around the school field and track.



A big thank you again to parents, staff and senior students who were able to help on the day.

Plus congratulations to all our Preschool and Junior runners who gave it their all!



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Headstart Report

Term Two has been an action-packed time for all the Headstart children and their teachers, Miss Van Weerd and Miss Palmer. The children have not only grown an inch or two taller, but their confidence in themselves and determination to try their best with their school work has extended also.

We have been very fortunate to utilise our parents' many hidden talents and passions and have had a visitor in most Tuesday afternoons. Our afternoons have been busy and have included watching Nina on her unicycle, painting and shading the native animal shapes with Teresa, and making origami frogs with Hannah's mum, Kerri.

One activity that caused a lot of excitement for our children was making beanies with Sophia's mum, Shannon, with assistance from Nelson's mum, Gail. Over two afternoons, Shannon and Gail came in, measured each child's head, traced around the pattern with them, assisted with cutting around the pattern on top of the material, and finally sewed up each beanie with each child.

This activity was a wonderful opportunity to extend on Mathematics through measurement, length and estimation.

A huge thank you to Shannon and Gail for giving up their afternoons to make the cutest and cuddliest beanies with our children.



Preschool – Matariki Celebrations

During the month of June, preschool celebrated Matariki. The children had been practising their songs for a few weeks and this day was their opportunity to shine. They were able to stand up in front of a large crowd and sing with confidence and pride ☺



Matariki is a time to reflect, celebrate and to prepare the ground for the coming year.

The children harvested the kumara that was planted last year, and we prepared them for our kai. We had our parents join in with a shared platter, and we celebrated the day with aroha and thanks. We also planted a blueberry tree for next year. A great day was had by all.



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2017 NSSSA Orienteering

On 30th June, students from all over Northland came to Springbank to participate in the Year 7 – 10 Northland Secondary Schools' Orienteering Champs. It was a great privilege to host competitors from Bream Bay, Whangarei, Kaikohe and Okaihau who lined up against the Springbank students in team and individual orienteering trials. A range of different courses had been set across the breadth of the Springbank farm, testing our visitors' map reading and navigation skills. Special mention must go to Okaihau College for the standard of their competitors – placing first in the Boys Year 7 & 8 section and the Junior Team event. Springbank students (and veterans of this event) Ishmael Strevens and Henri Mueller took first and second respectively in the Year 9 & 10 Boys race. Luckily for all, the sun shone and orienteers of all ages and experience levels enjoyed a great day's competition. All of our Year 7-9 students were keen to compete again next year, as were our visitors. Special thanks goes to Mr. Bertelink for all his hard work setting the courses and co-ordinating entries, and to our senior PE students who worked as recorders and marshals throughout the day.

- Adam Horgan

Bring on Term Three!

Regards

Mike Warren

Principal

Thoughts for the Week 2017:

Term 2, Week 8:

"Stones: we can throw them, complain about them, stumble with them, climb on them, or build with them."

"Take the road less travelled"

- William Arthur Ward

Courtesy of Mr Ron Vigil

Term 2, Week 9:

"Life is not about how fast you run or even with what degree of grace. It's about perseverance, about staying on your feet and slogging forward no matter what."

From the novel 'Odd Thomas' by Dean Koontz

Courtesy of Aimee Larkan (Prefect)

Term 2, Week 10:

"Rise to the challenge. Remember that the future you is watching!"

- Billy Robb, Springbank Prefect

Courtesy of Mr John Haydock



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