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Dear Parents

“Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?” – Mary Oliver

As you are aware, we recently had a speaker at school, Wayne Prince. Something resonated with me that evening, as he asked parents what values and traits would they like to see developed in their children. For me it was clear what I want for my children, but I realised that as a parent, I might place value on quite different character traits from many other families in our Springbank community.

So what is it that you want for your child's one wild and precious life? From Springbank's inception, our motto was “Learning for Life”, which is all about preparing students to get the most out of their one life; to be happy, to find fulfilment and success, and to develop deep and meaningful connections. As we progress as a society and the rapid development of information technologies disrupt how many generations have traditionally lived their lives, this is becoming a key challenge for the education sector. To “Learn for Life” is to prepare as best we can for a life in a rapidly-changing, perplexing world, where whole industries are being flipped on their head and the whole notion of a life-long career is fast becoming history.

Developing academic capabilities and a positive work ethic to prepare students for tertiary study remains at the core of a Springbank education, as I believe tertiary study has clear pathways and opportunities in an array of professional fields. However, our collective role as a school and as parents is to instil values, ethics and character traits that will enable our children to achieve a wonderful life, regardless of the initial path that is chosen after they graduate. They will no doubt have to have transferable skills, a strong work ethic, a resilient attitude, be effective communicators, and be able to think independently and creatively.

We are currently developing ways in which we can strengthen our delivery in these key areas. I will keep you informed of developments.

Dates for the calendar

- Daffodil Day – 24th August
- Tony Fernando – 25th August, 7pm
- Junior School Speech Finals – 28th August
- Mock Exams Begin – 30th August
- Robotics Competition, Auckland – 2nd September
- Ski Week – 3rd–8th September
- Market Day – 16th September
- Spring Break Monday – 18th September
- SADD Mock Car Crash – 22nd September



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2017 Springbank School Science Fair

This year we held our Science Fair in Week Two of this term, to avoid speech finals and spread our student workload. The July holiday break was useful preparation time for students as well.

We are always amazed by the wonderful range of topics that our students find to prepare a project on. With projects covering topics as diverse as 'The Best Angle to Throw a Javelin', 'Protect Yourself From the Sun', 'Can You Judge a Person by Their Looks', 'Which Band Aid Sticks Best', 'Growing Vegies on Mars', 'Will This Storm Blow my House Away', and 'Cooling Beehives to get Better Production', there was something there for absolutely everyone to enjoy reading.

Our students continue to excel in their presentation, with many supporting their hypotheses with great experimentation and solid results. Heartiest congratulations on a superb effort by all.

We would like to sincerely thank our parent volunteers Heather Windsor, Matt Sutcliffe, and Frank Michaux who did such a good job judging.



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Kiwi Science Competition – Top Mark in NZ!

We are extremely proud to celebrate the outstanding science result achieved by Sean McConnachie.

Sean recently took part in the 2017 Kiwi Science Competition run by the University of Canterbury, and he received the highest mark in New Zealand!

This competition is highly contested by students from over 350 schools nationwide and Sean successfully claimed the top spot!

This is a tremendous result for Sean, and we are all thrilled for him! Amazing job, well done!



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... Science Fair continues

We selected the following projects to be sent on to the Regional Fair to be held at the Turner Centre on Wednesday 30th August, with prizegiving on Friday 1st September at 6:00pm.

Year 7

- Sophie Marolias with her project, Greener on the Other Side
- Callum McIntyre and Cameron Ireland with their project, Everyday EMF
- Leon Haslar with his project, Coming!!

Year 8

- Lana Pistorius and Rebecca Nugteren with their project, Tingling Tastebuds
- Lucy Sizer with her project, Clean Green

Year 9

- Georgie Ludbrook and Sean McConnachie with their project, Sugar Shock
- Malindi Reihana-Ruka with her project, Is the light right?
- Jack Hittle with his project, Battle of Bandages
- Mark Michaux with his project, Which Parachute is Safest?
- Poppy Lenton with her project, Flower Power

Year 10

- Ashley Badger with her project, All In My Head.
- Faraday Haydock with her project, Blown Away
- Harry Sizer with his project, Martian Garden
- Olivia McCarthy with her project, How Much Sugar Is That?
- Ishmael Strevens with his project, Bee Chill!

The exhibits that were voted as best by students were:

- Year 7: Leon Haslar with his project, Coming!!
- Year 8: Zara and Lilly Marie Houry with their project, Lock it
- Year 9: Mark Michaux with his project, Which Parachute is Safest?
- Year 10: Olivia McCarthy with her project, How Much Sugar Is That?

The overall winner was Henri Mueller and Toby Lakin with their project, Gone Phishing.

- Clare Dorans, John Haydock, and Phil Webb



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Market Day

The Springbank School Market Day is only 4 weekends away, and as always, it's going to be full of delicious treats, rides, activities, and unique products designed by students.

If you wish to have a stall at this year's Market Day for a charity organisation as a fundraising opportunity or information booth, please contact Michelle Chapman.

Lock the date in your calendar now and we look forward to seeing you all there!



Springbank School Market Day

16 September 2017, 11am-2pm

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2017 Springbank Talent Show

This year's talent show was another big success! We saw a huge number of applicants looking to show off their hidden skills, so much so that we had to hold formal auditions – X-Factor style! There were so many awesome routines and talents that it made it an incredibly tough decision. We were finally able to whittle down the competition to just 10 acts, one of them including Springbank's very own Mr Warren and Mr Hittle.

The show consisted of a range of different routines, from musical performances to dancing, and even unicycling. We also got to hear the principal sing – and he wasn't too bad either! It turns out that there's talent concealed all over Springbank.



The final top three of the 2017 Talent Show were:

1st Place: *Nina Beckman* – Unicycling to the Little Mermaid

2nd Place: *Ishmael and Khalila Strevens* – Performing a cover of 'Send Me On My Way' by Rusted Root

3rd Place: *Diaz Turner* – Personally choreographed dance routine

- Wilson Baker, Head Boy

Kiwi English, Maths and Science Competitions

The University of Canterbury has recently developed national competitions for English, Maths and Science, for Years 5 – 10. These competitions are skills-based and are aligned to the New Zealand curriculum. Even though the Cambridge curriculum doesn't closely align with these competitions, we thought that we would enrol some of our students into these competitions to see how they went.

We were particularly impressed! As you will have read on Page Two of this newsletter, Sean McConnachie gained the highest mark in the entire country for Senior Science! This was an amazing feat, but we also had several other students perform particularly well.

The following students gained an "Excellence" grade and certificate, which places them in the top 10% of students in New Zealand who entered this competition:

Sophie Fieldman	Intermediate English
James Small	Intermediate Science
Lara Sharipova-Williams	Secondary English
Annika Seidel	Secondary Maths
Sean McConnachie	Secondary Science

We also had 11 other students gain a "Merit" grade and certificate, which puts them in the top 30% in New Zealand.

Well done to all students who participated in this competition. It is one that we would like to invite all students to participate in from 2018.



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Lions Youth Ambassador Award

Our congratulations go to Phoebe Huett for gaining third place in the Lions Youth Ambassador Awards.

Phoebe had to compile a curriculum vitae, in which she focused on her community work, fundraising and commitments as a Springbank School Prefect. She was chosen from the initial 28 applicants to move through to the final round with five other competitors.



On the night of the speech competition, Phoebe had a 10-minute interview with the judges prior to presenting her speech. She told them about her fundraising work with Foster Hope & Hospice, her holiday charity work with Riding for the Disabled, plus her involvement with the 40 Hour Famine, Badminton Club, senior mentoring, Cross Fit and a whole lot more.

Her final task was to present a 5-minute speech to the judges and a large audience of competitors and their supporters, the sponsors and Lions Club members. Phoebe delivered her speech with enthusiasm, talking about her passion for supporting the North Harbour Rugby team, and being a part of the Foster Hope charity team. Her parents, friends, Mr. Webb and I were very moved by her performance. It brought tears to our eyes. Phoebe was awarded with a certificate and a monetary prize of \$200 sponsored by Waimamaku Automotive Solutions.

Phoebe's speech will now be published in the Lions Club newsletter and she has been invited to enter another Lions Club competition.

Deb Sutcliffe from Foster Hope is going to record Phoebe's speech, and it will be uploaded to the Foster Hope Charity website.

To top it all off, we all had an amazing dinner at the Okaihau Lions Club evening; congratulations to the chefs, a fantastic feast!

- Lynne Alexander

'JINX' at the 2017 SmokeFree RockQuest

Last term, our band Jinx (Ishmael, Sean and Khalila) competed at this year's SmokeFree RockQuest. With a little encouragement from Mr Hittle, we decided to enter. We played our song *Pot 'o' Gold* at the Northland heats in May at Forum North in Whangarei, along with 18 other bands. We managed to make it through to the finals as six other bands were eliminated. So we went back to Whangarei on July 1st in the school van with Mr Hittle and our families, ready to rock! We played our new original, *River Flow*, to help round out seven minutes of our original music on stage. It was an amazing experience and lots of fun. We hope to come back next year with our new-learned skills and confidence. Watch this space in 2018!

- Khalila Strevens, Year 9



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Hillary Junior Get 2 Go Challenge

On a chilly August morning, a group of intrepid Year 10 students set out for Whangarei at first light to confront the 2017 Hillary Junior Get 2 Go Challenge. Ahead of them was a day of team challenges that would test their physical endurance, their problem solving skills and their ability to work together as a team. The first challenge was an hour's orienteering at Barge Park. Our team split into pairs and disappeared in all different directions – returning forty minutes later (the only team to return within the allotted time) with the map in tatters and plenty of points – a fine start!

Next was the mountain bike challenge, which was made even more challenging when the team went to fit the front wheel to one of the bikes, only to discover that the necessary bolt was nowhere to be found. (It was discovered immediately on return to school – on the ground next to where the van was parked that morning ☺) Luckily, a rival school lent us a very small bike which was comically locked in top gear and our team tore into the course, which this year featured multiple hairpin bends and people spraying the track and the riders with cold water! 25 laps later and it was time for some well-earned lunch.

The afternoon sessions started with Stand Up Paddleboarding at the Waro Lake in Hikurangi. With a wicked wind whipping across the water, the teams were given two boards, three paddles and three lifejackets, and challenged to complete as many laps of the lake as possible. Much to the disappointment of the teachers on the shore, not a single student from any of the competing schools fell in and the teams moved on to the final Problem Solving round.

Here the groups were given two practical problems to solve: First, drag a raft carrying half your team using ropes, pulleys and a fence post. Second, craft darts from flax then fire them as far and as accurately as possible. The Springbank team really hit their straps in this challenge, communicating well, pooling their efforts and finishing well ahead of the competition. Muddled and exhausted, they did themselves and all of us proud – 5th overall from 16 teams – kia ora!

2017 Hillary Get 2 Go Team – Alisha Tahere, Henri Mueller, Annabelle Wood, Dean Parker, Olivia MaCarthy, Kodi Chamberlain, Ashley Badger & Harry Sizer.

- Adam Horgan



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Up to the Cape!

On a perfect Saturday 29 July, Ms Hatherly and Louisa Hover took nine international students north to Cape Reinga. With great excitement and a home-made cake, we trooped off at 9:00am. We found plenty of photo ops at the Ancient Kauri Kingdom, with the giant kauri staircase and the Game-of-Thrones-inspired chair (more than \$4000 if you want one at home...)



The Cape, as always, gave us the awe-inspiring meeting of two oceans. Conditions were brilliant for seeing the actual swirling as the waters mingle. The stories of Te Rerenga Wairua were new to all, and we learnt that the Pohutukawa is a rare variety that does not flower. This fits the solemnity of the legend.

Another highlight was the stop-off at the massive Te Paki dunes. The team spent a delirious half hour toiling up the dunes and swooshing down on boogie boards; those who didn't have one could hire them on site.

We travelled home via the Coca Cola Lake and Mangonui, with a detour to Totara North to admire St Paul's Rock and make serious plans to climb it... What a day – we are all richer for it.

Jill Hatherly and Louisa Hover



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Term 3 at Headstart

What a wonderful first few weeks of Term 3. The children at Headstart have been very busy with lots of great learning. We have enjoyed our forest walks watching the nature trail changing as more leaves and flowers start to appear on the various plants along the way. We too have been learning about plants growing and have planted our own bean seeds. We have enjoyed the sunny days where we can eat outside, and our weekly library visits. Thank you to the children and wonderful teachers who have helped Mrs. Ash settle into Headstart; you have all been a great help. We welcomed Ms Van Weerd back earlier this week.



Headstart – Welcome to Shelley Ash

We would like to extend a warm welcome again to Shelley Ash who has joined Headstart as our Primary Teacher.



I am originally from Canada. I have spent the last 12 years in New Zealand. I have twin boys who are 10 years old and keep me very busy. I have been teaching in the Early Childhood and the Primary school sector for almost 20 years, both here in New Zealand and abroad. I love the outdoors, travelling, cooking, and catching up with friends and having family time! Teaching is my passion; supporting and inspiring our children to be lifelong learners. To discover, wonder and keep trying!



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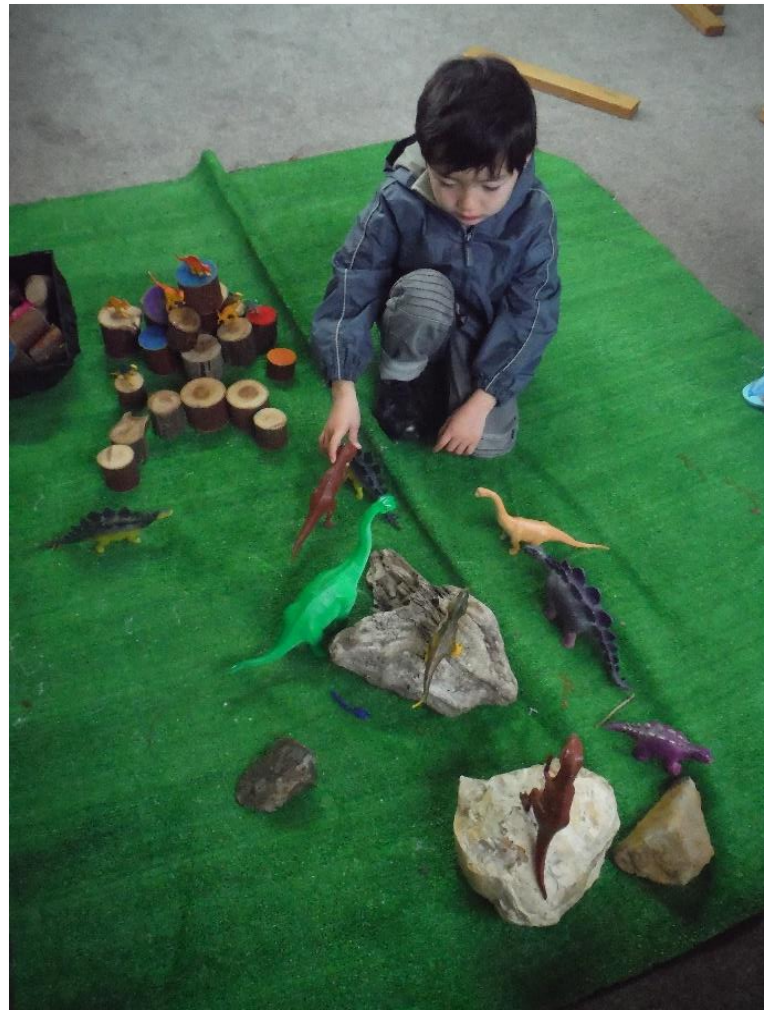


Preschool – Dinosaur ROAR!

Preschool has been roaring this term. The children have shown a huge interest in dinosaurs and this has brought on sharing information, on what we all know about these extinct creatures.

We have supported this huge interest by providing the resources for the tamariki and having special themed days where we have made dinosaur soup and dinosaur love hearts. We have been researching the different types of dinosaurs that existed and what their eating habits were. We have also learnt about their habitats and their different sizes and did some measurements to see how large these prehistoric creatures were.

The interest continues with many rich conversations around dinosaurs each and every day 😊



Daffodil Day

Since 1990, Daffodil Day around New Zealand has inspired people all around the country to come together and support the wonderful and important work of the Cancer Society.

Daffodil Day for 2017 is on Friday 25th August and three of our students from Year 10; Faraday, Alisha and Jessica are organising fundraising on behalf of Springbank School, which will take place on **Thursday 24th August**.

They are encouraging everyone to wear YELLOW on the day. There will be a colouring competition open to Years 1 – 4 and they will also be selling Daffodils.

Please help support the girls by bringing a gold coin donation on Thursday to raise some money for this very important charity.



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Huge Welcome to our new and returning International Students

Term 3 commenced with a big welcome to our new international students, and it is really pleasing to see how well our new international students have settled into life here at Springbank School.

Tim Strobel joined our Year 12 class and was initially here for only four weeks. Somehow he managed to 'persuade' his parents into letting him spend the rest of his European summer holidays with us here at Springbank School rather than returning home and holidaying with his family in Europe, and he has extended his stay by another four weeks!

Hannah Bach, Jannis Laible, Lea Kiessling, Nicole Zebandt and Isaak Rahman joined our Year 11 class. Ellen Schenkenberger and Laura Hagele joined our Year 10 class.

We also had the opportunity of welcoming Louisa Hover who is a trainee teacher from Germany. As Louisa wishes to specialise in teaching English when she returns home, she is spending Term 3 with us here at Springbank School as an intern.

Our students have said they are finding their time here with us to be very busy, and cannot believe they are already in Week Five. They are enjoying getting to know their teachers and classmates and many subjects have become firm favourites, especially Outdoor Adventure.

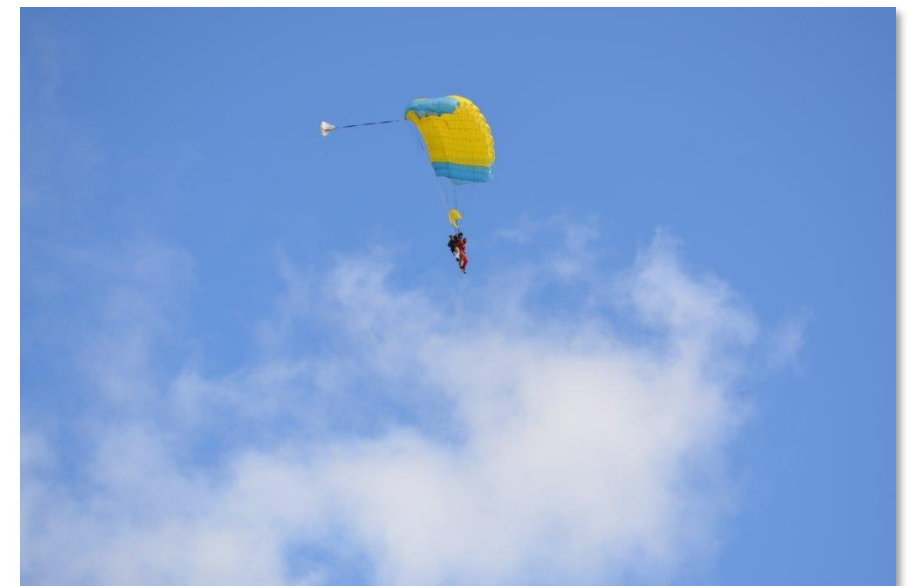
Tim and Lea managed to find a brilliant day weather-wise last week so they could complete their tandem skydive, and Louisa, Nina, Tim, Jannis, Lea, Liv are all going to participate in Springbank School's forthcoming Ski Trip.

Our international students will be selling their goods at Market Day, then will all get dressed in their "Blacks", to drive down to Auckland for the weekend so we can support our boys in Black - go the All Blacks !

Sadly, we will say 'see you next year' to Angel and Ooy, Mum and Dad at the end of week seven this term, and so I understand, everyone has had a wonderful time here again this year we cannot wait for next year's visit.

We also wish Yui all the very best with her forthcoming IELTS English Exam, that I know she has been studying very hard for, and the same applies to Julia, Ji Hee and Lena with their forthcoming Cambridge Mock Exams. Keep up the hard work guys – You Can Do It!

- Jill Grimshaw, International Student Director



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The Incredible Years

The Ministry of Education have been presenting courses for parents, teachers and children since 2008, aimed at helping parents:

- ✓ Have a better relationship with their children
- ✓ Stimulate their children's development
- ✓ Gain skills to feel more confident about their parenting
- ✓ Having positive and nurturing parenting styles
- ✓ Lessen harsh parenting practices
- ✓ Establish better relations with the child's teachers

The programme is open to parents and caregivers of children aged 3-8 years old with challenging behaviours. Each course runs for approximately 14 weeks of 2.5 hour sessions. It is completely **FREE** and you will receive resources over the duration of the course to keep.

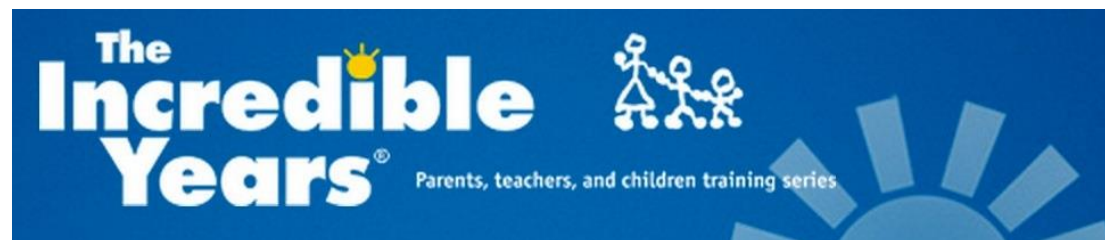
If you are interested in attending the course, please contact Rosemary Miller on 021 240 7476 for more details or to book a space.

You will find additional information on the notice board outside Sally's office or visit the website www.incredibleyears.com

The Incredible Years - Kerikeri

Wednesday 6 September – Wednesday 6 December 2017

Bahai Centre, 480 Kerikeri Road



Website Photo Challenge

We are looking to update the main photos on the school website. The photos used on our website pages are there to reflect the atmosphere, environment and overall impression of Springbank School.



We are looking for 20 new photos we can use and we will PAY our students to take them.

They can take photos of their class, sporting activities, or their favourite location around the school or The Bay of Islands. Anything that showcases why Springbank School is the best!

Every photo that is chosen to be on the school website will win \$20.00 for the photographer! Up to 20 photos at \$20 each – there is up to \$400 on offer!

So, get onto www.springbank.school.nz and scroll through the current photos to get a feel of what we are wanting to represent.

Entries must be emailed to sally.collings@springbank.nz by 29th September 2017 (the last day of Term 3).



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After School Club Website

A new website has been created to list the various After School Clubs available around The Bay of Islands. Some clubs listed cover: Sport, Art, Cadets, St John Youth and Music, plus holiday programs throughout the year.

Listings include club timetables and contact details. If your child's club or one that you know of, is not listed, please let the club know to contact ascboi@mail.com to list for free.

It's a great way for local clubs to make themselves known and connect with students and families.



Our Senior School is now in full swing of revising for their exams. I would like to give a **huge** thanks to our senior teachers who are giving up their afternoons to run revision classes after school. This is above and beyond of what is expected, and we are extremely fortunate to have such dedicated, passionate teachers here at Springbank.

What is also particularly pleasing is the response that we have had from our senior students. The attendance of many of these afterschool revision classes has been strong, which shows that our students are motivated to achieve their best, and by committing to these classes, they are respecting the fact that our teachers are providing extra time and effort for their benefit.

Keep up the great work and we look forward to seeing some great results in our upcoming mock exams.

Regards

Mike Warren

Principal

Thoughts for the Week 2017:

Term 3, Week 1:

Together
Everyone
Achieves
More

Courtesy of Mike Warren

Term 3, Week 2:

"Individually we are one drop, but
together we are an ocean."

Courtesy of Mrs Collings

Term 3, Week 3:

"Teamwork divides the task and
multiplies the success."

Courtesy of Jessica Prak
Khin (Prefect)

Term 3, Week 4:

"I can do things you cannot.
You can do things I cannot.
Together we can do great things."
- Mother Teresa

Courtesy of Mrs Larkan



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