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## Dates & Events to Note:

**Fireworks Extravaganza:** Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>, gates open at 5pm.

**Farewell for Phil Webb:** Friday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the school gym.

**17 Nov:** Middle School Disco

**21 Nov:** Senior Dinner

**23 Nov:** Kids for Kids Concert (Y5 & 6)

**28 & 29 Nov:** Middle School Options

**1 Dec:** Certificate Assemblies

9am: Headstart – Year 6

1pm: Year 7 – 10

**4 Dec:** Big Day Out

**5 Dec, 9am: Schoolwide Prizegiving**

## Dear Parents

Thank you to those of you who have already volunteered to assist on the fireworks night, including many of our senior students. The Fireworks Extravaganza is The Friends of Springbank's main annual fundraiser, and it simply can't happen without the support of families.

This year's show promises to be better than ever! With enough support from within the Springbank community, it is a well-run, very affordable community event that we can all be proud of. It is also a great event for our Springbank family to come together and enjoy some comradery, whilst working towards a common goal; to raise as much money as possible for Friends of Springbank, which will in turn directly benefit all Springbank students.

If you have not yet done so, please contact Sally at reception or pop your name on the roster sheet on the noticeboard outside reception. We only ask for one hour of your time.

Also, remember to spread the word: **Saturday 4th November; gates open 5:00pm, fireworks show at 9:00pm. Food and drinks available, along with raffles to win and great live entertainment. Entry is \$5 per person (Under 5s Free).**



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## Springbank wins Northland's Supreme YES Award!

The Northland YES Awards Dinner was held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Approximately 65 teams from Northland schools took part in the competition.

The Springbank Team, Hopu Ahurea, consisting of Aimee Larkan, Wilson Baker, and Kurtis Foster (all Year 13s), were a force to be reckoned with. They worked with local artists to frame their authentic New Zealand art works for the tourist market and acted as their distributors. This was seen by the judges to have a huge growth potential and make a real difference to the Northland economy, its people, and Northland's unique culture.



At the Northland Regional YES Awards Dinner, Hopu Ahurea's efforts were acknowledged as they won:

- NorthTec Award for Excellence in Business Management.
- Gilmore Taylor Award for Excellence in Financial Management (*jointly with Big Brother Surveillance of Westmount School*) both awarded 100% for their respective finance sections in their Annual Reviews.
- Northland Roofs Award for Innovation and Growth Potential
- **Top Energy Company of the Year Award!**

A huge congratulations to the team. We are all so extremely proud of your achievements. They will travel to Wellington on 6 December to represent Northland at The YES national competition, and we wish them all the best!

- Michelle Chapman, YES Teacher



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## *Farewell Mr Webb* ☹

So long, farewell... but never goodbye forever!

As you may be aware (if you have been reading your newsletters!), we will be saying goodbye to one of our most loved & treasured teachers – Mr Phil Webb.

After teaching with us at Springbank for 17 years (and being in the education sector for 43 years), Mr Webb has decided it is time to retire his teaching voice and complete his final lessons.

Time with his precious family is calling, as is the deep blue sea on his yacht!

Mr Webb has been an integral part of the Springbank School community for so many years and we want to celebrate and thank him at a farewell on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 1:00pm.

We know he has played such a huge role in many people's lives over the years and we would like to invite all current families, along with past staff, students, and families, to come and join us to say farewell.

If you can't make the farewell in person, but wish to send through a message to Mr Webb, please send any messages of thanks, good luck, and fond memories to [mike.warren@springbank.school.nz](mailto:mike.warren@springbank.school.nz)



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## Springbank Community Business Profile – Ben's Oysters



Ben has been oyster farming in the Bay of Islands for nearly 20 years. Starting from very humble beginnings as a one-man band fix-up project with the idea of flicking the business on, he has grown it into a large operation and is currently one of the largest employers in Opuia.

Ben and his wife Jo have recently expanded into a processing factory, where fresh oysters are opened and potted for the local New Zealand market, and they now stock supermarkets North Island wide.

A small retail shop located at 5 Te Kahu Street, Haruru Falls Industrial Estate is open weekdays for the public to buy fresh, local oysters in pots, opened half shell, or unprocessed in the whole shell, Ben's Oysters has something for every oyster enthusiast!

They cater for large quantities or small and can stock any size of oyster by prior arrangement.



To get in touch with Ben's Oysters ring (09) 4027375 or go to their website at [www.bensoysters.co.nz](http://www.bensoysters.co.nz).

**Mention reading the Springbank School newsletter and get 20% off your purchase during November.**



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## ***Hospice Sunrise Walk***

On 7<sup>th</sup> October, Kurtis Foster, Levi Whitehead, Raven Kerr-Allen and I volunteered to help out at the Hospice Sunrise Walk Fundraiser.

At 05:30, we were busy on the registration desk checking all walkers in and issuing them their personal walk numbers, filling jugs with iced water and fruit juice and helping set out breakfast for the returning walkers. About sixty hardy souls attended the instructional and safety briefing then headed off on the 12km walk. While they were away, we helped The Wind Jammers Band set up, then they began to entertain us as we prepared the barbeque for cooking breakfast for the walkers.

Kurtis was outstanding on the BBQ, producing some perfectly cooked bacon and lots of eggs, which Levi and Raven used to fill hot croissants with.

As the walkers returned, we all helped serve them with this hot food, cereal, fruit juice, and tea/coffee.

Our three young men did an outstanding job and received a continuous flow of compliments for their efforts.

All Hospice personnel passed on their sincere thanks and appreciation to the amazing effort made by these three superb young men.

Well done, blokes; I was truly proud of you.

- Phil Webb



## ***House of Travel Kerikeri – fundraising for Springbank School***

Who doesn't enjoy a good holiday break away?! But trying to organise the travel and accommodation can sometimes be a drag. So why not let the team at House of Travel Kerikeri look after you, and in return they will donate \$\$ to The Friends of Springbank.

Any new bookings made with the team across the full calendar year of 2018 will earn Friends of Springbank School 1% of the total spend – simply by mentioning Springbank School.

House of Travel Kerikeri will then donate the total raised to the school on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2018.

So get those holiday thinking caps on and speak to House of Travel Kerikeri!



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## Year 7 – 10 Speech Competition

At the end of Term 3, the Bay of Islands Interschool Speech Competition for Years 7 – 10 was held at Springbank School.

We had four students represent us:

- Year 7 – Callum McIntyre
- Year 8 – Lilly-Marie Houry
- Year 9 – Malindi Reihana-Ruka
- Year 10 – Faraday Haydock

A big congratulations goes to Malindi, who took out 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Year 9 category with her speech on Depression.

All of our speakers who took part were all credited for their outstanding efforts by the judges.

It was a lovely evening and well-supported by our prefects, who did all the service duties. Both they and the speakers did Springbank proud.

A big thanks to staff and Friends of Springbank for their organisation and support of the event.

- Andrea Druery



## Raven's Trip to Japan

Towards the end of Term Three, I went to Japan for a cultural experience and Karate training trip. I went with a group consisting of myself, my Sensei (Jurgen) and ten other people from NZ Kenseikan Karate-do.

We started the trip with a 12 hour flight, before landing in Narita. We then took a bullet train to Tokyo where we spent a few days sightseeing. On one of these days we went to watch the All Japan Shotokan Karate Tournament.



Next we traveled to Toyama where we began training. We trained every day for up to 6 hours a day.

On the final day in Toyama, some of us sat a grading. I received my Shodan (1st degree black belt). We then spent one night in Narita before flying back to NZ via Hong Kong.

I really enjoyed the trip. I learnt a lot of new things, experienced different customs, met a lot of great people, and made some new friends. And wow, the sushi was incredible!!

- Raven Kerr-Allen, Prefect



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## Chinese Night

During the last week of Term 3, Springbank School was able to enjoy a Chinese cultural night, thanks to one of our parents, Vera Dong.

Vera, along with a number of very enthusiastic supporters from the local Chinese community, introduced our families and staff to the art of Chinese cinema (Shaolin Soccer – a wonderfully hilarious movie!), the most delicious dumplings ever, karaoke, face painting, as well as getting a translation of your name in Chinese to take home.

It was a fun experience making our own dumplings, and it was just as much fun watching others make theirs; the looks of concentration and sheer determination to make the perfect dumpling was a great laugh!

Did we mention the dumplings were delicious?! With a keen group of just over 60 people we ate our way through almost 800 dumplings! There was not an empty stomach in sight.

The evening was fantastic, and talent was flowing from that karaoke machine – most of the time! ☺

We would like to give a big thank you again to Vera and husband Paul, and the following ladies for coming along and sharing a small glimpse of the Chinese Culture with us:

- Peggy Pickworth
- Jenny Xie
- Lina Li
- Maria Zhang
- Angela Zhou
- Zhixian Zhang
- Phyllis Kong
- Popo Trevor
- Christina Chong
- Amy Leung
- Tara Sukrasara
- Salve Bermas
- Victoria Ipapo
- Marinelle McKay



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## ***Springbank School Past Students – Where are they now?***

**Name:** Debbie de Ruiter, 25 years old

**Where are you living?** Kerikeri

**When did you attend Springbank School?** 1997 – 2008 (Y1 – 11)

**School House:** Sharks

**What are you doing now?**

After I left Springbank I went straight into doing a hairdressing apprenticeship in Paihia. I worked at Sue Robinson Hairdressing for two years, before moving to Auckland where I finished my last year of my apprenticeship and continued to work at Shoosh Hairdressers in Auckland. I worked at, then managed the salon for a further three years, before moving back to Kerikeri with my partner, Ben. I now own my own hair salon from home in Kerikeri, alongside being a mum to an almost three year old boy.



**What are your future goals?**

I hope to keep expanding my client base for my salon and work hard at my new business.

**What is your greatest achievement to date?**

Definitely becoming a qualified hairdresser, being a mum and buying our 1<sup>st</sup> house.

**Which was your favourite subject and why?**

PE. I loved doing PE with Sue Price. I'm definitely an outside girl! My favourite time of the week was doing Athletics with Mr Ball.

**Who was your favourite teacher and why?**

I can't say I had one favourite teacher as they were all great and I learnt so much from all my teachers.

**What did you appreciate about Springbank School?**

No uniforms!! Haha. But seriously, I liked the closeness of the school and that you knew all of the other students and their families.

**How did your experience at Springbank School help you?**

I learnt a lot through business studies at Springbank, which helped me to not be afraid to start my own business and buy my own home at the age of 22.



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## Headstart

It has been a wonderful start to Term 4 as we welcome our new children and their families.

We have been busy making '3 Little Pig and the Big Bad Wolf' stories – the children were inspired by Mr Warren's video clip about respect at assembly.

We have been learning about healthy eating and sharing healthy fruit and veggies on a Friday. Nelsons' mum, Gail, taught us how to make healthy yummy banana and date ice-cream. Delicious!



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### *What's been happening at Springbank Preschool?*

Summer days are here, and we have been putting in new gardens with New World Little Garden donations. Not only have our families been donating the vegetables that they received from New World, but we were lucky enough to get a box donated to us from the store of extras after the promotion had finished.

This year, once again we have just finished making scarecrows for the annual Rotary Club Scarecrow Competition. These are now on display along the Preschool fence!



We had Mrs Dorans and the Year 7 Science class visit and show us some of their experiments that they did for the Science Fair. The Year Seven students also worked with the Preschool children to make paper airplanes. How wonderful it is that our Preschool children get the opportunity to have these interactions with the older school children!



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## *Congratulations . . .*

We would like to give a huge congratulations to Paula Warren (one of Preschool's former teachers), husband Chris (Mr Warren's brother) and their older daughter, Addison (Room 1) on the arrival of their gorgeous little man, Johnny Taylor Warren. Born on September 28th. Another Warren boy... what a surprise! ☺

Congratulations also to Win Stringer who became a first time Grandma over the school holidays, to a baby boy called Spencer. Enjoy all those special new milestones!

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Congratulations to all Year 5 – 10 students who studied hard and sat their Progressive or Checkpoint exams earlier this term. Senior exams are now in full swing, and I encourage our senior students to keep studying hard over the exam timeframe, which continues through to mid-November.

Thank you to all of our teachers who have worked hard to prepare their students for Progressive, Checkpoint, IGCSE, or A Level exams.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fireworks Extravaganza this coming Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Don't forget – name on list outside reception! ☺

Regards

Mike Warren  
Principal

## *Thoughts for the Week 2017:*

### **Term 3, Week 9:**

"Teamwork makes the dream work."  
Courtesy of The Year 13 Class

### **Term 4, Week 1:**

"Treat people the way you want to be treated. Talk to people the way you want to be talked to. Respect is earned, not given."

*Hussein Nishah*  
Courtesy of Mr Warren

### **Term 4, Week 2:**

"Stay true, stay you."  
Courtesy of Mr Warren



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