SPRINGBANK SCHOOL

Newsletter 10

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Dates & Events to Note:

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

7 Dec: Last Day of Term & Water Fight

8 Dec: Teacher Only Day

Dear Parents

Well, Term 4 is whizzing by already and we only have a couple of weeks left to go for 2017. What a year it has been and we have more to celebrate yet. Our farewell for the one and only Mr Phil Webb was wonderful. It was fantastic to be able to celebrate such an important teacher and friend (see page 4 for photos).

On Tuesday 21st November, we had the Senior Dinner for our Years 11 – 13 students. It is celebrations like this that help remind us what an amazing school and community we have. The relationships and connections that are built from student to student and with their teachers is truly inspiring. As I watched the students go up to receive their certificates and class placings, I felt very proud seeing these young men and women display such confidence and charisma. Our senior students have represented Springbank School for 2017 to an extremely high level. I thank them all for their hard work, friendship, and leadership both within the school community and beyond.

Finally, the big show is on this Saturday! The Fireworks Extravaganza opens at 5pm and we hope to see you all there. Don't forget to tell all your extended friends and family to come along too. A massive thank you to The Friends of Springbank Committee who have worked tirelessly over the last few months to get this event up and running. Your enthusiasm and commitment is greatly appreciated.

Hospice Arts and Collectables Fundraiser

By the time we all gathered at the Turner Centre on Friday 27th October, the place was a-buzz with Hospice Staff doing all the last-minute finishing touches, eager early guests looking at the Art and Auctions items, Maori TV crew setting up their gear and helpers just like our group.

We were introduced to Carla, by Carol Jurisich-Price and Adelle Woodward, managers at Hospice. Carla divided the group into divisions to do specific jobs then gave us a Health and Safety briefing followed by an in-depth briefing of what each division was to do. The tasks we were asked to do included meet and greet to guide guests to their tables, put out the jugs of water, place some signage up, then later to take platters of food out to each table. For this part, students were assigned a table. It was their task to make themselves known as the waiter or waitress then look after the table all night.

From the first few minutes the group was fully engaged and busy. They looked wonderful and worked exceptionally well together. After it was all over, there was a massive clean-up required, clearing glasses, jugs and bottles from each table, clearing table cloths, chair covers and ribbons, then putting all this furniture away.

Our students mucked in to do a significant portion of this work, and they did it brilliantly. With most of our Year Thirteen and Year Twelve students and over half of our Year Elevens too, we had over twenty student helpers.

Heartiest congratulations and a very warm thank you for a job well done. I have received numerous positive comments for the work you did. I'm delighted to pass it on to you.

Phil Webb

Photos Left to Right:

- Springbank Students with Carla & Carol.
- Aliesha, helping serve some dinner.
- Raven, serving dinner with a smile.
- Mike, keeping the glasses topped up with water.

Library News

It's the time of year to get your children to search under the seats of the car, behind the sofa, and in the chooks' nests for any stray library books to come back. It's great that we have loads of books out at the moment, and I do need to keep track of the collection as the year comes to an end.

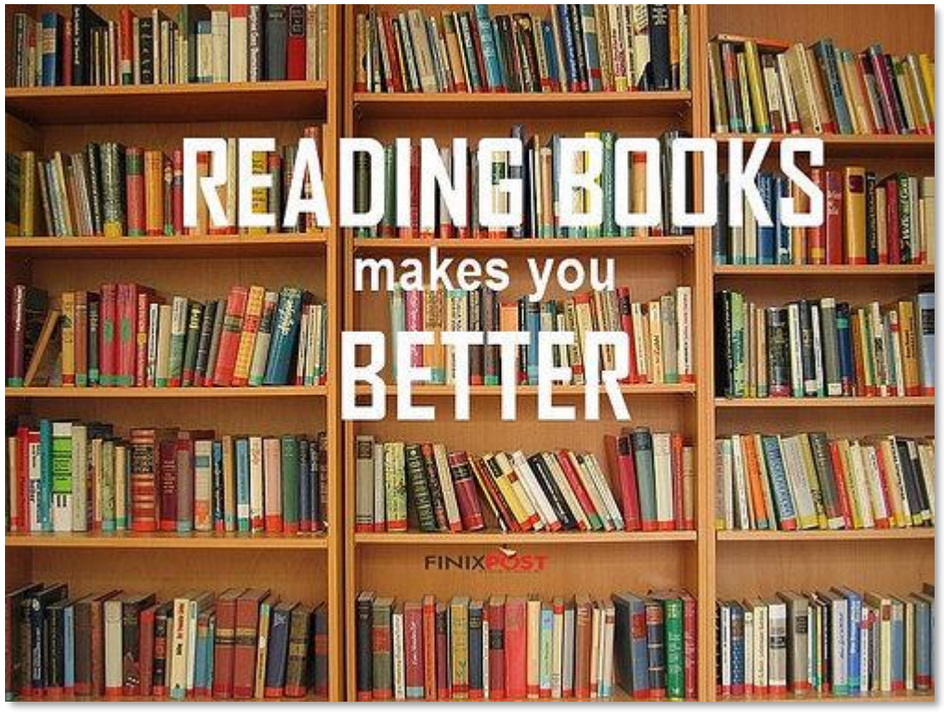
Over the summer holidays, children's reading skills often weaken through lack of practice, sometimes by as much as six months of measurable reading age. It's so easy to counteract this – just get your child to read for about 15 minutes a day (perhaps first thing when they wake up, or maybe reading at bedtime). We want to support this reading boost, so READ the next paragraph!

This year we are continuing the very popular book loans over the long holidays. To qualify for this, your child must be returning to school in 2018; they must have no outstanding or unresolved loans; and you must agree to pay for any lost or damaged books. Not too challenging…. Now your children can take out 10 books each to sustain their imagination over the summer. Hurray!

Students can collect a form from the library or the office, or you can just write your own permission slip.

Happy reading, everybody!

Jill Hatherly



Free Holiday Surf Programme

The team from O'Neill Surf Academy NZ will be running their popular Holiday Surf Programmes at Tutukaka & Taupo Bay over 5 weeks of the summer holidays.

Their programmes are designed to give children/young adults the confidence to be active and have fun at the beach through the enjoyment of learning how to surf.

This is free for children/young adults aged between 11-17 years through BreakAway funding.

If you are interested in taking part in this programme, you'll find all the dates below and contact details, where you can register.

Farewell to Mr Webb

On Friday 17th November, we held a farewell assembly for Mr Phil Webb. Although, with a few weeks of school left and some clean up/hand over period, we have Mr Webb for just that little bit longer.

The assembly was a perfect opportunity for Springbank School to honour and thank Mr Webb for his tireless, dedicated, and passionate service to the school, not only as a teacher, but as a colleague, friend, and advocate of Springbank School.

Mr Webb has given so much to the school over the past 17 years, and one newsletter page doesn't do him justice for all the work and support he has given to the wider Springbank community over the years.

His constant smile and approachable manner will be sorely missed, but we will have him on our relieving teacher list ☺

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the assembly and help celebrate this wonderful man.

Springbank Community Business Profile – Bluefix Boatworks

One of Springbank School's past students, Brad Rowe is very well known locally for his game fishing success. At the age of just 21, Brad built his own boat, 'Bluefix' and has achieved many national and international game fishing records. With boating & fishing in his blood (which is now being challenged by his children Charlie & Lindi), Brad and wife Charlotte have established a highly respected and successful business, Bluefix Boatworks, based in Opua.

Bluefix Boatworks, located in the Opua boatyard, have the largest repair, refit, and new build facility in the far north. Along with a skilled boat building team, they also have one of New Zealand's best marine painting teams and marine engineers. Bluefix have a travel lift on-site and focus on the area where a higher standard of quality has been asked for and pride themselves on carrying out all jobs to an exceptionally high standard of finish.

Brad also designed and developed the NorthCape Series of custom sports fishing boats. Last year, Bluefix delivered a custom NorthCape 40 to Melbourne for a client that uses a wheelchair, and a NorthCape 34 to Costa Rica.

It is this true love of the ocean and attention to detail that makes Brad Rowe an exceptional boat builder, and Brad credits his time at Springbank school for teaching him how to set and achieve his goals.

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www.bluefixboatworks.co.nz BOATWORKS
Boat Builders | Cabinet Makers | Marine Painters | Opua

Agri Pet / Art Day 2017.

What a fantastic Agri Pet Day we had this year. We had calves, lambs, and goats strutting their stuff around the course (although some didn't always want to be pulled this and that way). The students who participated led their animals around very proudly, and we were extremely impressed with the high quality of creative flare for the costume section.

This year we added in an art section to our Agri Day, and this was well received by our students. Categories this year included a colouring-in competition, vegetable sculpture, and flower display. Our judge, art teacher Win Stringer, was very impressed with the high standard of creativity from everyone.

Special mention and thanks again to the local businesses who came on board and gave us some prizes; Ben's Oysters, Fonterra, RD1 Kaikohe, CRV (Ambreed), Farmsource Waipapa, and Gas & Tyre. Also a huge thanks to one of our school parents, Brian Cook, who was the Agri Pet judge.

Lastly, thank you to parent organsiers Jo, Shannon, Natalie, and Angela who put the 2017 event together. We're looking forward to 2018 already!

Enterprise Students Succeed Again!

As featured in this week's local papers – The Northland Age and Bay Chronicle, congratulations must be given to Max Stovell and Naaman Boxer from Year 9 who have seen change tables be installed in both the women's and men's public toilets along Cobhan Road, by the domain.

As part of their Year 9 Enterprise class, Max and Naaman began the initial steps of completing a project to benefit their community back in February.

Max was inspired after seeing his mother Emma unable to change his two-year-old sister, Lake, at the public toilets.

The boys conducted a survey within the local community to gauge a need for a public place to change nappies in Kerikeri – and with over 95 per cent of those surveyed saying yes, the boys were onto a great project.

To enable their project to come to life, the boys approached businesses to sponsor raffle prizes, raising $392.00 They then gave a 600-word speech at a Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board meeting, which saw the council agree to pay the remaining $582 for the $974 project from their repairs and maintenance fund.

This has been a fantastic community project initiated and organised by Max and Naaman. Such a simple idea of installing change tables in the local toilets will make a huge difference to many local and visiting families.

Closing and Opening Dates for: Preschool, Headstart and School.

With the school year so very close to finishing, please find below the closing and opening dates of Preschool, Headstart and School for the remainder of 2017 and the new 2018 year.

Preschool

Closes Friday 22nd December

Opens 2018 – Monday 8th January

Headstart

Holiday programme begins Friday 8th December and closes Friday 22nd December

The holiday programme restarts 2018 – Monday 15th January until the start of the school term when the normal programme resumes.

Any Preschool or Headstart children who will be attending over that quieter summer period, could you please speak with the teachers so they can organise their staffing roster.

School

Last school day of 2017: Thursday 7th December
Opens for Term 1, 2018 – Tuesday 30th January

ScopesNZ – Room 1 Visit

On Thursday 9th November, Room 1 paid ScopesNZ a visit. We have been learning about shape, colour, and pattern during our Art lessons this year and this was an awesome way to end off our unit.

Andrew and Robyn showed us how the scopes were made right from Andrew's amazing woodwork shed, through to the final stage before they are passed on to the customer.

The children were then allowed to look through all the different kaleidoscopes that they have in their display area. We had 21 totally captivated little people along with the big people who had come along with us. There were lots of "Wow", "Oh my goodness", "This is so cool", "Look at this one!", and "This is my favourite….no this is now my favourite". Each little person got a scope-making kit to take home, and we have been blown away by some of the decorations and patterns we are seeing.

Thank you to all the parents who helped transport us there and back. We hope you all had as much fun as we did!

Christmas Card Making with Room 2

Five International students came into Room 2 earlier this week (Week 5) and got the class to make Christmas cards to attach to the hampers that will be collected for Hospice on "Gift-giving" day here at school.

It was lovely watching the older students working so well with the younger ones, encouraging and supporting them along the way.

Year 8 Maths Day Report

With the weather smiling on us, we loaded our boat, had our safety briefing, and we were away. I was lucky enough to travel with Carsten Mueller aboard his beautiful boat, Manuwai, with Louisa, Chrissy Small, Louisa, Indra, Lana, James and Tyrone. We had a very smooth trip from the Kerikeri Cruising Club Marina to Motuarohia (Roberton) Island, which took less than 30 minutes from departure to anchor down at our destination.

We took a few minutes to get the tender launched, then ferried people ashore while many of our hardy students and Carsten donned togs and swam!

After a swim and morning tea, we started the mathematics exercises that we were on the island to do. I felt that being in the finest classroom in the world (just look at the pictures!) the maths would go really well. It did! We completed a range of things including calculating our boat speed, locating our position on a chart of the Bay of Islands, recording tide heights over a period of time on a datum pole, sorting shells into different species and graphing our results, calculating the length and area of our bay, then the volume of water the tide moves each tide cycle and also using a shadow stick to calculate shadow movement.

This used massive amounts of brain energy, so we needed a well-earned barbecued sausage drowned in tomato sauce to replenish it! After lunch, our hardy students swam in rather chilly spring waters for a while, before we reluctantly packed up then headed home.

Year eight, you are a brilliant group of students. I thoroughly enjoyed my day, and I feel that you worked hard then played hard to have a great day too!

Heartiest thanks to Chrissy Small, Carsten Mueller, George and Marie-Claire Houry, Stu Guthrie, and Brian Cook. These wonderful parents provided car transport to the boats, boat transport, and helped our students with their mathematical exercises.

It becomes possible to use this fantastic outdoors learning environment with the wonderful parents you are. Many thanks. I too, had a very enjoyable day!

Phil Webb

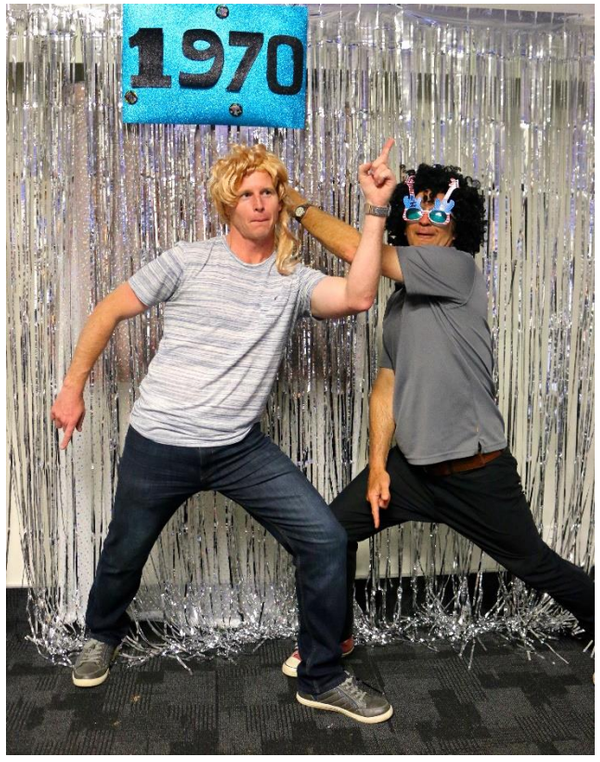
Middle School Disco

The Middle School students got into the groove at their 60s and 70s themed disco on Friday 17th November.

Everyone had a fantastic time dancing away, spending time with friends, and having fun at the end of another busy week.

A big thank you goes to Tawyna Badger, Anna Sizer, and Ian Sizer who spent the day setting up and decorating the RSA for the disco. It looked superb and we really appreciate your support.

If you want to see more photos, check out the school Facebook page.



Headstart Report

We would like to wish a big farewell to Mrs Ash who has been a valued teacher at Headstart for Term Three and Four. Mrs Ash was employed on a fixed term position, and she has injected a great variety of inquiry based activities for our children which incorporated all curriculum areas.

Our children have thrived on her guidance and love. Miss Van Weerd has loved her time with Mrs Ash and has appreciated her knowledge and ideas she has shared freely with her and our children, and has also appreciated the humour and fun she has shared daily.

We would also like to say goodbye and good luck to 10x of our Headstart students who jump off this term.

- Elise and Sara
- Coralie and Cameron
- Katy and Jasmine
- Sophie and Lindi
- Julian and Harrison

Every single child brings a special interest, character and charm to the classroom and we have loved working and learning with you every day. We wish you all the very best on your next learning adventures.

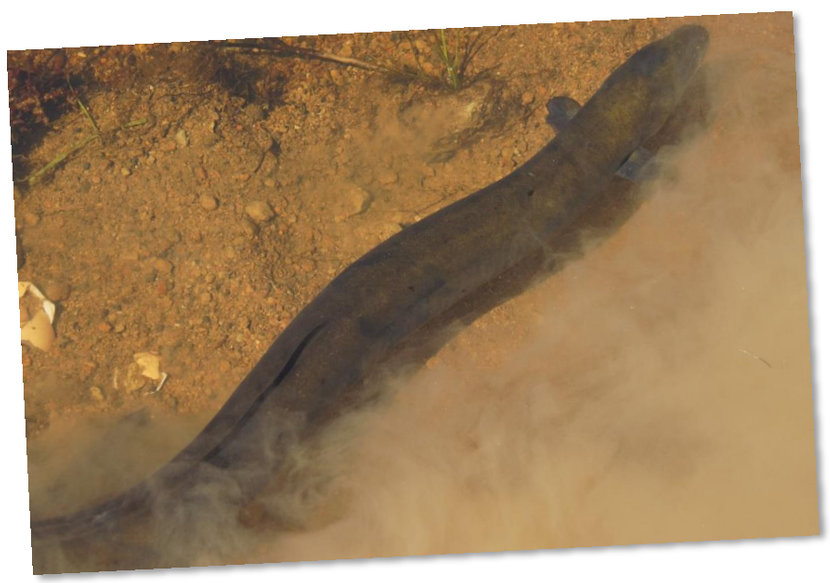
Sequencing and Patterns

Our Headstart children have been busy learning about the concepts of sequencing and patterns. They enjoyed developing their fine motor skills by threading various coloured and shaped beads on to string to make patterns. They also drew, coloured in different shapes and then cut them out and made paper 'fruit kebabs'. Finally they used lots of delicious, healthy fruit to make fruit kebabs which they enjoyed eating together on a morning tea picnic.

Year 8 ICT – Digital Photo Unit

The Year 8 ICT class have just finished a digital photo unit, and we wanted to share some of the final class selected photos of a series that they took about school.

Paul McFadden



What's been happening at Springbank Preschool?

We have been supporting the annual New World Rotary Garden Safari during the month of October and it has now become an annual occurrence at Preschool to display scarecrows that the children made, of themselves, along the Preschool fence.

The children spend hours making up these scarecrows and are very proud to drive in and see them on display. Through these experiences, we are enabling our children to become part of the wider community and show support for initiatives made possible by the Rotary Club of Kerikeri, which uses funds raised from this event to support local and international community and youth development projects.

Another Community Project Complete

Four Year 9 students (Shaelyn Whitehead, Georgie Ludbrook, Megan Cook and Nathalie Hull) have renovated the Counselling Room at Kingston House. This involved interviewing the counsellors to gain their approval and to find out their wish list, seeking approval from the Kingston House Committee, working over several weekends to prepare the walls for painting, then painting, sewing new curtains, having existing furniture upholstered, and having new carpet installed.

They fundraised $495.00 to cover the costs of having the carpets laid and used the remaining money to purchase a new couch. They had negotiated everything else to be donated.

They are handing over the room to Lee Davey, one of the counsellors and a representative of the Kingston House Committee, at 9am on Monday 27th November.

With the last weeks of this year packed full of academic pursuits, outdoor adventure, class trips, and summer sports, our students are making the most of their school life. I look forward to seeing you all at our full school prizegiving at 9am, Tuesday 5th December. It'll be a great celebration of the year of 2017 and our amazing graduates.

Regards

Mike Warren

Principal

Thoughts for the Week 2017:

Term 4, Week 3:

R = Remember our manners!
E = Expect the best of yourself!
S = S Super Stars!
P = Playing nicely with others!
E = Everyone is special!
C = Caring and Sharing!
T = Tell the Truth!

Courtesy of Headstart

Term 4, Week 4:

Do your B E S T:

Be responsible

Engage in learning

Solve problems

Treat others with R-E-S-P-E-C-T!

Courtesy of Mr Hittle

Term 4, Week 5:

"It is just as important to take care of yourself as it is to share"

Courtesy of the Senior International Students