



## Newsletter No.11 | December 2017

### *Dear Parents*

2017 has been packed full of exciting events, and this year is testament to the adage that the only thing that is constant is change.

We have welcomed many new students and their families, and as our roll continues to grow steadily, we look forward to welcoming many more in the New Year. We have farewelled graduating students, some of whom have been with us many years. In fact Aimee Larkan began at Springbank as a Year 1 student (initially taught by her mother, Mrs Larkan). Aimee said goodbye as a graduating student after 13 years at Springbank. Phil Webb also graduated after a stellar 17 years. He has helped to shape Springbank into the great school that it is today. He will be missed, and he will leave a lasting legacy.

Already looking ahead to 2018, I would like to welcome our new staff members, who introduce themselves later in this newsletter.

Chris Whitaker will take up the position of Deputy Principal and science teacher, and we are looking forward to supporting him in his new role over the coming year. I know that he will be a fantastic addition to our school.

Also, welcome back to Abigail Foster, or should I say Abigail Frame! Abi is no stranger to our school as she is a former Head Girl, and I very much look forward to welcoming her back, as she takes up the Headstart teaching position as Mrs Frame.

### **Dates to Note:**

#### **Preschool:**

Closes Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Opens Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

#### **Headstart Holiday Programme:**

Closes Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Opens Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

#### **School Term Dates 2018:**

Term 1: 30 Jan – 13 April (11 weeks)

Term 2: 30 April – 6 July (10 weeks)

Term 3: 23 July – 21 Sept (9 weeks)

Term 4: 8 Oct – 6 Dec (9 weeks)



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## Fireworks Extravaganza

The 2017 Springbank School Fireworks Extravaganza has been quoted by many as *"The best fireworks display I have ever been to"*, so we'll take that as a success! 😊

This year's event was postponed due to weather forecasts not favouring us on the first date set, however the backup date of 25<sup>th</sup> November proved ideal, with perfect conditions. We had a superb spectator turnout of 2,500 people from all over the local community and \$10,000 was raised for Friends of Springbank.

Organising and hosting this popular event is no easy task, but the dedication, drive and endless spirit of our Friends Committee, along with support from many students, parents, and teachers, ensured that we all pulled off a superb event! Feedback from all over town was extremely positive, along with great comments on social media.

A huge thank you to the Friends Committee: Erica Wells, Ian Sizer, Danica Wells, and Ian McConnachie. Also a big thank you to those of you who helped in some way to make this an event that we can all be proud of.



Items for sale

All Posts



Dane Hawker

Kerikeri Notice Board


25 November at 21:27 · 🌐

Wow springbank school you nailed it! Best fireworks display I have ever been to.

Like

Comment

You, Rachel Smith, Jessica Van Weerd and 79 others



Sid Rosenthal

Yep, was primo,

Like · Reply · 1 · 25 November at 22:49



Marianne Schroder

Was GREAT!


Like · Reply · 25 November at 23:20



Karen R Reeves

Looked great!! 😊

Like · Reply · 25 November at 23:58



Renate Rieß-Riegler

such a fantastic event, thanks!!

Like · Reply · 1 · 26 November at 06:54



Sarah Morris

Great music and awesome display


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Mary Grey

Fireworks display was amazing


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Philip E. Williams

Was fantastic


Like · Reply · 1 · 26 November at 14:03



Sally Collings

Thanks guys will pass those great comments onto the team

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Angela Warren

On behalf of Principal Mike Warren, thanks for your great feedback and thanks for coming along to enjoy the evening with us.


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Kylie Tetai

Loved it!


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Karyn Cates

Fireworks were AMAZING! Well worth the wait. 😊

Like · Reply · 26 November at 21:40



Karyn Cates

Who was doing those spring rolls. ....would love to know where they are sold - best I've ever had.

Like · Reply · 1 · 26 November at 21:42



Stephanie Lane

So fab! Really enjoyed it.

Like · Reply · 27 November at 10:33

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### *Middle School Options*

Our Middle School students, along with some of our senior students, participated in the Springbank School Options Programme on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

On these days, students participated in activities such as paddleboarding, mountain-biking, photography, paintballing, sailing with Vigilant Yacht Charters, sailing at Lake Manuwai, sea-biscuiting, parasailing, art with Mrs Stringer, and snapper fishing with Earl Grey/Reel Easy.

We would like to thank the parents who provided transport and helped make these days possible. The students had an amazing couple of days and have made life-long memories.

Michelle Chapman



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## Middle School Options Continued . . .



The students who participated on the Wednesday Sea-Biscuit Options Day were lucky enough to have some extra friends tag along behind them and play in the water!



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## Big Day Out

For many, one of the favourite school days of the year is the Big Day Out. Although students have to wait until the final week of the school year, it is always worth the wait.

Each year level headed out with their classmates, teachers, and parents for a day of fun and laughs. The various classes headed off to a number of different spots this year, and from the looks on their faces at the day's end, it looked like everyone had the best time.

- Year 5 – Trip to Whangarei for Ten Pin Bowling and Laser Tag
- Year 6 – Trip to Whangarei for swimming
- Year 7, 8, 9 & 13 – Bay of Islands Holiday Park
- Year 10 – Paintballing in Whangarei
- Year 11 – Tapuaetahi Beach
- Year 12 – Long Beach in Russell



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### ***Room 1 and 2 Big Day Out.***

Room 1 and 2 took advantage of the great weather and hosted their Big Day Out at Paihia Beach and playground. It was a really enjoyable day in the sun, and fun was had by all. Many thanks to all the parents who came along and shared the day with us. It's been a fantastic 2017, and we look forward to more great learning with Rooms 1 and 2 next year. Happy and safe holidays.

Bridget Foster and Jacqui Larkan



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## Prize-Giving

Our Junior and Middle School Certificate Assemblies were held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, and this year it held an extra special meaning for me, as I congratulated my eldest son on his first term at Headstart. I didn't ever think when I started here as one of the original Springbank students back in 1996, that one day I would be shaking my own child's hand on stage. It was pretty special!

The Schoolwide Prize-Giving was brought forward to an earlier time in the day, this year starting at 9am. It was a great opportunity for our younger students to be part of our Prize-Giving, where we celebrate and recognise the successes of the year.

At each Prize-Giving I mention how proud I am of all the students and their achievements, and 2017 has certainly been no different. I am constantly impressed with the determination and confidence of all our Springbank School students, and it is a pleasure that we are able to formally recognise talent married with hard work.

I was especially proud to witness our graduates delivering their final speeches to the rest of the school community, clearly confidently ready to face the world.



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## International Report

Wow – school has finished, Christmas and New Year's Eve are only days away, and what an amazing year it has been.

Our international students absolutely loved their Term 4 programme as there was so much going on. They could not believe how busy, diverse, and interesting one term could be.

They loved learning to carve their own wooden patu with Mr Webb and are looking forward to sharing their pieces with their families and friends. They also appreciated learning a little bit about New Zealand Maori history and culture with Mrs Hatherly, and New Zealand Geography with Mr McFadden, in addition to continuing with their English, mathematics, art, physical education, and outdoor adventure.

Outdoor adventure is always our students' favourite subject, and this term was no exception. Our students told us that they had so much fun experiencing scuba diving at Kawakawa Pool, as well as learning to surf at Ahipara, and being able to put their surfing skills into practice during Surf Camp weekend. They explored the Bay of Islands on Mr Warren's boat and made it through Taniwha's Tunnel sea cave, and they hiked the Mahinepua Track.

They really enjoyed being part of Springbank's annual Fireworks Extravaganza. They had so much fun enjoying their options on Option Days, and loved sharing their Big Day Out with their classmates and teachers. They could not believe how much fun it was to soak everyone at Springbank School's last day of term annual water fight.

Sadly, we had to say farewell to Ji Hee, Nina, Julia, Liv and Nicole, but we know it will not be for long, as they have already said they are all planning their trips back to visit us.

We are all looking forward to another fabulous year ahead but for now it is time to enjoy this amazing time of the year with all our families and friends no matter where we are in the world.

I wish you all safe and fabulous holidays. Have an amazing Christmas and a wonderful New Year, and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2018.

Jill Grimshaw, International Student Director



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## Gift Giving 2017

Our annual Gift Giving took place during the last week of Term 4, and for the second year, Hospice Northland was our chosen charity.

Santa came along to help the Hospice team receive all the amazing goodies our students and families had donated, in addition to dishing out a few cuddles and high fives along the way.

Once again the level of support and love towards our wider community from Springbank School was superb! All of these goodies were separated into 68 individual parcels and hand-delivered to families by Hospice volunteers. We have already received feedback that they were extremely well-received, with many families being overwhelmed by our families' generosity. They also loved the hand-written cards that many of our Junior School students wrote, and there are many replies to these cards waiting for our students when they return to school in January.

Thank you to Michelle Chapman and our international students for organising this event, and thank you to all of our families for being so generous. It is a pleasure to see the massive positive impact that our Gift Giving has, and it really is appreciated.



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## Mathletics 2017

Springbank School has achieved another successful year with Mathletics. Below is a table of statistics that shows a great result for our Year 7 to 9 students.

	Activity Points*	Live Mathletics**	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Year 7	225,600	27,500	1	14	87
Year 8	465,600	13,200	5	26	152
Year 9	587,400	23,200	5	40	204
Total	1,278,600	63,900	11	80	443

\* Students get 10 points for each correct answer in Activities

\*\* Students get 1 point for each correct answer in Live Mathletics

### Gold certificate winners 2017:

Y7: Cameron Ireland

Y8: Amber Scott, Tyrone Reihana, Manish Prakash, and Sophie Fieldman (Sophie earned Gold twice!)

Y9: Lara Sharapova-Williams, Oliver Huett, Poppy Lenton, Georgie Ludbrook, Malindi Reihana-Ruka

### Top three students of 2017

	Student	Percentage Completed	Score from 86% - 100% on activities
1	Sophie Fieldman (Y8)	100%	100% (all 100% score)
2	Manish Prakash (Y8)	100%	100%
3	Lara Sharapova-Williams (Y9)	99.5%	99%

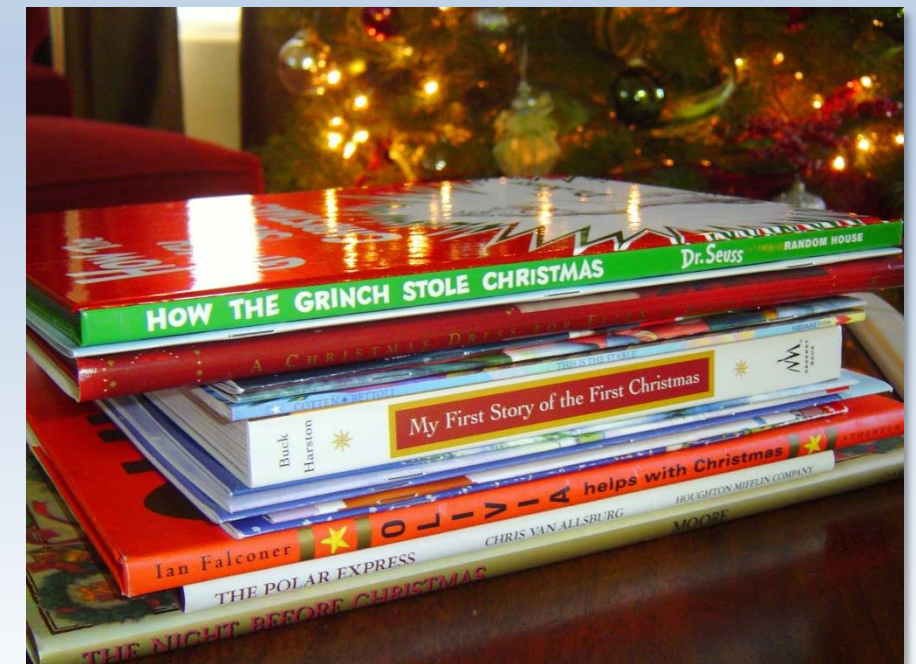
## Library Update

Thank you, parents and families, who have taken advantage of our summer reading scheme and allowed their children to take out books for the holidays – kids who read are kids who succeed!

There are still lots of books on issue, which will be way overdue by the time school starts again, so please could you have a check at home or in the car for any strays.

Merry Christmas and Happy Reading.

Jill Hatherly



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## ***New Staff - 2018***

As we say goodbye to some fantastic teachers, we would like to extend a big Springbank School welcome to our newest faces to school.

### **Chris Whitaker – Senior School Deputy Principal and Science Teacher**

My family and I are really excited to join the Springbank School community next year. We relocated from England to New Zealand in 2008 to enjoy the outdoor, adventure lifestyle. Like many of you, we love to surf, fish, kayak, and tramp around Northland.

I'm proud to introduce my family from left to right; daughter Lily (age 4), my wife Bernadette (Bernie), myself (just turned the big 40!) and my Mini-Me, Will (age 6).



I am a specialist Science teacher, but have taught many subjects including mathematics and physical education. Building positive, respectful relationships with students and making lessons fun, alongside supporting students to achieve to the very best of their abilities, are my key values. I thoroughly enjoy getting involved in outdoor education and look forward to providing challenging, fun, and engaging learning opportunities for the wonderful students of Springbank School beyond the classroom.

Have a great summer. I look forward to getting to know you all soon!

### **Abi Frame – Headstart Teacher**

I am very excited to be back at Springbank School to teach in Headstart, next year. I have developed a passion for education and teaching during my years studying in Wellington, through my job, and voluntary roles. Seeing the growth (no matter what that looks like) in a child or person, is the greatest reward for me, as they discover new things, learn about themselves, gain new friends, and make a difference in their communities. These are a few things that I'm looking forward to helping my students achieve next year.

Being a student at Springbank a few years ago, I know how very important it is to be in a caring and positive learning environment, and to never take it for granted! The team and students at Springbank always portray excellence in all that they do. This is the place I want to be! It is a privilege to be back in Kerikeri and at Springbank School. I'm ready to get stuck into 2018!



Abi with husband, Josh Frame.



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## Water Fight

The tradition of our end of year water fight did not disappoint! The weather conditions were perfect, and there were plenty of guns, buckets, and balloons for everyone. It was great to see a number of parents participating this year, and thank you to Tawyna Badger who braved the fighting zone to get us some great photos.



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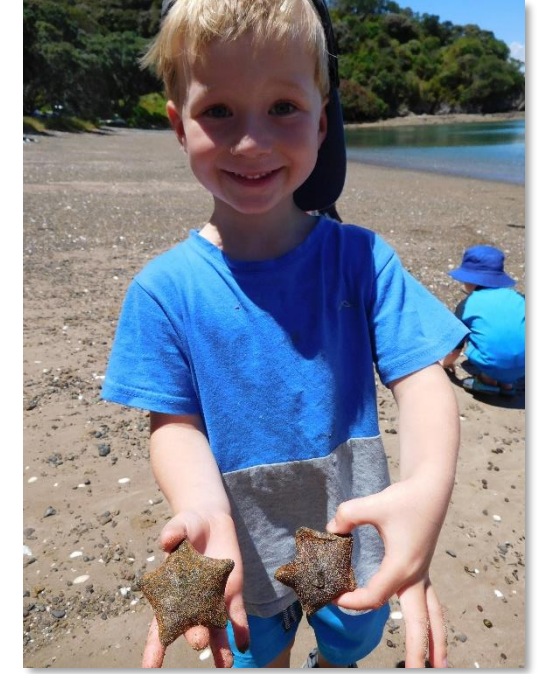
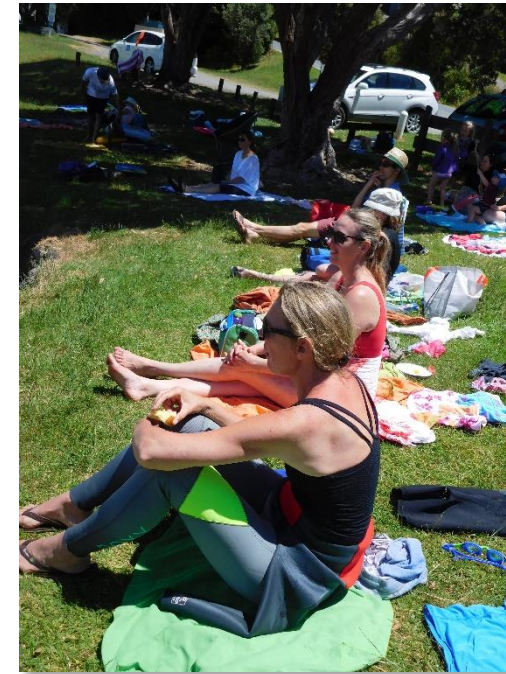


## Headstart – Opito Bay Trip

Headstart celebrated a successful year with a trip to Opito Bay on 4<sup>th</sup> December. The weather was superb, just perfect for a swim in the water and play. There was a fantastic turnout of parents to help on the day, plus a wide variety of delicious food to share for lunch.

It was a lovely time to reflect on what has been a very enjoyable year. Parents were able to get to know each other that little bit better, while the children could burn off some brain energy from Term 4.

Thank you again to all our Headstart families for an amazing 2017. Your children are such a delight to teach and learn with every day, and we are looking forward to another fun-filled 2018.



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## Preschool – 2017 Round Up

The year has flown by and we ended our year by celebrating with our tamariki and their families. The children had been practising for their Christmas singing and were shining stars on the day 😊. We are grateful to our families for their support over the year and for being there to cheer their children on for special events happening within our Preschool community.

We look forward to an exciting 2018 and wish our Preschool families a wonderful Christmas filled with love, laughter and great times.



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## Goodbye Year 13 Class of 2017

We had seven confident and charismatic Year 13s graduate this year. I would like to acknowledge them again for their outstanding service to school as our senior leaders, and Wilson Baker and Aliesha Whitehead who were our Head Boy and Head Girl.

It has been a pleasure to have each of you as students at Springbank School. You all have such varying talents and attributes, and the entire Springbank School community wish you all the very best on the next learning and travel adventures ahead of you.



Back Row: Isabelle Nussbaum (international student), Kurtis Foster, Billy Robb, Nina Beckmann (international student), John Haydock (form teacher)

Front Row: Jessica Prak-Khin, Aliesha Whitehead, Wilson Baker, Sara Finch, Aimee Larkan



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## Happy and Safe Summer Holidays

The ocean is already unseasonably warm for early December, and we have had some cracker days so far!

I encourage all of our students to make the most of the amazing outdoor environment that we have, by getting out every day and keeping active through the school holidays.

Of course we mustn't forget that New Zealand has dangerously high UV levels, so remember to stay sun-smart when enjoying the outdoors.

I hope that you are also able to take a bit of time off to enjoy some summer days with your children. If you're one of the lucky ones, I wish you a safe and relaxing summer break, making memories with your kids!

Regards

Mike Warren

Principal

## Thoughts for the Week 2017:

### Term 4, Week 6:

"Respect – Give it, to get it."

Courtesy of Mr Webb

### Term 4, Week 7:

"When you can think of others while you strive to achieve your own goals, you've learned a lot about respect."

Courtesy of Mr Horgan

### Term 4, Week 8:

"Aim high, work hard, enjoy the journey and celebrate your achievements."

Courtesy of Mr Warren



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