



## *Dear Parents*

Happy New Year! I hope you all managed to enjoy the holiday break with your children.

Here we are, back into another school year and I have a feeling this is going to be another great one. Firstly, I would like to welcome back all our current students and families and extend a very warm welcome to the 42 new students, and their families, who have joined us at school this year. It is very exciting to have so many new faces around the school and we know you are going to thoroughly enjoy your time at Springbank.

Also, welcome to Mr Chris Whitaker who has joined us as our Deputy Principal and science teacher, and Mrs Abi Frame who is teaching at Headstart.

School camps are just around the corner, and I know our staff and students are already looking forward to getting out there and discovering more of the beautiful country that we live in. Years 2 & 3 will be heading to Coopers Beach at the end of this week. At the beginning of Week 3, Middle School will be heading to MERC in Long Bay, Auckland, and Senior School will be camping on Urupukapuka Island. Years 4 – 6 will be camping at Manaia, Whangarei Heads in Week 4. Let's keep our fingers and toes crossed for good weather, so we can make the most of these awesome school camp experiences!



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## Dates to Note

### 2018 Term Dates

- **Term 1:** 30 January to 13 April (11 weeks)
- **Term 2:** 30 April to 6 July (10 weeks)
- **Term 3:** 23 July to 21 September (9 weeks)
- **Term 4:** 8 October to 6 December (9 weeks)

### Public and School Holidays

- **Waitangi Day (observed):** Tuesday 6th February
- **Good Friday:** Friday 30th March
- **Easter Monday:** Monday 2nd April
- **Easter Tuesday:** Tuesday 3rd April
- **Anzac Day:** Wednesday 25th April
- **Queen's Birthday:** Monday 4th June
- **Labour Day:** Monday 22nd October
- **Teacher Only Day:** Friday 7th December

## Term 1 dates

- Room 1 and 2 Camp at Coopers Beach: February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>
- Middle and Senior Camps: February 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>
- Year 4-6 Camp at Camp Manaia, Whangarei Heads: February 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Elgregoe, Headstart to Year 6: February 28<sup>th</sup>
- School Photos: March 6<sup>th</sup>
- Athletics Day: March 9<sup>th</sup>
- Year 7/8 EPro8 Challenge: March 14<sup>th</sup>
- Year 5/6 EPro8 Challenge: March 15<sup>th</sup>
- Red Cross First Aid Year 4/5: March 5<sup>th</sup>
- Red Cross First Aid Year 6: March 12<sup>th</sup>
- Red Cross First Aid Year 7: March 19<sup>th</sup>
- Red Cross First Aid Year 8: March 26<sup>th</sup>
- Junior Inter-School Swimming Sports 8-12yrs: April 5<sup>th</sup>
- Cape Brett Challenge, Year 12/13: April 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>
- Year 11 Geography Field Trip: April 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>



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## 2017 CIE Results

Our Cambridge International results are all in and there were some outstanding results! We would like to congratulate all our teachers and students for their hard work, which really has paid off.

81% of all A Level papers passed, by Year 12 and 13 students. 75% of our Year 12 students have already gained University Entrance, heading into their final year of school!

91% of all IGCSE papers passed, with 30% of those receiving an A grade or above. Several students gained an average above 80% for their entire range of subjects.

### MAX HITTLE IV = 89% average

- A\* for Co-ordinated Sciences, First Language English, Geography, Literature, Information & Communication
- A for Mathematics
- B for Computer Science

### ISABELLA SHARIPOVA-WILLIAMS = 88% average

- A\* for Chemistry, Mathematics
- A for Biology and Physics

### MYA NAPIER = 81% average

- A\* for First Language English and Literature
- A for Co-ordinated Sciences and Geography

### CONNOR NOBBS = 80% average

- A\* for Co-ordinated Sciences
- A for Information and Communication, Computer Science, Mathematics and First Language English.

## Checkpoint 2017 Results

For Year 9 Secondary 1 Checkpoint, there were excellent results across all English, Maths and Science!

Out of the scale of 0.0 – 6.0, English, maths and science's averages are 4.3, 4.9, and 5.0 respectively!

Our average is WELL above the international average, with English scoring 0.7 above, maths 0.6 above, and science 0.6 above!

The following students received 6.0 overall – the best possible score you can get!

### Maths

- Jack Hittle
- Eva Sfakakis
- Georgie Ludbrook
- Khalila Strevens
- Sean McConnachie
- Shaelyn Whitehead

### Science

- Sean McConnachie
- Mark Michaux
- Shaelyn Whitehead



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## *Friends of Springbank*

Welcome back, everyone! For our new families, Friends of Springbank School is an Incorporated Society registered with the Charities Commission run by parents. Our key objective is *"To further the educational experience of Springbank School Students"*. We achieve our objective through financial contributions to approved events and projects, with funds raised from our annual Fireworks Extravaganza held in November.

Our first meeting for 2018 will be on Thursday 15th February from 2-3pm in the staffroom, and we would like to extend a warm welcome to any parents who are interested in joining FOS. We've had a few changes over the past few months and are looking for a new Treasurer, Secretary and also general committee members. As the saying goes, many hands make light work!

We are pleased to have approved a financial contribution towards the entry fees for the 'EPro8 Challenge' in March 2018. The event is a team-building and problem-solving challenge with a science and technology focus for Y5/6 and Y7/8 and will be hosted by Kerikeri Primary School. Participating students will be selected in Term 1 from those interested, after discussion with their science, maths and ICT teachers for Middle School teams and class teachers, and science teachers for Junior School teams. A big thanks to Mrs Dorans for identifying this event and giving Springbank students the chance to participate, and we look forward to hearing how the teams get on.

If you have an idea, event or project that meets our objective of furthering the educational experience of Springbank students, we would love to hear from you. Teachers, parents and students are all encouraged to make a request for financial assistance, and you can pop in to the office to collect an application form from Sally.

Kind regards,

Erica Wells

Chairperson, Friends of Springbank.



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## Springbank Cafe

Our school cafe is now being run by Angie Phillipps, one of our Springbank parents, and we've already been lucky enough to sample some of the wonderful, healthy food and drinks on offer. Please see the menu below.

Please note that these are the opening days/hours for the next few weeks:

- Wednesday 31st Jan - Friday 2nd February
- Wednesday 7th Feb - Friday 9th February
- Wednesday 14th Feb - Friday 16th February
- Monday 19th February commencing full week

EFTPOS is available. If you have any comments or feedback please contact Angie at [springbankcafe@gmail.com](mailto:springbankcafe@gmail.com) or call/ text direct on 021 229 5577.

Hot Food		Salads & Sammies		Drinks	
Vegetarian Nachos - corn chips with melted cheese, home made rustic beans with sour cream and fresh salsa	\$6.00* GF	Chicken salad wrap	\$5.00*	Hot Chocolate	\$4.00
BLT Bagel - bacon, lettuce and tomato on fresh toasted bagel with aioli and tomato relish	\$6.00* +	Ham salad wrap	\$5.00*	Iced Chocolate	\$5.00
Senior Burger - Angus Beef pattie with tomato, lettuce, tomato relish, & aioli	\$7.50*	Toasted sandwich - 2 fillings (ham, cheese, onion, tomato)	\$4.00+	Bottled Water	\$2.00
Junior Burger - Mini Angus Beef slider with tomato, relish & aioli	\$3.50*	Asian Chicken Salad	\$5.00*	Charles Juice - Blackcurrent, Apple or Orange	\$2.50
Mac'n'Cheese with crispy bacon	\$6.00*	Chicken Caesar Salad	\$5.00*	Calcium - chocolate, strawberry or banana	\$2.50
Pies - mince and cheese, mince, steak, bacon & egg	\$4.00*	Pesto Pasta Salad	\$5.00*	Berry Berry Nice Smoothie	\$5.00
Junior Pies - mince, mince & cheese, butter chicken	\$3.00	Cakes and Slices		Green Smoothie - Spirulina, Banana and Orange	\$5.00
Sausage Rolls	\$1.50	Chocolate Brownie	\$3.00+	Monkey Business Smoothie - Banana, lime and almond	\$5.00
Spinach, feta and brie quiche	\$4.50	Ginger Crunch	\$3.00	Tutti Frutti Tropical Smoothie	\$5.00
NOTE: * = only available at lunch time and must be ordered at morning tea + = can be made gluten free - please advise if required Call Angie on 021 229 5577		Muesli Slice	\$3.00	Homegrown Orange	\$4.00
		Danishes - Almond Croissant, Pain au Chocolate	\$4.00	Homegrown Apple	\$4.00
		Chocolate Chip Cookie	\$3.00	WEEKLY SPECIALS	
		Shortbread	\$3.00	WEDNESDAY	
		Afghans	\$3.00	American Hot Dog with cheese & tomato sauce	
		Cinnamon Donut (baked)	\$2.00		
		Muffin/Scone (changes daily)	\$3.00	FRIDAY	
		Lamington - Chocolate or Raspberry	\$2.00	Junior crumbed fish & baked chips	
				Senior crumbed fish & baked chips	

## Hockey

A summer hockey 8 a-side league will be running from 13<sup>th</sup> February through March for Years 7 - 13, and we will also be entering men's and women's teams for you adult hockey players out there!

There is no prior experience necessary. This league is just a fun way to get fit and see if you will enjoy playing (the best sport in the world) hockey.

If you are interested in joining a team, please add your name to the list in Reception, or you can email [reception@springbank.nz](mailto:reception@springbank.nz).



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## Preschool – Welcome Back for 2018.

Preschool has kicked off another year with lots of laughs and smiles from everyone. We reopened our doors on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January after two weeks' holiday. The infants & toddlers continue to enjoy the new outside extension that was built at the end of last year. This space gives our younger people another area to explore and play outside with their friends.

Our Infant teacher Nikki has now gone on maternity leave for seven months as she awaits the arrival of her second baby. We wish Nikki, partner Blake, and daughter Olive, all the very best on the new addition to their family. We will keep you posted with news ☺

Across in the Overs classroom, there has been a makeover of some of the play spaces. A new library and literacy and dress up zones have been created, along with our carpentry & art areas being swapped around and a new sign-in / noticeboard area for parents.

The new term has started off with some exciting discoveries from our vegetable garden. Plus we have already been getting creative with some left-over concrete, making some beautiful stepping stones for the garden.

A big welcome to all our new families for 2018. We know it is going to be another fantastic year of fun, play and learning.



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## Focus for 2018 – Character Strengths

As I mentioned in the first assembly for 2018, our focus for the year is on **Character Strengths**. A part of this focus is having a **Growth Mindset**. It is important that we use a growth mindset, as it means we value effort and challenge.

We also value setbacks, mistakes and failure as a way to learn how to do things differently. A growth mindset means we focus on positive, incremental growth in ourselves and others. Intelligence is not fixed and character is not fixed. Both can be developed through practice and focused effort.

We need to be curious about self-talk. Instead of having a Fixed Mindset and saying to ourselves, “Oh, this work is too hard”, we need to step back with a Growth Mindset and say, “This may take some time and effort, but I know I can find a way.”

We will focus on 24 character strengths during the school year. All of these character strengths are within each person and can be drawn upon at any time. Practising a range of character strengths enables us to be the best possible version of ourselves, which will help us connect with others and ultimately contribute to us leading a happy, successful, and fulfilling life.

Each person has around 5 key signature character strengths that they are drawn to use often. When these signature strengths are used they feel energised, authentic and positively engaged.

Each week, staff and students will be undertaking tasks to practice each character strength. We will be posting these tasks on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/springbankschool](http://www.facebook.com/springbankschool)), which you are all able to view, even if you do not have a Facebook account. As character is something we are all able to work on for our own benefit, you may consider practising at home with your children.

Over the next few weeks your children will be coming home and hopefully talking to you about the various character strengths we are exploring. We will send out a more in-depth email to all families about our 2018 focus, which you may choose to print out for home.

Regards

Mike Warren  
Principal

## Thought for the Week

### Term 1, Week 1:

Aim high

Work hard

Enjoy the journey

Celebrate your achievements

*Courtesy of Mr Warren*

### Term 1, Week 2:

“Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

*Courtesy of Mr Warren*



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