



Newsletter No.4 | April 2018

Dear Parents

I hope your children have all had an enjoyable two weeks away from school... and now that Term Two has begun, we're very happy to take them off your hands! The weather has been amazing, so I'm sure there are plenty of outdoor stories for them to share with their friends.

I would like to introduce this newsletter by introducing, and congratulating, one new prefect and three new head prefects. Throughout the course of Term One, each of these students have, in various ways, clearly demonstrated that they deserve promotion to the following prefect roles (from left in photo):

Ruby Hull – Prefect

Michael Horsman – Deputy Head Boy

Phoebe Huett – Head Girl

Levi Whitehead – Head Boy

Congratulations to each of you! It is an honour for me to have such inspiring young leaders in our midst, and I look forward to our prefect team continuing to display strong leadership as they have done so throughout Term One.



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Shave for a Cure

At the end of March, the prefects ran a Shave for a Cure event. This year's fundraising effort was hugely successful! The goal of raising \$500 was absolutely smashed, with over \$1700 raised! Students and teachers helped contribute to this cause in their own different way, whether it be by shaving their head, waxing their legs or coming in to school with a crazy hairstyle.

The prefects would like to thank Stephen from Himself Barbers in Kerikeri for volunteering his time, and thanks also to everyone who donated to Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand.



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Crazy Hair Day

As part of the Shave for a Cure fundraising event, the entire Springbank student community, from Preschool through to our seniors, were encouraged to come to school with their best crazy hair. Here are just a few of the superb efforts of the day.



Dates to Note

April 30th – July 6th: Term 2

May 4th & 5th @ 6:45pm:
School Production, "Watch This Space"

May 11th: Northland Secondary Schools
Year 7-10 Orienteering event (hosts)

May 14th: Twelfth Night, Ugly
Shakspeare

May 18th & 19th: MUNA

May 30th: Year 9, Career Roadshow

June 4th: Queens Birthday

June 13th -15th: Year 12 Uni Trip

June 13th – 15th: Year 10 & 11 Business
Challenge



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Year 7 Trip – Pop Up Globe

Year 7 thought that they were well prepared for lots of blood and gore on their recent trip to Auckland. Maybe *they* were, but I am not entirely sure whether the teacher and parents were!

On Tuesday 27th March, 23 students and 13 adults had the privilege to see Macbeth performed at the Pop-Up-Globe. The students' enthusiasm for one of The Bard's most popular plays was rewarded with blood splatters. With the students' knowledge of the plot, they were able to anticipate the next conflict and join the 'groundlings' for the chance of adding a little red to their attire. Yes, there was definitely LOTS of blood, but we'd had the privilege of seeing an excellent performance of Macbeth in a magnificent location.

With an earlier show time (resulting in a 6:30am departure from Kerikeri that morning) we were able to fit in an Extreme Edge Rock Climbing experience after the show. This gave all the students a chance to really work on developing that week's Character Strength focus of Bravery. The trust they developed in their abilities, their equipment and their belayers resulted in them all successfully scaling up a huge variety of wall challenges. As Shakespeare wrote, 'It is not in the stars to hold our destiny, but in ourselves'.



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... continued

Thanks to Anna Sizer's Scouting connections, we were very fortunate to stay in what could be one of the world's flashiest Scout dens, at a very good price. The students ensured we made the most of the location by waking early to see the sun rise over the harbour. 'One touch of nature makes the whole world kin.'

We were treated to an excellent tour of the aviation site of MOTAT on Wednesday morning, where we were greeted by a magnificent Lancaster bomber that Ryan's grandfather had been key in bringing to New Zealand. A tram trip returned us to our vehicles ready for our return to Kerikeri.

'All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players. They have their exits and their entrances; And one man in his time plays many parts.'

Thanks to a number of people, the students were able to experience all of this at a reasonable cost. A huge thank you to Friends of Springbank, who were very generous in their support of the trip. Thanks to Angie Phillipps and her creative family, we were given brilliant seats at an excellent price, as well as 10 free tickets to the performance! Thank you to all the parents who supported the experience right from Day One. A big thanks to all the adults who joined us on our trip south, whose enthusiasm added to the experience.

The students' thought-provoking discussions about Macbeth as we travelled home assured me that they'd had a pretty good introduction to the work of the man who is regarded as one of the greatest writers to ever use the English language.

- Nicola Phillips



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Last Chance Summer BBQ

Our Last Chance Summer BBQ was hosted on the Monday of Week 9. This 100% free BBQ is a chance for families new and old to head down to the lower school fields and enjoy some fun and games, before the cooler and darker nights arrive.

We had a lovely evening for the BBQ this year, and it was great to see so many families come along and catch up with each other in a relaxed environment. A big thank you to our students and teachers who helped set up the BBQ and ensured the evening ran really smoothly. Also thanks to Angie, who runs the school café, for surprising us with some delicious treats to share as well.



Anzac Day

Our youngest friends at Springbank Preschool and Headstart took time to learn a little about what Anzac means for New Zealand. The children made some beautiful poppy pictures and also held a mini service, whilst raising the flag at school for our dedicated service people.

Head Girl Phoebe Huett and Prefect Max Hittle represented Springbank School well at the Dawn Service at the RSA.

"Lest We Forget"



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Soccer with James

Headstart and Junior School have been learning some basic soccer skills over Term One. Having the opportunity to get involved with different sports is a great way for children to develop a number of personal attributes such as confidence, patience, teamwork, strength and determination.



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Cape Brett Challenge

The 2018 Cape Brett expedition was a streamlined affair – from an initial senior outdoor adventure group of eleven, only six students - *Maja Rinck, Hannah Bach, Fergus Grant, Connor Nobbs, Mike Michaux and Sam Sutcliffe* took up the challenge, leaving Opito Bay for Urupukapuka Island on the evening of Thursday 5th April.

An auspicious start, as dolphins guided us across the Bay to our destination; we made camp with the sound of waves on the shore behind us, and as the sun set and we thought things couldn't get any better, Mr. Webb appeared with a cooked dinner of sausages & beans!

The sun rose on a chilly morning. With minimal fuss, muesli was munched, wetsuits donned and the swim leg began at 0730. The forecast swell never materialised, and the only concern as the swimmers forged across the Albert Channel was some chafing from a brand new Warehouse wetsuit. Kaimarama Bay, Rawhiti was reached 65 minutes later and, after a quick snack, the team hit the Cape Brett track for real.

As each team is different, each year the CB challenge has its own soundtrack. The writer knew 2018 was going to be just fine back in March when the group started singing Manchester United chants in training. Spurred on by the urban poetry of Manchester's finest, our cosmopolitan team (two Englishmen, a Scotsman, two Germans, one half German/half English, and a Kiwi) maintained a lively pace over the length of the track – arriving at the hut exactly nine hours after they started out from Urupukapuka Bay.

There was time for swimming, supper, a game of “spoons” and stargazing before bed. In the morning, skippers Warren and Webb scooped the grateful team off the rocks and we were home before midmorning. A wonderful expedition with a dynamic team who bonded brilliantly to get the best out of each other.

With thanks to the Senior Outdoor Adventurers, Mr. Warren & the evergreen Mr. Webb,

Until next year...

Adam Horgan



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Art Room News

The Year 11 art students visited the Waitangi Art Museum last term, to view the Nigel Brown art exhibition.



Luq Turner has had his work exhibited at the Turner Centre as part of the 100x100 show.



Grounds Update

Springbank School Caretaker, Steve Walsh along with Bob Warren and Mike Warren have been working hard over the school holidays.

As you drive in the gates this new term, you'll notice some changes in the garden with old plantings being replaced with some lush new varieties.

Garden work has been taking place at Headstart too, with some big palms coming out to let in some more light to the area.

There have also been some updates at Preschool during the holidays, with a new vegetable garden space being created. Along with our favourite builder Harold, coming in to concrete the waterplay space.

There is a lot of extra work that goes on behind the scenes at school and we would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who helps make Springbank School look its very best!



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Hockey with Bronson

Fitness and developing sporting skills has been a big part of the Junior School's schedule over Term 1. The children have been able to test out their ball and stick skills through hockey. A number of children had never picked up a hockey stick before, but everyone quickly got stuck in and had a lot of fun passing, pushing, dribbling and hitting the ball.



Tai Tokerau Festival

Deputy Principal Chris Whitaker took a group of students along to the Tai Tokerau Festival hosted at Kerikeri High School on 11th April.

The festival attracts Kapa Haka groups from all over Northland to come together and perform.



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Friends of Springbank

We trust everyone had a lovely break over the holidays.

Macbeth Trip – Wow it looks like the Year 7s enjoyed an amazing trip, and we were pleased to provide financial assistance towards such a rich educational experience.

Here is what's coming up for Friends during May:

AGM – Wednesday 2nd May from 2-3pm in the staffroom. We will be appointing office holders and general committee members for the coming year – all welcome... especially if you feel like you could offer to become our Treasurer! This position has become vacant and needs to be filled to meet our constitutional requirements as a charitable trust. It is not too much of an arduous role with only a handful of transactions to reconcile each month/presenting a current balance of the account at each meeting. Other duties include overseeing the annual budget and managing the financial side of our annual Fireworks event.

Coffee Machine – Exciting news... we have purchased a commercial coffee machine that will reside in the café. The benefits of owning a machine are numerous. Firstly, no headaches trying to hire a machine for the Fireworks Extravaganza. Secondly, senior students will get the opportunity to undertake training with Angie to obtain their Barista Certificate. This is an invaluable opportunity for our senior students who are looking for a part time job on the weekends and school holidays. More information to follow regarding how to register. Thirdly, parents and teachers get to enjoy great coffee from the café all year round!

Mothers Day High Tea Fundraiser – Spoil your Mum this Mother's Day with High Tea at Springbank School. Enjoy a selection of delicious bite sized treats to share along with a pot of tea or filter coffee. More information available soon. We would love to see you there and a big thanks to Angie Phillipps for organising this event.

Kind regards,

Erica Wells,

Chairperson, Friends of Springbank



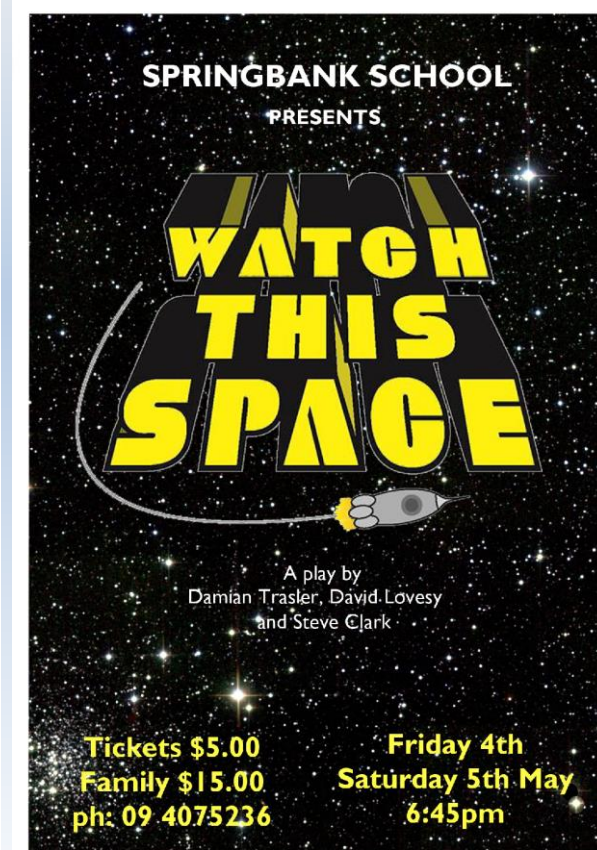
*"To further the educational experience of
Springbank students"*

2018 School Production

Don't forget to get your ticket for the 2018 Springbank School Production of **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

Tickets can be reserved by phoning (09) 407 5236 and speaking to Sally.

- ✓ Friday 4th May 6:45pm
- ✓ Saturday 5th May 6:45pm
- ✓ \$5 per person
- ✓ \$15 per family



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Science with Mr Whitaker

I've started to sample invertebrates and monitor the health of the Waiwhakangarongaro Stream (which runs through the school grounds) with my students.

In the picture below, Seth Evans, Ryan McCready and Oliver Ludbrook are collecting invertebrates which act as indicators of the health of the stream.

We are also identifying which plants run alongside the stream and the plan is to clear weeds and plant native plants which will provide shelter, shade and food for the aquatic life so that eels, koura and fish can thrive.



Psychology Field Trip

The Year 12/13 Psychology students travelled to the centre of Kerikeri to undertake field work and observe the behaviour of individuals in different situations.

The students worked methodically and effectively and completed all set tasks with an almost professional approach! The time passed quickly and it seemed that we were on our way back to school before we had arrived! They will spend time analysing their results and will hopefully be able to explain some aspects of human behaviour in a natural environment.

It was a real delight to accompany this group of positive, supportive and industrious individuals and to witness the focus and effort directed at their work.



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Preschool Update

We are always so busy at Preschool and when we get the opportunity to go and participate in what the community has to offer, we are always keen to do this.

The Ninja Gym in Samaree Place gave our children the opportunity to stretch their muscles and participate in active movement to work their aerobic system. The children loved going through the circuit and challenging themselves. These outings not only enable the children to learn new skills but gives them the opportunity to get out into the community and enjoy what is on offer. Taking part in Ninja Gym strengthens our gross motor skills and helps us develop confidence in and control of our bodies.



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Term Two, here we come ...

Now that we're into the second term of our school year, I look forward to our students continuing the fantastic school spirit that they have demonstrated throughout Term One.

I also look forward to continuing with our 'Character Strengths' School-Wide Focus. Each week has brought a new treat in the form of a new character strength to learn about and to practise; not just for the students, but us staff members too!

On another note, winter sport will be 'kicking' in, so please support our students playing in various sports codes and teams throughout our region... especially hockey 😊

Regards

Mike Warren
Principal

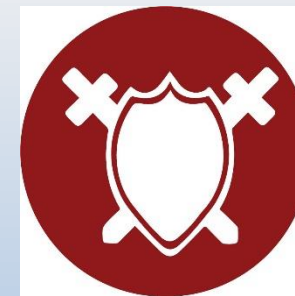
Thought for the Week

Term 1, Week 10 – Bravery:

"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."

- Nelson Mandela

Courtesy of Levi Whitehead (Head Boy) and Raven Kerr-Allen (Prefect)



Term 1, Week 11 – Perseverance:

"Perseverance is stubbornness with purpose."

Courtesy of Mr Berterlink



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