



Newsletter No.5 | May 2018

Dear Parents

As you will see in May's edition of our newsletter, there are many extracurricular events and activities taking place, which our students are certainly making the most of. although you could be left wondering if we have enough time to get any school-work done! The answer to that is... of course!

At Springbank School's core, is learning for life; cultivating capability, character and confidence in an exceptional educational environment.

It is wonderful that we can offer so many varied learning experiences outside of the classroom and outside of our school grounds, whilst preserving academic rigour through our everyday lessons. I appreciate our amazing teachers for setting and maintaining their high expectations of each of our students. I also appreciate that we have many busy young people who have several commitments outside of school, and who are giving 100% effort in their studies, every day in class. I would like to make special mention to the entire cast and crew of the school production who, in addition to their everyday commitments, devoted a great deal of their own time to rehearsing and preparing for the production. For those of you who attended the production, I'm sure you would agree that their performance was outstanding. The actors were so confident and entertaining, and the sound, lighting and stage crew, super slick. Bravo!



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Springbank Production 2018 - Watch This Space

This year, Springbank School's keen young actors spoofed it up in intergalactic style. With lots of pokes at all our favourite sci-fi characters, this year's show was a great laugh for young and old, Trekkies and Star Wars fans alike!

Auditions and rehearsals began in early March, with an almost completely new set of actors. This presented the opportunity for fresh perspective and an infusion of zany humour. Mrs Druery and Mrs Larkan spent many hours on the directing rollercoaster of laughing, crying, shouting... and laughing again. What a joy it was to see our talented young people flourishing under the spotlight. Drama is a unique experience where students can step out of themselves and gain so much confidence using an alter ego. Our actors really took to the variety of quirky roles, giving each character a believable and entertaining personality.

All their efforts were enhanced by the work of the equally talented backstage, technical, and lighting crew. And to make it an even more spectacular and seamless set of performances, the amazing Anita Pistorius, Win Stringer and Christian Druery created a beautiful new backdrop system for us, which will continue to be a great resource for future productions.

Audiences on every occasion, with some seasoned producers to boot, remarked on the outstanding quality of the show and the great talent we have at our school. Thank you to everyone involved for your time, enthusiasm and stellar performances...

YOU WERE, SIMPLY, OUT OF THIS WORLD!

- Andrea Druery



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2018 / 2019 Chosen Charity – Northland Emergency Services Trust (NEST)

Springbank School understands that local charities play a huge role in the Northland community.

At Springbank School, we are very proud to support both local and national charities through a variety of fundraising ideas such as dress up days, BBQs, Market Day stalls and more.

Every two years, one local charity is chosen as our main “Charity Champion”. We raise money at school and donate to the charity throughout the year. We also raise awareness of the charity by offering support at local events and promotion through our newsletter and our Facebook page.

Our Charity Champion for 2018 and 2019 is the Northland Emergency Services Trust (NEST)

NEST is a charitable trust established to provide a dedicated emergency rescue helicopter service for the people of Northland. They are aware of the increased risk of death and serious injury caused when medical treatment is delayed, which makes Northland’s Rescue Helicopter service so essential.



The Northland Rescue Helicopters have seen demand for their services grow with consistent year on year increases. Last year alone they transported over 900 people to hospitals or medical facilities around the north. On average, the Northland Rescue Helicopters are in the air three times a day.

<http://www.nest.org.nz/>

Dates to Note – month of June

June 4th: Queen’s Birthday

June 8th: School Cross Country

June 12th: NSS Cross Country, Barge Park

June 12th: Year 3-6 Soccer Tournament, Waipapa

June 13th -15th: Year 12 Uni Trip

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

June 19th – 21st: Junior Parent/Teacher Interviews

June 23rd: Springbank Senior School Ball

June 23rd: Hospice Battle of the Ballroom

June 26th: Junior Interschool Cross Country, Takou Bay

June 29th: Mathex



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Star Wars Day – May the 4th be with you...

To celebrate the awesomeness that is Star Wars, our senior students organised a Star Wars themed dress up day on Friday May 4th. Students donated a gold coin as part of the Star Wars dress up day, and all money raised went to our chosen charity, Northland Emergency Services Trust (NEST).

Thank you to everyone who took part and for the \$78.00 raised for NEST. This can be added to the \$364.80 already raised this year.



YES Team -

A big congratulations to our Young Enterprise team, Kakariki Pure, who took out 1st Place in the YES Northland competition – Regional Task Challenge 1, by entering the following infomercial video. Kakariki Pure produce a surface cleaner that is not only kind on the environment, but tough on all household surfaces. The team have won \$200 thanks to Elite Business Solutions Ltd and now go into the national prize draw.

The next Task Challenge for the team is all about 'Promotion and The Pitch' for their product. We wish them all the very best on their next challenge.

You can check out their winning video by going to:

<https://vimeo.com/264391077>



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Students at a glance



Name: *Phoebe Huett*

Year: *13*

House Group: *Orcas*

What do you enjoy about Springbank School? *My subjects, teachers and friends.*

What's your favourite subject? *Biology and Marine Science. I can't choose between the two.*

What's your favourite song? *Chicago by Highly Suspect*

What's the best thing to do at lunchtime? *Play football*

If I were Principal I'd ... *make lots of time to play sport with the students at lunchtime.*

In my spare time out of school I like ... *to go horse riding, play hockey and read.*



Name: *Lily Whitaker*

Year: *Headstart*

House Group: *Sharks*

What do you enjoy about Springbank School? *Going running on the big field.*

What's your favourite subject? *Learning about numbers.*

What's your favourite song? *ABC song.*

What's the best thing to do at lunchtime? *Eating!*

If I were Principal I'd ... *go to Headstart and look out for anyone being bad.*

In my spare time out of school I like ... *playing outside.*



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Geography

This year saw the annual Year 11 Geography class make their way down to Rotorua, just before Easter. As with last year the group took in Omaha sandspit on the way down, before making an overnight stop in Auckland. A visit to a food hall was followed by a stroll around Auckland taking in the night time activities. The next day saw a new stop for the annual trip, with a visit to North Island's highest waterfall at Wairere Falls. I would highly recommend this if you haven't done it yet. After this we continued on to Rotorua.

Tuesday saw an early start with a visit to Wai-o-Tapu Thermal Wonderland, followed by the Aratiatia Rapids and the Huka Falls. We then headed to Taupo and a visit to the hot pools, before heading back to Rotorua for a bit of fun on the Luge where once again Mr McFadden was the fastest of the bunch 😊.

Overnight saw the first snow of the year, something that moving the trip to April was meant to avoid! As a result, the trip to Mt Tarawera was cancelled for the second year in a row! We will get there yet. River rafting on the Kaituna River, going over the world's highest commercially rafted waterfall, was moved to the morning, and instead of Tarawera we took in a variation of Zorbing and some Rotorua shopping.

The last day saw another early start with a trip to Waihi and a tour of the Waihi Gold mine as guests of Oceania Gold. We then began the long trip back to Kerikeri with one more stop in Auckland to look at the expansion of the city in the North West.

Overall, lots of fun was had. Thanks very much to Anna Sizer for providing driver and teacher support.

- Paul McFadden



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NSS Orienteering 2018

If you're getting that sinking feeling, it probably means you've walked into the bog... (overheard during Orienteering Safety Briefing)

This year, thirty-four Springbank students took part in the Northland Secondary Schools Junior Orienteering event, along with teams from Okaihau College, Kaikohe Christian School, Kerikeri High School and long-range stalwarts, Bream Bay College. With one eye on an apocalyptic Metservice forecast, we hoisted the gazebos and got underway early with the Year 9 & 10s setting the pace. And what a pace it was, Bream Bay's flyers tore around the course and took first and second in the first individual's race.

Next up were the Year 7 & 8s – Hunter Blakeman brought the whole package to his race – superb fitness level, smart race management and home court advantage to claim first place. In the team relay after lunch the Year 7 & 8 section was won by a jubilant Kaikohe Christian School team while the Springbank year 10s, entering the event for the fourth time, finally bagged the gold with Jack Hittle sprinting so hard at the end he nearly ran over the top of the race marshal's desk!

No sooner had the scores been tallied and the gear packed away, then the heavens opened – a perfect ending to a wonderful event, made possible thanks to efforts of Robyn Richards of Sport Northland, Mr. Bertelink who always makes sure our maps and cards are all correct, the Year 13 team who marshalled the whole event brilliantly, and our Year 7-10 competitors who did us all proud.

Until next year,

- Mr. Horgan



Room 2's Ode to Mrs Collings

Mrs Collings

Mrs Collings is so clever,
She can do ten things all at once.

She can tell Will when to ring the bell,
Type on the computer, listen to the phone
messages,
And put a plaster on your knee.

She can get an icepack,
Talk to the teachers,
And answer the phone.

She can lead new people around the
school,
Ask our parents if we are on the bus,
And sort out the photocopier.

Mrs Collings can do all these things,
And still come up smiling!



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Friends of Springbank

Hi everyone, we held our AGM at the beginning of May. Our elected officers for the coming year are myself as Chairperson, Angie Phillips as Secretary and Jo Warren as our new Treasurer. We are also in the process of electing a management committee of general members - more details on this next month.

Chairperson's Report - Another successful year for Friends, especially pleased with how many events, activities and initiatives we were able to support. The annual Fireworks Extravaganza continues to go from strength to strength. New procedures for capturing and sharing information and general administration are working well. The parent survey yielded valuable information for our planning. We are feeling that overall, Friends is more visible and transparent to the wider school community and ultimately meeting our objectives of providing additional educational opportunities to Springbank students.

Barista Training Programme - We are so excited that the Friends Coffee Machine has arrived and is up and running in the Cafe! There has been a great response from students to the Barista Training Programme, which will be offered at three levels:

- 1) **NZQA Barista Certificate** - full training about all types of coffees, beans, milk and the care of the machine/problem solving through to NZQA certificate. There are currently six students who have registered their interest at this level. We envision these students will also run the Coffee stand at Fireworks and gain invaluable work experience.
- 2) **Barista 101** - training would cover the basics such as learning about different types of coffees, milks and cleaning. Currently 12 students interested.
- 3) **Taste Tester** - for young students who are curious about the cafe industry.

Coffee Machine Ownership - The Coffee Machine is owned by Friends and operates under a usage agreement with the Cafe. It is not permanently plumbed into the Cafe so it can be available as required for fundraising and catering.

Friends Meeting Minutes - As part of further achieving one of our goals of transparency and visibility within the school, Friends meeting minutes are now filed in the blue 'Friends' folder in the office above Sally's desk and are available for your reference.

Next Friends Meeting - Our next meeting is Wed 27th June in the staffroom at 2pm - all welcome.



Kind regards, Erica Wells

Chairperson, Friends of Springbank

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"To further the educational experience of Springbank students"



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Preschool and Headstart - Pink Ribbon Breakfast

Our children from Preschool and Headstart invited their mums (and dads) to come and share a special breakfast with them on Friday 10th May. It was a chance for us to celebrate and acknowledge our wonderful mummies for Mother's Day. It also aligned nicely with the Breast Cancer awareness fundraiser of hosting a Pink Ribbon Breakfast.

We had lots of lovely yummy pink themed breakfast food and activities to share with our mums. Plus everyone was encouraged to dress up in pink for the day.

It was superb to see so many mums being able to stop in and share breakfast with us. We are extremely proud of all our children for helping raise **\$150.00** to go towards the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Well done everyone!



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MUNA 2018

MUNA 2018 proved to be another wonderfully enriching experience for two of our senior students – Max Hittle and Meghshyam Prakash.

On Thursday 17th May, they travelled to Auckland to participate in NZ's largest Model United Nations Assembly; they represented Saudi Arabia. Almost 100 school teams met at Auckland Girls' Grammar School early on Friday morning, to spend two days discussing, negotiating and voting on remits of world importance. Max and Meghshyam spoke respectively on Free Trade and Women's Rights from the Saudi Arabian point of view, delivering well-prepared, impassioned speeches and impressing the Secretary-General. As well as the formal side of the excursion, both boys thoroughly enjoyed getting to know students from other parts of Northland and Auckland.

Our sincere thanks go to the Rotary Club and Mr Warren for supporting this opportunity offered to our senior students; also to Sara Hittle and Latha Prakash for transporting the boys to Auckland and encouraging them throughout the weekend; and to Natesh Prakash for providing the amazing authentic Saudi Arabian costumes. Thank you all very much.

- Jill Hatherly



Parent Communication

Our teachers value the positive communication they have with parents. We all strive to be professional, constructive and respectful, and we invite parents to similarly communicate on any issues concerning their child. Often small problems are quickly solved and larger problems are avoided, by gaining the wide and inclusive perspective of both teacher and child. The outcome is a view that is factual, realistic and balanced.

For classroom matters, please contact the teacher concerned via phone, email, or making an appointment through the office. For Middle and Senior School, your child's form teacher is usually the first point of contact, unless it is a subject-specific issue. In this case, please contact the subject teacher directly.

For administrative or wider curriculum matters, please make an appointment with one of the Deputy Principals in the Junior, Middle or Senior School, or with the Principal.

We are focused on maintaining our settled, positive and happy social environment for your child and we work hard to ensure their academic success.



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The Ugly Shakespeare Company

"Awesome." "Hilarious." These were the first words that I heard from some of the Springbank Year 7 -13 students following the performance of Twelfth Night, by The Ugly Shakespeare Company.

"Be not afraid of greatness. Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and others have greatness thrust upon them."

William Shakespeare, Twelfth Night



The energetic cast of three, travel the country ensuring their enthusiasm for the Bard's work is contagious. On their visit to Springbank on the 14th of May, they did not disappoint. Greatness was thrust upon the audience as they were entertained with a very modern version of one of Shakespeare's great comedies. With a 21st century twist, through their use of rap, the Fresh Prince of Bel Air and pop culture references, they told the story while dealing with issues of confused gender, ambiguity and stereotypes.

'If music be the food of love', we say to the Ugly Shakespeare Company, "Play on!"

- Mrs Phillips

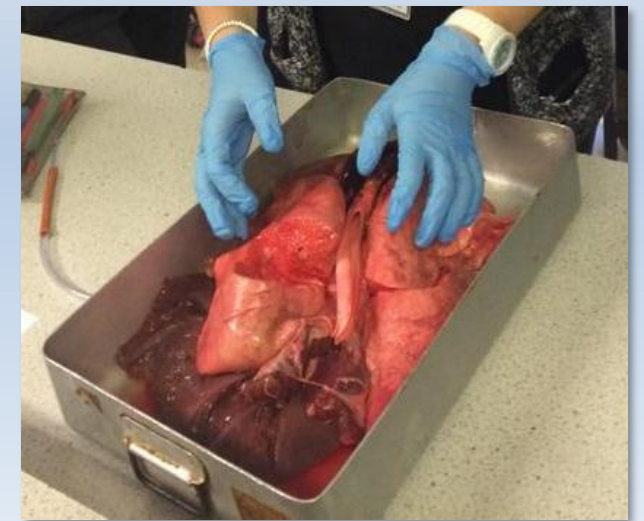
Photo courtesy of Ugly Shakespeare

AS Biology – Home kill Wanted

If anyone is doing a home kill in the next month, the AS Biology group would really appreciate having a pluck (heart and lungs, as undamaged as possible) to dissect.

If you are able to help, please contact me (clare.dorans@springbank.nz).

Thanks,
Clare Dorans



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XVenture Family Challenge

The positive hit series XVenture Family Challenge TV Series 2 is looking for great families.

Your family could have the experience of lifetime and win \$25,000 whilst representing our school and community! Team and Leadership experts, XVenture, are once again looking for great families to participate in the family experience of a lifetime.

XVenture Family Challenge presented by ecostore is the positive hit TV series featuring families* (2 adults and 2 adolescents 11-16) learning, growing and developing together whilst competing in a series of fun, unique and exciting challenges.

8 Australian and 8 New Zealand families will be selected to spend 4-10 days up in our home turf of the stunning Bay of Islands, competing for the title of XVenture Family Challenge Champions and the \$25,000 cash prize!

To find out more, go to <http://www.xventurefamilychallenge.com>

*"Family Team" - four people who are related (aunts/ uncles, half- siblings, foster families, etc.)



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Headstart Report

This term we have started swimming lessons at Little Dippers. We were so excited about getting to go on a big shiny bus with all our friends. At Little Dippers we are learning to put our faces in the water, float, kick on our tummy and swim lengths of the pool.

The month of May was New Zealand Music Month. We participated by exploring lots natural ways to make music, such as using stones, bamboo and sports equipment. Waiata have also been on the agenda and we have been singing together.

A few of our friends have been interested in building a tree house in our pohutukawa tree. At first we made sure our tree house had a sign – 'Headstart Tree House'. From there, we added a floor, a balcony and a bench seat. This is still a work in progress.

Mr Horgan invited us out with his Year 10 Outdoor Adventure class on Monday afternoon. We have been learning how to make a fire, sharpen sticks and toasting marshmallows. We created bird feeders out of wire, raisins and seeds. This has been a fantastic time of exploration for our tamariki, and we thank Mr Horgan and his class very much!

We can't wait to fill you in on more exciting details. If you would like to follow Headstart's activities closely, we invite you to follow us on Facebook! [Check us out!](#)



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Preschool Update

We recently said goodbye to Annie Tikaram, after three years with us, as she leaves to further her own study. We'd like to thank Annie again for all her hard work, friendship and love to all the children, families and Preschool staff. Mal Ruwhiu has stepped up as our Person Responsible for the centre and we are really excited to have her leading the team. We welcomed back Kayla Gravatt to our teaching team on the Overs Side. Finally, we'd like to acknowledge Laila, Corinne and Cassie who are regular faces around Preschool as our lovely relief teachers.

The teachers and children have been working hard in the back vegetable gardens, tidying up the spaces and harvesting our crops to be ready for our Matariki celebrations. We would like to give a big thanks to Kericell for their generosity with the healthy vegetables that we have now planted in our new planter boxes.

With Winter being here, we are focusing on Geremy Germ and how to keep our bodies healthy over the Winter, eating lots of vitamin C and blowing our noses.

The children have also been working those legs and pumping those arms during our Tuesday morning fitness session, as we prepare ourselves for the big Cross Country on June 8th. Everyone is getting really excited, so mark that date in your diary to come along and cheer on Springbank's smallest friends as they run around the field.



Mal and Annie.

Sharing tissues to keep away Geremy Germ.



Kayla.

Planting our new vegetable plants.



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Young Farmers Agri-Club

After our success in several Agri-Kids competitions, in partnership with NZ Young Farmers, we are keen to set up a formal Agri-Club (Food Producers Club). In order to make this a reality, we need one or two parents who are passionate about agriculture and/or horticulture, who would be able to help run the club.

If this is you, we would really appreciate your support. To get involved, please contact Michelle Chapman either through the school office or emailing michelle.chapman@springbank.nz.

I have been impressed with the way in which our teachers have integrated Character Strengths within their daily classroom practice. Our students have been set varied tasks to cultivate the Character Strengths, and it is wonderful to see how our students are recognising and using them in action. This is proving to be a very worthwhile focus, and I look forward to the Character Strengths becoming an integral part of Springbank's curriculum.

Regards

Mike Warren
Principal

Thought for the Week

Term 2, Week 1 – Social Intelligence:

"Empathy is seeing with the eyes of another, listening with the ears of another, and feeling with the heart of another"

- Alfred Adler

Courtesy of Mr Warren

Term 2, Week 2 – Love:

Piglet: "How do you spell 'love'?" Winnie the Pooh: "You don't spell it...you feel it."

- A.A. Milne

Courtesy of Ms Chapman

Term 2, Week 3 – Kindness:

"Kindness is more than deeds. It's an attitude, an expression, a look, a touch. It is anything that lifts another person up."

- Plato

Courtesy of Mrs Foster

Term 2, Week 4 – Kindness:

"If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all."

- Thumper

Courtesy of Phoebe Huett, Head Girl

Term 2, Week 5 – Honesty:

"If you sow honesty, you will grow trust."

Courtesy of Ms Dorans



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