

**Newsletter No.6 | June 2018*****Dear Parents***

Term Two, as always, has been a busy one! I've always had a belief that I'd rather be busy than bored. However, it is important that we take a moment to pause and reflect; to take stock of what is going on around us, and to appreciate what we do have... even if we feel like the world is conspiring against us at times! A daily routine that we have established in our household as our children lie in bed ready to fall asleep, is to ask them what they are thankful for. I believe this serves three purposes:

1. It is a brief opportunity to appreciate what we have. Practising gratitude has been proven to contribute to a positive wellbeing. This is especially true at busy, stressful times. During these times, it's easy to get caught up on all of life's challenges and worries, so regular thoughts of gratitude brings a more positive psychological balance.
2. That moment of reflection allows us to purposefully think, just for a second, about what we did/achieved that day. A day can pass in a blur, and as I scan my memory banks to choose what I am thankful for, it allows an opportunity to reflect on the day's activities with a sense of achievement.
3. As a parent, it is a great time to share and to discover what your children actually did during that day! I'm sure many of you ask your children, "What did you do today?", and their response is, "Nothing much", or something to that effect. When they think about what they enjoyed or appreciated about their day, you can share in their experiences.

As I pause to reflect at the end of a busy term, I think about the variety of activities that our students have taken part in, and I am thankful for their enthusiasm and determination. Also, I think about our staff who not only work hard to ensure our students perform to the best of their ability within the classroom, but also support all of these extra-curricular activities offered to our students. I am truly thankful for their dedication and passion.



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## Springbank Cross Country 2018

At the beginning of June we held our annual school Cross Country. Once again the students and staff did not disappoint with their team spirit and cheers during the opening parade, nor with their on-field speed and talent. From our youngest Preschool runners right through to our seniors, students gave 100% and demonstrated what can be achieved through training and determination.

The staff/parent race was hotly contested this year, with multiple members from one family taking part, our newest teacher Mr Whitaker, along with a number of other first-time parent competitors. It was fantastic to see so many parents take to the field and show their children that they can give it a go too!



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## 2018 REINZ National Real Estate Auctioneering Championships

For the first time, a Secondary Schools category was included as part of the overall two day national auctioneering competition. Year 12 students Greg Lewis and Max Hittle were mentored for weeks ahead of time by local auctioneer Ross Paterson, for the Secondary Schools Competition.

After an early morning start, the team arrived in Auckland at the REINZ building, where they were immediately taken to the "green room" (replete with ping-pong and a putting green) to wait with the other competitors for their turn in front of the judges.

On stage, Greg and Max presented themselves professionally and competed strongly, giving both legal and detailed visual descriptions of the property they were auctioning, answered questions they were not provided beforehand, and then commencing the auction itself. They were required to engage at a fast pace with the bidders while repeating the bids back - and correctly keeping a running tally of the figures - in front of a large audience. Both boys held their own and represented Springbank admirably.

Mark Sumich, Chief Judge, commented: "All of our competitors gave an outstanding performance and I take my hat off to them all, as it was an extremely tough level of competition this year. The judges have had to make decisions on the winners by the slimmest margin."

In the end, Greg placed fourth and Max placed second in the competition. As the runner up, Max will represent New Zealand at the Australasian Auctioneering Championships held in Auckland in October.



### *Dates to Note:*

**July 6<sup>th</sup>:** International Day

**Term Holidays:** July 7<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Term 3:** July 23<sup>rd</sup> – September 21<sup>st</sup>

**August 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> :** Science Fair

**August 6<sup>th</sup>:** Australian Maths Competition

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Tough Guy & Gal Challenge



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### Senior Ball

The ball this year was a success. The RSA was transformed by the Year 13s into a masquerade wonderland, decorated with frost cloth drapery, fairy lights and masks. Everyone looked amazing coming in their masks for the masquerade ball. We had a sit down dinner with good food supplied by the RSA as well as a delicious desert. We danced the night away with the help of the DJs, as well as doing our snowball waltz, which the seniors have been practising this term.

Fergus Grant and Phoebe Huett were voted King and Queen, with Greg Lewis and Mya Napier voted as Prince and Princess.

Thank you to everyone who helped set up and pack up and who made the night an awesome one.

- Levi Whitehead, Head Boy



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## ***Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) Awards***

The Mid-Year YES Awards took place at NorthTec in Whangarei on Friday June 22. The event was to celebrate the successes to-date for the first half-year of competitions.

Springbank has two teams entered this year out of a total of 50 teams:

**Kakariki Pure** (A natural surface cleaner made from a kawakawa leaf extract, a traditional Maori disinfectant) with Directors Harrison Irwin, Sophia Gmuer-Hornell and Connor Thew

**PlannED** (A homework reminder app) with Directors Meghshyam Prakash and Connor Nobbs

The results from the evening were:

### **Northtec Business Plan Competition**

First Place – Kakariki Pure (\$250)

Third Place – PlannED. (\$100)

### **Oral Presentations** (Formally known as Dragon's Den)

Fourth Place – PlannED

Fifth Place – Kakariki Pure

### **Overall Winner from the Co-Ordinator's marks from Term One**

Kakariki Pure (\$200)



The teams are now working on the promotion competition, the Trade Fair stall for the 18<sup>th</sup> August at the Packhouse Market, and their Annual Review, which closes at the end of Term Three.



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## Smokefree Rockquest 2018 – Regional Finals.

Springbank School's own JINX performed again in this year's SmokeFree RockQuest Regional Finals at Forum North in Whangarei.

The band, made up of the sibling duo Khalila and Ishmael Strevens, along with Sean McConnachie and bandmate Jack from Kerikeri High School showcased their two original songs, 'River' and 'Hear You Coming,' in their quest to reach the National Finals. Although they didn't receive any major awards, they did gain valuable experience and literally ROCKED THE HOUSE!

As Khalila put it, *'I couldn't stop moving because I was having so much fun!'* Mr Hittle's Year 8 music class attended the event to show their support, their cost of entry paid for courtesy of the Friends of Springbank. We look forward to seeing these young musos delight us with their amazing talent in the very near future!



## Hook, Line and Sing-A-Long

As last month was New Zealand Music Month, Room 3 took it upon themselves again to take part in the nationwide 'Hook, Line and Sing-A-Long' music video competition.

This year's featured song was 'The Smell of Sunscreen,' composed by Year 10 student James Constable from Rangiora High School in Canterbury.

The Year 4 and 5 students happily sang and danced along to the cheery tune.

Special thanks to Georgie Phillipps for filming the event, as she will be able to help us spend the \$100 voucher from Music Works for being one of the five national finalists (three years in a row)!

Way to go, Room 3 😊

- Mr Hittle



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## Friends of Springbank Report

Wow – rounding off another busy term already! During Term 2, Friends have been delighted to provide financial assistance towards the Senior Geography Trip, contribute towards the annual maintenance of the auto belays for the climbing wall, sponsor the DJ for the Senior Ball and a help out with the costs involved for a trip to the Smokefree Rock Quest for Mr Happy's Year 8 Music students. We also cooked over 300 sausages at Cross Country!

**Friends turns 10!** 2018 is a special year for Friends of Springbank, and we would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents, and past and present members of Friends of Springbank, to join us in the car park on Friday 27th July between 8-8:30am to mark this milestone and celebrate all that Friends has contributed to Springbank School over the past 10 years. The Friends of Springbank 'Coffee Squad' will be serving complimentary espresso coffee and we look forward to seeing you there.

**Raffle Prizes for Fireworks** – we are starting to plan for our annual fundraising event, the legendary Fireworks Extravaganza, and we are seeking raffle prize donations. With your business name printed on 1000 raffle tickets and numerous mentions on the night of fireworks (to over 2500 locals), becoming a raffle sponsor offers great exposure for your business. If you feel you could donate a raffle prize, we would love to hear from you. Please either email [ericawells@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ericawells@xtra.co.nz) or phone 021-295-2501. All donations large or small are gratefully accepted.

**Next Friends Meeting** - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2pm in the staffroom, all welcome.



Kind regards,

Erica Wells

Chairperson, Friends of Springbank

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## 40hr Famine

The school 40HR Famine this year was a success!

We had a fundraising goal of \$1500, which we managed to complete due to the fundraising efforts of the students. We had a sleepover in the gym on Friday over the famine weekend, where 35 students had fun playing badminton, dodgeball, glow-in-the-dark football and creating cardboard houses which they had to sleep in.

Thankfully everyone survived the famine and had a great time. Dolphins raised the most money out of the houses and won house points accordingly.

Thank you to all the students who fundraised and also to all the parents who donated to the students.

- Levi Whitehead, Head Boy



## New Faces at Preschool

Earlier this term, Preschool saw a changing of the guard. While we were looking for a new Person Responsible, Mal Ruwhiu stepped in as our temporary leader.

It is with great pleasure that we announce to the wider Springbank community, that Mal has decided to continue as our Person Responsible on a permanent basis. We are thrilled with this decision and know that Mal will continue to be an effective Head.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Dania Norman who will join the Overs side from Monday July 2<sup>nd</sup> as our 4<sup>th</sup> teacher.



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## Community Notices – Term Holiday activities

**MAC'S PATCH** presents

# Take Something Simple

A puppet show for children 3-7 or anyone who is young at heart

**FRIDAY JULY 13**  
**The Turner Centre | Kerikeri**  
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## Holiday Sports Camps 2018

Week 1: Monday July 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday July 13<sup>th</sup>

Week 2: Monday July 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday July 20<sup>th</sup>

Drop off: 8.00am – 9.00am

Pick up: 4.00pm – 4.30pm

Ages: 5-13 years

\$45.00 per day or \$200 per week



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	<b>Xtreme Ninja 09.7.</b> Start the holidays with Xtreme challenges, boulder games, Ninja relays and build your 3D Ninja Adventure Gym.	<b>Elements of art 10.7.</b> Find out more about the elements of art in our games, crafts and sport activities	<b>Super Ninja 11.7.</b> Design your SuperHeroNinja mask, find a way through our Super Ninja mine fields and take part in our training camp.	<b>Around the world 12.7.</b> Create your own 3D map of the world, learn a new language and try your best in our fun sport challenges	<b>Spooky Friday 13.7.</b> It's Friday the 13th! Take part in our spooky crafts and join our skeleton scavenger hunt. Become a monster ninja.
Week 2	<b>Winter Fun 16.7.</b> Get ready for our winter relays, winter disciplines and create your winter origami.	<b>Ninja Adventure 17.7.</b> Come along and learn what it takes to become a Ninja.	<b>Xtreme Gymnast 18.7.</b> Swing, flip and jump in our fun games and activities	<b>Treasure Island 19.7.</b> Draw your own map, walk the plank, find out the secret pirate code and build your own shelter for your crew.	<b>Ninja Party 20.7.</b> Enjoy our last day in the holidays as a Ninja and try your best in our time challenges.
What to bring every day					

If you would like to get involved or find more, please contact Tina.

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## Ngawha Field Trip

Year 11 recently visited Ngawha Geothermal power station to extend students' knowledge regarding electricity generation and the mechanics of designing, building, and running the new modules that are currently being built.

The station currently provides 70% of our electrical needs and will deliver even more when the next system comes online in 2021. Year 11 students were shown around the control room and the extensive network of pipes and turbines that feed the national grid 24 hours a day.



A highlight was when the head engineer vented 200°C steam into the air and made the air stink of hydrogen sulphide (rotten eggs!)

It was reassuring to learn that most of our electrical needs are met by a clean, green form of generation.

- Chris Whitaker

## Room 1 – Parent Sharing Afternoon



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## Cross Country

After a successful Cross Country Day at school, our students have continued to shine at events around the region.

The Year 7-13 Cross Country team competed at Barge Park in Whangarei at the Northern Secondary School competition, with great performances from all the runners; especially the Year 7s, who were running there for the first time against the best of Northland.

Next up were students aged 8-12 years who took part in the Junior Inter-School competition held at Takou Bay. It was a very cold and miserable day to run, but everyone was a real trooper. Congratulations to Coll McFadden for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Clay Blakeman who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 9 year old boys race.



## Room 2 – Parent Sharing Afternoon



Finally, our youngest friends aged 4-7 years raced their little hearts out. The event this year was held at the BOI International Academy. Congratulations to Ronan McFadden for his 2<sup>nd</sup> placing and Charlie Rowe who got 3<sup>rd</sup>.



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## *The BP Business Challenge 2018*

Springbank School was once again given the opportunity to host the BP Business Challenge. It was held at school on 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June in our school hall. This three day challenge is organised and funded by the Young Enterprise Trust to the value of approximately \$6,000, was presented by Wayne Prince from Auckland, and was a great opportunity for our students.

The BP Business Challenge was a unique, experiential learning programme which develops skills, connects students to their community, and builds their understanding of how a successful business operates. The competition involved several teams of eight Year 10/11 students comprising of a mixture of Springbank and Kerikeri High students.

Through the programme the students:

- Learnt about starting and running a business
- Gained understanding of the business planning process
- Create and articulated their own business plan.

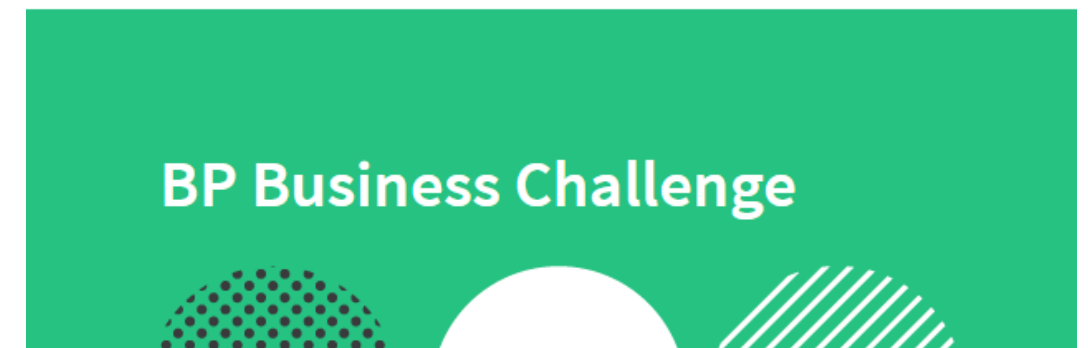
The programme consisted of:

In Day One:

- Formed groups and completed some teambuilding activities
- Brainstormed product ideas
- Choose one product idea and completed a basic business outline
- Present the outline to the wider group.

In Day Two:

- Learnt about business strategies, marketing, production, and financial management
- Used their learning to create a basic business plan
- Took responsibility for a particular area of the business.



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In Day Three:

- Finalised their business plans
- Prepared and delivered a short group presentation to a panel of 5 judges (local business people)
- Reviewed what they've learnt during the programme.

This was a great experience for all students, whether they are taking business studies as a subject or not, as the skills learnt are transferrable.

A big thank you goes to Gary Larkan, Birgit Michaux, Ervin Mehta, George Houry, and Sophia Warren for their business expertise and judging.

The winning team was The Auto Brush – an innovative toothbrush which dispenses toothpaste and has a built in radio. The team consisted of Springbank students Johnny Cox, Naaman Boxer, Georgie Ludbrook, Ellen Schenkenberger, and Jessica Kossmann.



## YES Team – Kakariki Pure

We are a Young Enterprise Scheme team called Kakariki Pure with Directors Harrison Irwin, Sophia Gmuer-Hornell, and Connor Thew from Year 12.

Maori people have been recognised for generations as being innovative and resourceful, including traditional methods of healing using the kawakawa plant, which is a natural disinfectant and cleaner. For discerning consumers who are worried about the effects that traditional chemical cleaners are having on their bodies, we have created a natural, chemical-free surface cleaner spray made from distilled kawakawa leaves.

Our product is Kakariki Pure and is available for purchase at \$5.99 from the Springbank School Office or by emailing your order to [kakarikipure@gmail.com](mailto:kakarikipure@gmail.com).

We have priced our product strategically against other surface cleaners. Our bottles are 100% reusable as well as recyclable.

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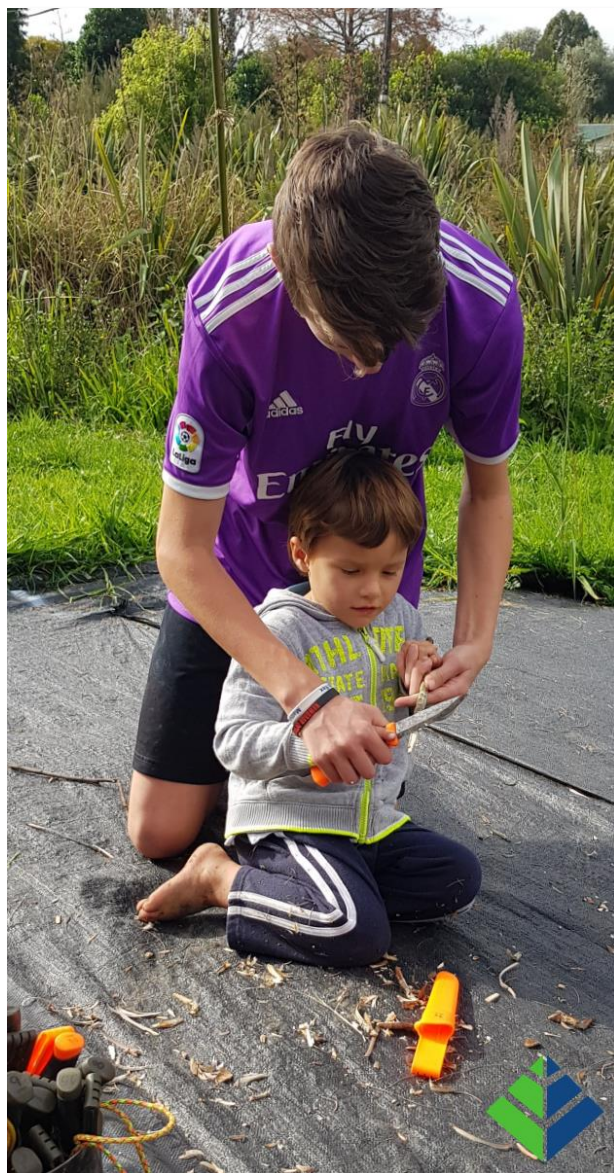
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## Headstart Report

Term 2 is coming to an end and it feels like it only just began! **Tuakana-Teina Adventures**

We have had a blast getting into the outdoors, even during winter. Mr Horgan invited us out on the farm with his Year 10 Outdoor Adventure class, every Monday afternoon. They taught us how to sharpen sticks with knives (only with an adult present), how to start a fire, and how to roast marshmallows. We LOVE eating toasted marshmallows! They also taught us games with rakau. We also sang waiata and kept the beat with our rakau.



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### Matariki Celebrations

To kick off our celebrations, we travelled to the Turner Centre for a Glow in the Dark Matariki Show. Our tamariki were amazed at how the puppets floated in the air! It was a colourful, musical, and entertaining show. We loved it!

We also made kites based on the Māori legend, 'The Seven Kites of Matariki'. We made these out of natural materials, including toitoi, flax, sticks, driftwood, and shells. We had a shared kai, with loads of yummy treats from home. We all chipped in with the preparation - even making our own orange juice!

To finish our celebrations, we travelled to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds. We were blown away with a fabulous programme for our tamariki, which included flying our very own kites and a pōwhiri.

We were surprised with a sign (the photo on the first page of this newsletter), gifted to us, marking an area where students from Springbank School had planted native plants in the past. We added our own native plants too. Isn't the sign beautiful? We shared a waiata in thanks to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds.

We were also lucky enough to make our own taonga out of clay, to take home. At the end, we shared a small piece of kai. We are SO lucky to live in the Bay of Islands; a place with rich cultural history and beautiful weather - most of the time! A BIG thank you to all the wonderful parents who supported us by coming along. We couldn't participate in these kinds of experiences without you.



### Whānau Sharing Afternoon

On Thursday, Week 9, we had our termly Whānau Sharing Afternoon. We had a wonderful turnout. We are so grateful to all the families who came. It was a wonderful time of celebration. Our Headstart tamariki did a special kapa haka performance for their whānau in special hand-made costumes. It was amazing!

### Facebook Page

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## Preschool Adventures

We are always up to something exciting at Preschool, and this last week has been no different! We really enjoy connecting with our wider community, so we decided to head over the water and visit Russell. We started our adventure by stopping at 35 Degrees South, where we were able to watch the fish in their super awesome fish tank. It was so cool, and they even fed the fish while we were there too.

Next stop, across the seven seas! We all jumped aboard the Fullers Ferry to Russell, where we not only explored the local beach, but cleaned up as we went along. After being tidy kiwis, we were a tad tired of our good deeds. Lucky for us, the owners of the Duke of Marlborough Hotel invited us in from the cool winds to enjoy some hot chips and a place to rest.

It was an amazing trip out for Preschool. We were blown away by the friendliness and generosity of everyone we met. The children were amazing and we would also like to say a huge big thank you to all of our parents who joined us on the day.



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## ***We're All Going on a WINTER Holiday!***

Whether you are taking the opportunity of the school holidays to travel to somewhere warm (argh, jealous!), or you are staying put because hey, somebody has to work to pay the bills, I wish you all an enjoyable two weeks with your children.

Stay safe, stay warm, and we shall see you bright and early on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Regards

Mike Warren  
Principal



## ***Thought for the Week***

### **Term 2, Week 6 – Teamwork:**

*“Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.”*

*- Helen Keller, Author & Political Activist*

Courtesy of Mr Whitaker

### **Term 2, Week 7 – Teamwork:**

*“Don’t aspire to be the best on the team, aspire to be the best for the team.”*

Courtesy of Max Hittle and Mike Michaux, Prefects

### **Term 2, Week 8 – Fairness:**

*“The world can belong to good people, to fair people, if we’re all just brave enough to try.”*

*- Tara Chamblor*

Courtesy of Mr Haydock

### **Term 2, Week 9 – Forgiveness:**

*“Life is unfair, and sometimes people will hurt you, often without realising. Forgiveness is a step towards getting your happiness back”*

Courtesy of Mr Horgan



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