



## Newsletter No.8 | August 2018

### *Dear Parents*

Last week, I was fortunate enough to accompany our students to the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge in Helensville, Auckland. In addition to the fierce competition demonstrated by our elite runners, I was most impressed by Springbank's school spirit and camaraderie. Our students (and I) had an absolute blast, and it was one of those special experiences that will stay with me forever. It was a proud day to be part of Team Springbank. You will find more information in the article on Page 10 of this newsletter.

Another event that I recently enjoyed was our Cambridge Information Evening, held on 20<sup>th</sup> August. It was great to see so many families come along to find out more about why we follow the Cambridge International Curriculum and how it is structured within Springbank. This was the first year that we have invited families from the wider community, and it was pleasing to have several attend. At this time, our senior students are choosing their subject options for next year, so it is important to be well-informed to ensure that they are on the right academic path.

If you were not able to attend our Cambridge Information Evening, we will host one each year, so make sure to catch the next one. As always, if you have any queries, including subject or curriculum-related, please do not hesitate to contact us.

I look forward to the last few weeks of Term Three, including our annual Market Day. There are many exciting products on offer this year, so make sure you head along with plenty of cash to spend because you are not going to be able to resist the bargains!

### *Dates to Note:*

- **September 2-7:** School Ski Trip
- **September 3-7:** Mock Exams
- **September 7:** NZ Play House performance
- **September 9-14:** AIMS Games
- **September 10-14:** SADD Activities all week
- **September 16:** Market Day
- **September 17:** Spring Break Monday
- **September 19:** Friends Meeting, 2pm in the staff room
- **September 21:** Year 11-13 reports issued
- **September 22 – October 7:** School Holidays
- **TERM 4:** October 8 – December 6



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# Springbank School

## Market Day

**Sunday Sept 16 2018**

Gates open from 11am-2pm  
Cash Sales Only | No EFTPOS  
Loads of exciting products!  
78 Waimate North Road, Kerikeri

*Be there!*

### Market Day 2018

It's that time of year again when our students design and produce their own products to sell at Market Day. If it's not on your calendar in big bold print already, put a note on **Sunday September 16** to be at Springbank School.

Don't forget to tell all your friends and family to come along for a wonderful day of entertainment, food, and the opportunity to purchase some amazing products!

All our Springbank friends from Preschool and Headstart, right through to Year 13 will be there. Please make sure you come along and support everyone.

As part of the stall sales, 25% of all profits go to students' chosen charities.



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## Science Fair 2018

The school Science Fair competition took place recently, and as in past years, all students in Years 7 to 10 participated.

The projects were displayed in the school gym and were judged by the science department. The results of the judging are used to select the projects to represent Springbank at the Regional Science Fair.

Students had the opportunity to vote for their favourite project from each year group and the winners were as follows:

- Year 7 - Ellie Heath and Heidi Traas *Sweet Tooth*
- Year 8 – Magnus Grant *Possum Problems*
- Year 9 – Indra Pasquale and Lana Pistorius *Pain of the Stain*
- Year 10 – Johnny Cox *Blues Football*

Once again, the school Science Fair had a series of projects that demonstrated scientific skill, effort, variety and imagination. The breadth and depth of some of the projects was simply outstanding, and I would like to thank and congratulate our young scientists in Years 7 to 10 for their achievements.



Finally, the two overall prizes...

The most popular project as voted for by the student body.

In 1<sup>st</sup> place, collecting 32% of votes for a Year 8 project (a third of all students at the school voted for this project) Magnus Grant - Possum Problems



The final prize was for the overall winner of the School Science Fair, 2018. This was awarded to Malindi Reihana-Ruka for her project, Varroa Tomorraa.



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## Act of Kindness

Mrs deMeurers wrote a book about Room 2 children and handmade (illustrations included) a copy for every child in the class. We sat with our copies and followed while Mrs deMeurers read the story to us. We each especially loved the pages about ourselves. We took the books home and read them to our parents. Everyone in Room 2 appreciated the thought and effort Mrs deMeurers put into making our books and want to say a big thank you to her. Some of us are now inspired to make our own books, and who knows, there might even be one for Mrs deMeurers!



## Donations for NEST

For 2018 / 2019 Springbank School is supporting the Northland Emergency Services Trust (NEST) as our Charity Champion.

Various events such as International Day, St Patrick's Day, Star Wars Day and BBQs have resulted in our students raising a total of **\$838.50** to date.

This is a superb effort so far and a big thanks goes to our senior students and Prefects who have helped organise and run these events.



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 – all of which makes Northland's Rescue Helicopter service so essential.

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



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## Hillary Junior Get 2 Go Challenge 2018

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> of July, the Year 10 Outdoor Adventure group travelled to Whangarei to take on the 2018 Hillary Junior Get 2 Go Challenge with a chance to advance to the national finals on Great Barrier Island. The day consisted of four outdoor challenges that test the team's physical endurance, their problem-solving skills, and their teamwork.

The challenges included a tough orienteering course at Barge Park; a map-reading race over several square kilometres of undulating terrain, impenetrable bush, bug-ridden swamp and angry livestock. The mountain biking course involved steep climbs, fast drops and a muddy maze where overtaking on the corners turned cycling into a contact sport! The paddleboard relay offered our team their chance to shine and they took it with gusto, dominating the competition and showcasing excellent technique. The problem-solving challenge this year featured a geometry brainteaser, an egg rescue, and team knot tying. It was a great way to finish an excellent day, and the team eagerly awaits the results.

With thanks to the team and to their parents, who got up early to bring the team to school!

2018 Hillary Get 2 Go Team – Tracy Schuetze, Megan Cook, Jordan Wojtulewicz, Max Stovell, Johnny Cox, Ollie Huett, Malindi Reihana-Ruka & Josh Traas.



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## Students at a glance

**Name:** *Hannah McIntyre*

**Year:** 6

**House Group:** *Stingrays*



**What do you enjoy about Springbank School?** *Lots of things, having so many friends is nice, playing games and doing PE.*

**What's your favourite subject?** *English. I like a lot but I like English better.*

**What's your favourite song?** *Rocky Road to Dublin*

**What's the best thing to do at lunchtime?** *Sit and draw pictures or play handball.*

**If I were Principal I'd ...** *Have no maths and spend more time doing English and Art.*

**In my spare time out of school I like to ...** *Draw and play with dogs*

**Name:** *Alana Kell*

**Year:** 5

**House Group:** *Orcas*



**What do you enjoy about Springbank School?** *Art and Science.*

**What's your favourite subject?** *ART!*

**What's your favourite song?** *I don't really have a favourite one.*

**What's the best thing to do at lunchtime?** *Play with my friends.*

**If I were Principal I'd ...** *Make science longer.*

**In my spare time out of school I like to ...** *Draw and read.*



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## *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*

My year six class read 'Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes' by Eleanor Coerr as part of a reading study unit. We then hand-folded 700 paper cranes. They were threaded onto nylon strings in groups of 100. We sent them all to Hiroshima to coincide with the Hiroshima Peace Park celebrations which happen every August. We included a request letter with our cranes, and a representative is shown in these photos, with our cranes and hanging them with all the thousands of others.

- Mrs Alexander

*Dear Friends at the Springbank School,*

*Thank you very much for sending the paper cranes with the desire for peace. We received them and offered them to the Children's Peace Monument.*

*To avoid a repetition of the tragedy that befell many victims who died of the Atomic bombing, we are working to build a peaceful world without nuclear weapons. This will be accomplished not only by our effort, but also by support and cooperation from all over the world. In line with this, we appreciate your action and desire for peace.*

*I ask that you to continue to keep in your heart Hiroshima's experience and your hopes for peace.*

*I close with best wishes for your good health and every success in your activities.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Masanobu Murakami(Mr.)  
Peace Promotion Division  
International Peace Promotion Department  
The City of Hiroshima*



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## International Report

Huge welcome to Siri Moller (and her family from Denmark) who has just joined our very welcoming Year 4 class for the next six to twelve months where she has settled in and is progressing very well.

Our current International Students now come from Denmark, Germany, Russia, Thailand and Chile, all for varying lengths of time and reasons. However, all are here to improve their English whilst also experiencing a different lifestyle, culture, country, and friends.

As you can see, our Senior International Students have been busy with their Outdoor Adventure activities these past few weeks and have learnt to survive in the bush, plus light a bush fire without matches; as well as cook sausages and hot chocolate!

They also had the wonderful opportunity to spend last weekend in Auckland. They received a little bit of 'retail therapy' and spent Saturday night at Eden Park watching the All Blacks win over Australia (40 – 12). Yay, go the All Blacks!

Whilst Lena and Jan are busy with their mock exams (and we wish you all the very best), Adrian, Bjorn, Lara, Annika, Katharina, Moritz and Martin will be having lots of fun skiing and boarding on the slopes of Whakapapa.



- Jill Grimshaw



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## Friends of Springbank

**Termly Coffee Morning** - After so much positive feedback from our birthday coffee morning, we have decided to have a coffee morning for parents on the first Friday of each term. It will also be a lovely opportunity to welcome new parents to the school and give our Coffee Squad trainees a chance to show off their coffee-making skills.

**AIMS Games** - Friends are pleased to have approved a donation of \$1200 to help with accommodation and travel costs for Chris Whitaker & Adam Horgan to take a squad of fourteen Year 7 & 8 Boys to the upcoming AIMS Games in Tauranga, and we wish them all the best.

**Fireworks Raffles** - A huge thank you for all the generous donations. We have an amazing prize pool shaping up from these sponsors:

Great Escape Sailing School, Kerikeri Mini Golf, Latin Fit, Anoint Skincare, Salt Air, Monique Moret Hair Design, Wairere Boulders, Kerikeri Optometrists, Complete Tree Care, Makana Confections, Flying Kiwi Parasail, Fullers Great Sights, Kauri Cliffs Resort, Plumbing World, Hunting & Fishing, PT 4 Me, and Way Cup Coffee.



We will be distributing a book of 5 raffle tickets to the eldest child in each family to sell over the school holidays and greatly appreciate your help encouraging your children to sell these tickets.

Kind regards,

Erica Wells

Chairperson, Friends of Springbank

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

## YES Awards

YES teams from all over Northland displayed and sold their wares at the local Packhouse Market on Saturday, as part of the YES Trade Fair.

A total of 31 teams were present and our very own Kakariki Pure team of Meghshyam, Sophia, Connor and Harrison, all Year 12 students, won two awards.

They placed 2nd overall for the Best Stall Display, earning themselves \$150.00 in prize money.

In addition to this, they won the People's Choice Award, taking away another \$250.00 of prize money.

They sold 48 bottles of their Kawakawa leaf extract surface cleaner, gaining a sales revenue of over \$430.00.



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## Tough Guy & Gal Challenge

Last week on Thursday 23 August, I accompanied 33 students to the 2018 Secondary Schools Tough Guy & Gal Challenge in Helensville, Auckland. The event is the ultimate in physical challenge and determination, as students and teachers run, slide, jump and swim through an action-packed 6km (1 lap) or 12km (2 lap) course. Participants must navigate themselves through thick mud, obstacles, crawl under barbed-wire, slide through tunnels, cross muddy rivers and more!

The students were excited and raring to go from the moment they arrived, and those smiles never left their faces. Whilst most of our students took part simply for an exhilarating challenge, several competed fiercely, and took out some fantastic finishing places.



Congratulations to everyone who took part and gave it their all. Plus a huge congratulations to the following students and only principal (own trumpet currently being blown!) who placed in the top 5. These results are particularly impressive, given the hundreds of entrants from a range of schools from Auckland and Northland:

- Moritz 1<sup>st</sup> Under 16, 1 Lap
- Ollie 2<sup>nd</sup> Under 16, 2 Laps
- Levi 1<sup>st</sup> Senior, 2 Laps (Amazingly, Levi gained the overall fastest time out of all four Secondary School competitions!)
- Mike (Principal) 1<sup>st</sup> Teacher, 2 Laps and 5<sup>th</sup> place overall
- Luke 5<sup>th</sup> Senior, 2 Laps
- Springbank School won the Toughest Male Team overall!
- Springbank School placed 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Toughest Female Team overall

## Cambridge June Exams

Congratulations to several of our students who sat Cambridge papers in the June exam series.

- Levi improved by one grade in all three subjects he re-sat.
- Andrew re-sat English and improved his result by two grades.
- Isabella received 89% and 87% in AS French and Spanish respectively, as well as gaining "Distinction in Speaking" for both.
- Mark received 96% in IGCSE German.



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## Headstart

This month, we have been busy creating happy environments for seedlings to grow! We each picked a vegetable to grow and popped them in a bag with water and cotton wool. We made sure that our seed had plenty of light and air. Watch this space!

We also discovered some beautiful blooms in the garden. A science experiment is now underway! We mixed dye with water to see if the flower petals will change colour! We have also explored the science of colour changing with jars of water and powdered dye; the effect was spectacular. We have also created lots of fabulous art work with bubbles in the trough and bubble wrap; seeing colours mix and change is so exciting!

The focus on physical activity has continued. This has got us out and about within our Springbank community and the extended Kerikeri community, participating in lots of different ways for us to be active. We have been rock climbing with Mr Horgan and the senior students. We walked the Puketi forest track and had fun at the Ninja Gym with Tina. We have explored how our heart rate increases when we do physical activity and how to take our own pulse. Lots of practise with our ball skills, skipping and frisbee throwing has kept us busy when we have been at Headstart.

Ngā mihi,

Anna Wilson and Abi Frame



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## Hello From Preschool

We have had a very exciting new resource and learning experience installed at Preschool... our very own fire pit!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Kerry and Ben Howell for their amazing contributions to our fire pit, plus helping us build and put it all together. We have already roasted marshmallows (a big favourite) and are now wanting to give sausages a try. The interactions around the fire and the coming together has a wonderful community feel to it.

Introducing the fire pit to Preschool allows us to engage and learn in so many ways. It is teaching our friends the importance of safety, teamwork and problem-solving. Simply sitting down and roasting a marshmallow can get the children talking about mathematic terms, science and technology.

We are really looking forward to using the fire pit a lot and invite our families to come and join us any time.



We welcomed back Nikki to our Under Three's classroom after being on maternity leave. We are super excited to have Nikki back with us and also her son, Rocco.

We had to say farewell to Cheyanne and Nevenka as they finished working with us full time. They have been so well loved by all the children and families. We'll miss seeing their smiley faces, but know they won't be too far away as there'll always be some relief work ☺



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## Parent Survey

During the first week of September we will be sending out a Parent Survey via email for you to answer. We would really appreciate you keeping an eye out for the survey and providing us with your answers and feedback.

Our parents play an important role at Springbank School, as you have entrusted your child's learning with us and we value input from you. We are always eager to grow and develop at Springbank School, and by gathering information from your perspective, you can assist us to continually offer the best educational environment for our students.

Regards

Mike Warren  
Principal

## Thought for the Week

### Term 3, Week 3 – Self-Regulation:

*"If you learn self-control, you can master anything."*

Courtesy of Mr Warren

### Term 3, Week 4 – Appreciation of Beauty and Excellence:

*"Excellence is doing ordinary things extraordinarily well."*

- John W. Gardner

Courtesy of Mr Hittle

### Term 3, Week 5 – Gratitude:

*"Some people grumble that roses have thorns; I am grateful that thorns have roses."*

- Jean Baptiste Alphonse Karr

Courtesy of Mrs Alexander

### Term 3, Week 6 – Gratitude

*"When some things go wrong, take a moment to be grateful for all the many things that are going right."*

Courtesy of Year 13



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