



Newsletter No.9 | September 2018

Dear Parents

I hope you are all finding time to enjoy the spring warmth and sunshine. Some of us headed down to Ruapehu, so our first week was particularly cool and crisp! It was an enjoyable experience having our kids outside, being active and learning new skills in a completely new environment. However your children are spending their holidays, I hope you've been fortunate enough to spend some quality family time together.

We love to see our students also thrive at school. Term Four brings plenty of opportunities to be challenged, to be creative, and to celebrate the successes of the year. I wish our senior students, Year 9s and Year 6s all the best in their upcoming Cambridge examinations as the culmination of their learning this year. Many of our other students will be sitting end-of-year exams, and whilst they are not external Cambridge exams, they are still a key part of their learning process. All the very best.

Looking forward to 3rd November, organisation of our annual Friends of Springbank Fireworks Extravaganza is underway and it promises to be another huge event. Friends have secured several key sponsors for the major raffle and the event itself, and all of the funds raised go directly to your children in various ways. Whilst the small Friends team organises the entire event, we need assistance from the entire Springbank community to pull this event off, so please look at Page 6 of this newsletter to see how you can contribute – every little bit helps!

Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much – Helen Keller

Dates to Note:

- 8 October – 6 December Term 4
- 9 October – Cambridge Exams Start
- 19-22 October – KOAST Art Trail, hosted in school gym
- 22 October – Labour Day
- 3 November – Fireworks Extravaganza
 - Gates open at 6:30pm
 - Fireworks Show at 9:00pm
 - \$5:00 per person
 - Children under 5 years free
 - Smoke, drug and alcohol free
 - Raffles to win
 - Delicious food and drinks



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Springbank School Market Day – Something for Everyone!

On Sunday 16 September, visitors were treated to a great day out at Springbank School's Market Day, with favourable weather and some glorious live music.

Students of all ages presented an array of attractive stalls with a variety of hand-made, high quality products. Some clever creations included carved pumice, painted wooden aeroplanes, eco-friendly food wrappers, and plenty of gorgeous home décor products from framed artworks and horse-shoe sculptures, to hanging shells, and beautiful Christmas decorations. A range of natural cleaning and beauty products and funky accessories made Market Day a perfect opportunity for early Christmas shopping!

Visitors were also treated to a raft of delicious food stalls which provided something for every taste, from traditional sizzles and authentic curries, to healthy juices and smoothies, and of course some irresistible baked goods and sweet treats like toffee apples, waffles, and specialty coffees.

After shopping until dropping and gorging on delicious food, there was plenty more fun to be had with bouncy castles and slides, plate-breaking, and even a flight simulation experience. Local organisations such as the cadets, Hospice, and Little Dippers, who were able to promote community interests and product raffles, were also a favourite amongst punters with fantastic prizes and hampers up for grabs. Adding to the positive feel of the day, is the fact that all student stalls donate 25% of their profits as a "tax" to a charity of their choice.



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Market Day (continued)

Springbank's annual Market Day is the result of much initiative and hard work in enterprise classes in Preschool to Year 9, with senior students also having the option of running a stall. Students learn essential business skills from conceptualisation to creation, teamwork, writing business plans, pricing and packaging, marketing, direct sales, and financial management.

The quality of stalls as well as the enthusiasm and professionalism of stall-holders this year was excellent and Market Day culminated in the judging of the winning stalls based on product innovation and presentation:

JUNIOR SCHOOL:

Most Innovative Product:

- 1st Place: Christmas Company; Sophie Hunia and India Clarke
- Runner-Up: Fly Racks: Zeke Hollister and Charlie Rowe

Best Stall Presentation:

- 1st Place: Doggie Dreams: Daniel Sutcliffe, Clay Blakeman, and Hugh Wojtulewicz
- Runner-Up: Scentsational: Room 2

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Most Innovative Product:

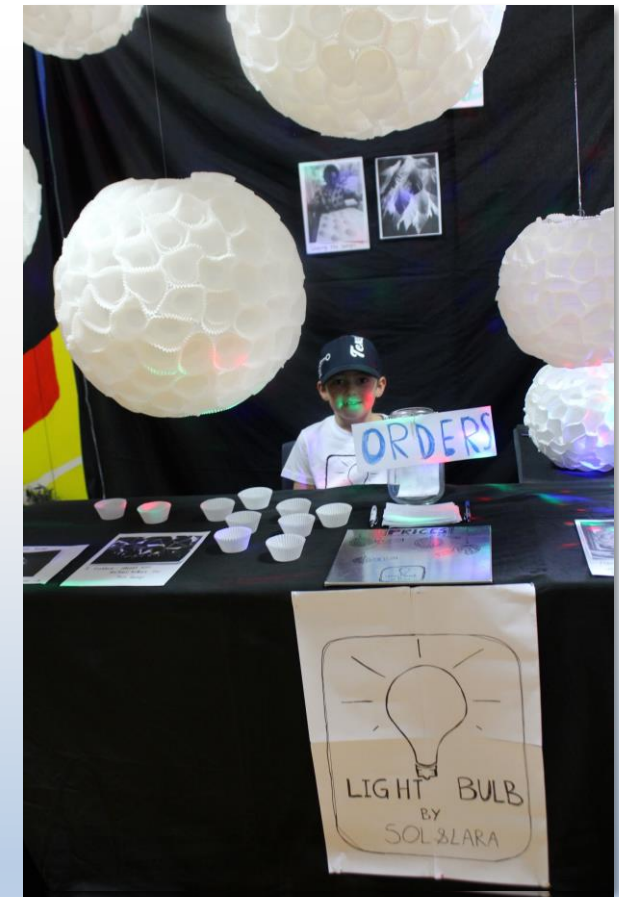
- 1st Place: Horsing Around: Seth Evans
- Runner-Up Equal: Scrub: Sophia Marolias and Charlotte Houghton
- Wooden Wonders: Jaluka Clarke and Leon Hasler

Best Stall Presentation:

- 1st Place: Piece of Cake: Ellie Heath.
- Runner-Up: Luna Bags: Lana Pistorius and Lucy Sizer.

The Overall Marketing Award:

- Seedbox: Issy Welling



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Art Room News

At the end of term, we were privileged to have Arama Reihana in the art room demonstrating his carving techniques. As a bonus, the students had a chance to help with the carving. They also learned about the protocols that go along with carving. The students really appreciated the amount of time and effort that goes in to making a carving. Thank you to Arama for giving up his time to be with us.



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Daffodil Day

Year 10 students approached the organisation of this year's Daffodil Day with enthusiasm and a determination to raise more money than in any previous year. Last year achieved a total of over \$500, more than double any previous venture, and so the bar had been set very high!

There were regular meetings to discuss an action plan and the delegation of responsibilities for the activities they planned to incorporate into the fundraising. There was a slight problem as on Daffodil Day, several of the team would be absent for the ki o rahi competition (Thanks, Mr Horgan!).

The students organised a colouring competition for the Junior School, the selling of low sugar spider drinks, a sausage sizzle, and offering students the opportunity to send bunches of daffodils to their peers with personal messages attached. They sourced, priced and organised these activities themselves.

The entire event was a huge success and a very enjoyable experience. It was an absolute pleasure to work with these motivated, energised and enthusiastic students and they should be commended for their efforts.

The sum raised for The Cancer Society was an amazing **\$880** that surpassed all expectations, and a big thank you should be given to everyone who donated to the appeal.

Congratulations to the Year 10 students involved in the activity. You have really raised the bar for future endeavours!



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Friends of Springbank – What's been happening?

Coffee Squad - It was great to see the Coffee Squad in action at Market Day wearing their 'Coffee Squad' branded aprons.



Friends Coffee Morning - Please join us for coffee in the car park on the first Friday of Term (12th Oct) for a catch up and to welcome new families to Springbank.

Life Skills for Teens (& Parents!) - We are excited to propose a new initiative for 2019 that gives Middle and Senior students the opportunity to attend a range of training courses including Barista Training, Outdoor First Aid, Defensive Driving, R A Tucker Thompson Voyage, Open Water Diving and Basic Car Maintenance at discounted costs. Look out for an email with further details.

FIREWORKS - Saturday 3rd November, Gates open 6:30pm

As you can imagine, planning is now in full swing for our one major fundraising event of the year. Here are some updates and ways you can help:

Raffle Tickets - We appreciate your help selling a book of Raffle Tickets over the holidays. Please aim to return your ticket stubs and money the first week back of Term 4 (or at the latest by Friday 19th Oct)

Food Stalls - Food is such a drawcard at Fireworks, and we have a range of delicious food stalls planned including spit roast, sausages, hot chips & hot dogs, nachos, coffee, cold drinks, slushies, ice-cream and baking. If you have an idea for another food stall you think we should include and would be interested in helping to set it up, please get in touch so we can include it in our planning. Dumplings, german pretzels, waffles, Vietnamese spring rolls?

Ice-cream Containers Wanted - We are after LOTS of Ice-cream containers with lids. Please donate to the cardboard box under the Friends' noticeboard.

Roster - There will be a roster for Fireworks coming out at the beginning of Term 4 and will be posted on the Friends noticeboard by Sally's office. It would be greatly appreciated if you could add your name to a shift as soon as possible.

October Meetings - We normally meet once a month but once the new term starts we are a month out from Fireworks and our meetings will increase to weekly and be on the 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st of October, all at 2:00pm. All welcome.

Erica Wells

Chairperson, Friends of Springbank

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Northern Secondary Schools Ki O Rahi 2018

Our Ki o Rahi team celebrated the last day of winter at the regional competition held at Lindvart Park, Kaikohe. This year has seen Springbank students take another step forward in our Ki o Rahi journey; while many students have been introduced to the rules, strategies, language and values of this *taonga tākaro* (treasured game), our Year 10 players have gone on to organise a house tournament for Year 7 & 8, and three of them attended a referees' course in Kaikohe.

This year our team came up against opposition from Te Kura Kaupapa Māori ō Panguru, Dargaville High School and Opononi Area School – a wonderful chance to meet and play against students from “out of town”. They stayed true to the spirit of the game, playing hard and fair at all times and always supporting each other.

Congratulations to the team who competed on the day: Eva Sfakakis (*Tewhatewha*/Captain), Jack Hittle, Melissa Foster, Bethany Flanagan, Jordan Wojtulewicz, Liam Fawlk, Marie Begemann, Katarina Bell, Annika Geilert, Harrison Irwin, Moritz Stiller, Ollie Huett & Malindi Reihana Ruka (*kaiwaowao*/referee), and huge thanks to all the other students who have trained and played at lunch and after school, making this such a memorable experience. Kia ora!

- Mr Horgan



Speech Finals Years 4-6

Congratulations to all of our Year 4-6 students for the big effort that they all put into writing and delivering their formal speeches.

The final placings in each year level were:

Year 4:

1st: Toni Warren – My Great Grandmother

2nd: Simon Kistemaker – Cats

3rd : Pipi Flintoff – Surfing & Dolphins

Year 5:

1st: Clay Blakeman – Turtles

2nd: Lilly Hulse – Owls

3rd: Lila Evers – The Chicken or The Egg?

Year 6:

1st: Rees Fieldman – Staying Calm Under Stress!

2nd: Sophie Hunia – The Future Dangers of Planet Earth.

3rd: Hannah McIntyre – Mark Vette.



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Ruapehu Ski Trip

We came, we saw, we skied...

If only the 2018 ski trip was that simple! After last year's successful inaugural ski trip, we were looking forward to four straight days of beautiful blue skies and deep fluffy powder. We didn't *quite* get those conditions, but boy did we still have a great time!

We arrived on the afternoon of Sunday 2nd Sept with plenty of daylight to get to our lodge. Unfortunately the 'light' was behind thick rainclouds, which were only too happy to be releasing a constant torrent of near-zero-degree rain all over us. However, we braved this and made it to the lodge... well most of us anyway. The lag-behinders ran out of daylight and had to endure warmer temperatures off the mountain and a luxurious dinner at the local restaurant.

The next day, the weather eased and allowed us our first day of skiing. We made the most of this, and our students received two lessons and improved their skiing and boarding skills significantly throughout the day. That night, a south-easterly wind picked up to gale force and forced the mountain closed for both the Tuesday and Wednesday. If our students were gutted, they hardly showed it. Even though we were mostly lodge-bound, they still found plenty of ways to keep themselves (mostly) sane by playing cards, board games, ping pong, and some good old-fashioned **talking with one another!** We also managed to brave the winds on the Wednesday afternoon. We geared-up, then got out and had a snowman and fort-building competition, then an epic 40-person snowball fight. We certainly made the most of some unfavourable conditions!

At 6:30am the next morning, we were anxiously refreshing Ruapehu's report page to see if the mountain would be open. It was! Albeit only Happy Valley, but it's guaranteed to be the most excited anybody has ever been to solely have Happy Valley open for business! We enjoyed another day's skiing, and it was an awesome end to a mixed-bag week of weather.

Our students were an absolute pleasure to take away, and the comradery they displayed made this trip so incredibly memorable. Thank you! A huge thanks also to the crew of parents and staff that participated, especially our Head Chef, Jo. We certainly ate well!

I'm looking forward to next year's ski trip already!

- Mike Warren



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Readers' Cup

On 29 August, the inaugural Readers' Cup for Year 9 students was held in Whangarei. Sophie, Bethany, James and Marlowe travelled down with a team of parent supporters and Ms H to join teams from as far away as Dargaville and Wellsford.

The competition was fierce, with rounds of questions based on six books that all the teams had read, interspersed with questions and prizes for the audience. A delicious supper was provided by parents and families. It was great to see the team glow as they gleefully whispered answers to each other. At the end of the evening, Springbank came third equal, after Otamatea High School and Whangarei Girls' High School, with a gap of only 2 ½ points between first and third – nail-biting tension!

Thank you to our wonderful team and to the parents who transported them and supported them so enthusiastically. We look forward to next year's competition.

- Jill Hatherly



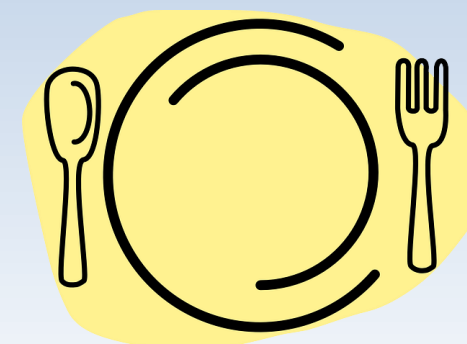
Café Orders Term 4

As we shift into Term 4, there will be some changes with the lunch time orders that can be made through Café @ Redwoods.

Lunch orders will only be available on a Friday for Term Four.

The ordering system is just the same by either dropping into or speaking with the staff directly at Redwoods. Or by completing your form and putting it into the black mail box outside Mrs Collings office by 8:45am.

We would like to give a big thanks to Anthea and her team from Café @ Redwoods for coming on board and supplying & delivering the lunch orders over Term 3.



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AIMS Games

Springbank School were represented at a national tournament for the first time by 14 resilient Year 7 & 8 students at the AIMS games in Tauranga.

We played eleven matches in 5 days, against schools with hundreds of boys to select from. Callum McIntyre led the team with pride and determination, which filtered down to all players who fought hard, game after game. Despite conceding many goals, Springbank footballers kept working hard to score themselves and ended the tournament with a thrilling penalty shoot-out and an end to end 5-2 loss against Omokoroa school. It was a fitting end to a week of football, as well as beach and hot pool recovery sessions, spotlight, cards and keepy-uppy competitions.

The local iwi made us very welcome at their marae for the week and Mr. Horgan, Mr. Whitaker and several parents were proud to support our team who battled their hardest all week. The boys returned to the Bay of Islands completely shattered, but were already making plans for another challenge at AIMS Games 2019.

- Mr Whitaker



New Students

We would like to welcome the following students who have either recently joined us, or will be joining us in Term Four:

Capri Nicolle – Year 2

Beaux Nicolle – Year 4

Kirsten Clark – Year 7

Porter Evers – Year 7

Jeffrey Williams – Year 7

Axel Lipsham – Year 9

Carley MacCarthy – Year 9

Ben Colbatz – Year 7

Ben also attended the AIMS Games and was able to represent Springbank in swimming. Ben swam personal bests in each of his races; 50m and 100m Breast Stroke.



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Regional Science Fair

Congratulations to all the students who represented Springbank at the recent Top Energy Regional Science Fair. We congratulate all the budding young scientists who put in hours of their own time to research and build their Science Fair projects. We offer a special congratulations to the following students who gained some impressive awards:

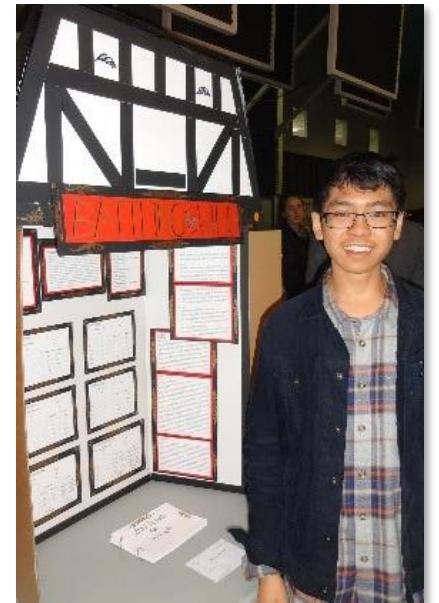
Bronze Award

Ellie Heath and Heidi Traas – *Sweet Tooth*
Ryan McCready - *Winging It*
Callum McIntyre – *Canine Comfort*
Magnus Grant – *Possum Problems*
Sean McConnachie and Georgia Ludbrook
– *The pHproject*



Silver Award

James Broadwith – *Pee Power*
Luq Turner – *Battling The Wind*
Mya Napier – *The Root Of The Problem*



Gold Award

Oliver Sizer and Hunter Blakeman – *Farm Green, River Clean*
Lucy Sizer – *Green Wash*
Malindi Reihana-Ruka – *Varroa Tomorraa*



Outstanding Award (Comvita NZ Award)

Malindi Reihana-Ruka – *Varroa Tomorraa*

Premier Award for Overall Excellence

(awarded to top year 9/10 project)

Malindi Reihana-Ruka – *Varroa Tomorraa*



It was an absolute delight to witness the success of our students at the Regional Science Fair and we wish our future entrants our very best wishes as they try to emulate this year's fantastic achievements.



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Junior Poetry Competition

Over the last few weeks of August, Room 1 and 2 students were working really hard at learning a poem that they had chosen to recite for our 2018 Junior Poetry Competition. Thank you to Ms Hatherly who judged our first round of the competition in both our classrooms. On Friday, 31 August, our 8 finalists from Room 1 and 2 had the opportunity to recite their poem once again for their friends, family and our fabulous judges, Steve and Leila Walsh. We are so proud of the children and the great job they each did.

The finalists were:

- Gaby Morrison (My Dog's Name is Cat)
- Harry Evers (The Life of a Cupcake)
- Holly McIntyre (My Unicorn)
- Will Whitaker (Who Me?)
- Lucia Andrew (Twas the Night before Christmas)
- Anika Beren (You'll Meet Me in the Night)
- Evie Cox (I Love my House)
- Ronan Mc Fadden (Macavity)



Congratulations to the following little people who took our first, second and third places:

- **First Place:** Evie Cox (I Love my House)
- **Second Place:** Lucia Andrew (Twas the Night before Christmas)
- **Third Place:** Anika Beren (You'll Meet Me in the Night)



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News from Headstart

Kia ora kotou,

Headstart have had a super September, jammed full of fun and learning.

We hosted our very own annual Poetry Afternoon, where each Headstart tamariki shared a poem with our rōpū and whanau. Everyone was SO brave - we are so proud. Earlier that day, we handmade our own bread. We learnt that yeast is a key ingredient, making the bread nice and fluffy. Lots of skills were involved, including measuring, stirring and kneading. How amazing is it that the dough rises in the warmth! This interest in the science of baking led to creating stunning baking jars for Market Day. We sold jars full of dry ingredients for a Brownie or a Cookie recipe. Our tamariki prepared the jars, the signage, the company name and learned how to use money and give change. We also had to remember how much our jars cost. In the end, we SOLD OUT! 25% of our profit is going to Foster Hope, Northland, to help children across our region.

We also made the most of te rā, that was shining big and bright and our super school grounds! We did an A-Z Nature Scavenger Hunt. We had to look at our surroundings and filled in as many things starting with that letter. We discovered A-aeroplane, T-tree, G-grass, R-rugby pole, and much more! What a great way to learn about letters. We also got active, practising our handstands and climbing the rugby poles, doing wheel barrows with our friends and waving at the planes passing by. The friendly eels scored some dog jelly meat and bread, too!

Charity Events

During September, we hosted a Father's Day Brekky, to raise money for the Prostate Cancer Society. Thank you to all the dads who came to support. You are all super humans.

We also celebrated Daffodil Day! We believe the Cancer Society is a worthy cause - their work is life changing. We were lucky enough to go to the local Daffodil World and pick our very own stunning daffodils. We brought our bikes to school and hooped around the track. Thank you for your generous donations to the Cancer Society.



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Preschool Report

For Father's Day this year, we teamed up with Headstart to host a Father's Day Breakfast, whilst also raising money for the Prostate Cancer Society. We were overwhelmed with the massive turnout of dads who came along to spend the morning with their children and enjoy a good old fashioned cooked breakfast.



What a superb Market Day this year. We would like to say thank you to all our families who contributed items to our hamper raffle. We had a wonderful day talking and meeting with the community and it was lovely to see so many Preschool families coming out to enjoy the day.

We raised over \$600.00, which is an outstanding amount and that money is going to go towards our Christmas Carnival.

Thanks to everyone who came and helped us on the day and a big pat on the back goes to our Number One salesman, Andrew!



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Make the most of the remainder of the school holidays, and I look forward to seeing our students raring to go for the last nine school weeks of 2018!

Regards

Mike Warren

Principal

Thought for the Week

Term 3, Week 7 – Hope:

“Never stop believing in hope because miracles happen every day.”

Courtesy of Mr Grimshaw

Term 3, Week 8 – Humour:

“A day without laughter is a day wasted.”

- Charlie Chaplin

Courtesy of Mrs Druery

Term 3, Week 9 – Spirituality:

“Mauri Ora!”

Courtesy of Mr Horgan



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