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Dear Parents

How many hours per week do each of your children spend on digital devices? What proportion of this time is spent on games, social media, homework or other activities? Do they have a social media or gaming addiction? Who are they interacting with online, and do they have necessary strategies to deal with cyber bullying and other potential threats?

Are you able to answer any or all of those questions with any degree of confidence?

Raising children is a challenging enough without having to also consider their digital life. However, children's digital habits can have massive consequences for their "offline" lives, some positive but some potentially quite negative.

The Friends of Springbank have graciously organised and fully funded a Netsafe representative to run a workshop for Springbank staff and a seminar for Springbank families on **Monday 12th November**. The family seminar will run **in the school hall at 6:00pm**.

This seminar will be relevant for parents with children of any age, even if they do not yet have an online presence (and especially appropriate for those who do!).

We are really looking forward to running this session, as no longer is there such a thing as the separate "internet world" and the "real world". It is our role as parents to work with our children and to equip them with the tools necessary to safely navigate their use of digital devices in a safe and balanced way.

Also, you never know; as parents, we might learn a thing or two regarding our own digital device use in the process!

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Dates to Note:

- **3 November** – Fireworks Extravaganza!
 - **12 November** – Netsafe Talk with Pauline Spence, Parent Evening Session 6pm
 - **23 November** – Puffer & Chris Lam Sam, Free Concert Yr 1-8
 - **28 November** – Middle / Senior Options Day
 - **30 November** – Certificate Assemblies.
 - Years 1 – 6 at 9am
 - Years 7 – 10 at 1pm
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- **1 December** – Robotics Competition in Auckland
 - **3 December** – Big Day Out
 - **4 December** – Gift Giving
 - **5 December** – Prize Giving 9am
 - **6 December** – Water Fight / Last Day of Term 4, 2018
 - **7 December** – Teacher Only Day



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Fireworks Extravaganza

SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

GATES OPEN 6:30PM
FIREWORKS 9PM

ENTRY \$5 PER PERSON
UNDER 5-YRS FREE

COME ALONG FOR A NIGHT OF FUN, FOOD, &
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT | EFTPOS AVAILABLE

THIS IS A FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT
ALCOHOL IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED
BAGS WILL BE SEARCHED ON ENTRY

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Fireworks Extravaganza 2018

The Fireworks Extravaganza is almost here and it's going to be another awesome event!

We have been supported by a number of fantastic businesses this year, via ground support on the day of the event. Helping run free buses to and from the show. promotional support, right through to donating prizes for our raffle giveaways.

This year we are running free buses again from Paihia, Kawakawa, Kaikohe, Kaeo and Kerikeri. Full details on the buses can be found the Springbank School Facebook page, the Kerikeri Noticeboard page and The Northland Grapevine page.

A new addition to the 2018 event, is the option of being able to pay by Eftpos.

- Entry tickets can be purchased either by cash, or by Eftpos
- In addition, our food and drink stalls will be operating with Springbucks. Real money is to be exchanged for Springbucks at the banking stations. Value is \$1 to \$1 and if you have any Springbucks left over at the end of the night, you can return them for your money back. The reason we are using Springbucks as a currency is for security purposes, ensuring that there isn't a great deal of cash floating around throughout the evening.

A huge thank you to our Friends of Springbank Committee who are working tirelessly to get this event up and running. Thanks also to our students and families who have been doing an amazing job selling raffle tickets around town.

We are really looking forward to another successful event and putting on a great family evening of fun, laughs, entertainment, and of course FIREWORKS!

See you all there, Saturday 3rd November from 6:30pm!



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2018 FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA



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Meghshyam Prakash – Youth MP

Every year, Members of Parliament select a youth from their region to represent them and the young people from their community on the Youth Parliament.

For Northland, our current MP is Matt King from the National Party.

Our very own Meghshyam Prakash from Year 12 has been given this honour of representing the Northland Youth on the Youth Parliament for 2019.

Meghshyam had to submit a video to promote his visions for Northland. Having now been selected, he will have the chance to debate current affairs in mock parliament sessions next year.

At the Youth Parliament event in July 2019, Youth MPs will learn about parliamentary and government decision-making processes through participating in general and mock legislative debates, sitting on Youth Parliament select committees, and asking parliamentary questions of Ministers.

Please help us congratulate Meghshyam on this fantastic achievement and wish him all the very best in this exciting role for next year.



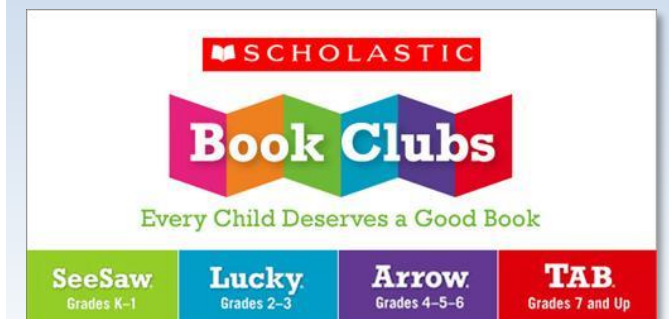
Scholastic Book Club

We are looking for someone to take over the Scholastic Book Orders for Springbank.

We would like to thank Bernie Whitaker who has been looking after this role for us. She is happy to spend some time with our next volunteer to hand over the process ☺

There isn't much involved with organising the Book Club orders, as most parents order online. So, it is just distributing the brochures out to Preschool, Headstart and school classes, processing the few orders that are manual and then distributing the books when they arrive at school.

If you are interested and have a spare few hours to help look after the Scholastic Book Club, please give Bernie a call or text on 021 1774 965.



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Celebrating 20 Years!

We would like to acknowledge Ms Chapman, as she has been a teacher at Springbank School for 20 years!

Ms Chapman has played a very important role in helping make Springbank School what it is today. Her involvement with Enterprise over the years has been outstanding, with many wins and successes. Here are just some of Ms Chapman's highlights:

- *Dominating the Enterprise Northland Top Enterprise School and most enterprising teacher.*
- *Being part of the YES (Young Enterprise Scheme) and winning the regional competition several times over and a national award with her daughter Nikki's Team, The Cashew Company (Youngest NZ YES team ever).*
- *She especially enjoyed working with the Dr Gripper team and visiting 3M with Gary Larkan with their invention of a wax strips for surfboards.*
- *The E4E and Cambridge Conferences have always been stimulating and motivating.*
- *Blaze Aid Gala in Town to raise money for Victoria Bushfire which raised over \$5000.*
- *Winning the National Maggi Kitchen Showdown competition where the students competed on Erin Simpson Show and were treated like stars.*
- *Winning the Young Farmers Agrikids and TeenAg competitions.*
- *The many Market Days with the vast array of innovative, commercially viable products.*
- *The Year 9 Community projects including the renovation of the Whanau Room at the Bay of Islands Hospital which cost over \$12,000, through fundraising and donations.*
- *Working with Bay Builders and other Northland builders to renovate of the Physiotherapy Room and the building of a library and a Conference Room for the Kerikeri Retirement Village.*
- *The renovation and opening of the Taumarere Station for the Bay of Islands Vintage Railway Trust and building of the Charlies Rock Walkway.*
- *The Business Studies exam results with nearly a consistent 100% pass rate and a combined 280% higher than the global average in the last 5 years.*

Ms Chapman lives and breathes her teaching job, going above and beyond what is expected. We would like to say a huge thank you for being part of our Springbank family over the last 20 years and we look forward to another successful, fun and rewarding 20 years!

A very loved teacher

Below are just some of the comments that were posted on Facebook, celebrating Ms Chapman's 20 years.



Kirstie (ex student) "Congrats Mrs Chapman! Keep up the good work 😊"

Maria (ex colleague) "Super talented, super funny, super teacher, super friend! Awesome achievement."

Justine (ex student) "Oh wow ...I definitely enjoyed her life stories she would often tell us during her classes."

Madi (ex student) "YES MS CHAPMAN my love for enterprise and business studies came purely from you as you were the one who introduced me into the world of innovation and I have been chasing it for the last 5 years and it has given me so many life lessons."



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Agri Pet / Art Day 2018

We completed another successful Agri Pet / Art Day for 2018. On Friday 26th October, we had six lambs, two ponies and one calf (by photo) entered into the pet event.

The weather was looking a little wet to start, but by the time the parade and formalities began at 9am, the rain had all gone. Thank you to all our competitors in the pet event. It's great to see the wonderful bonds you have with your animals and wild costume ideas.

Our podium winners were:

Category	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Best Costume	Lila with Coco	Lindi with Barbie	Charlie with Roko
Best Grooming	Jared with Rose	Toni with Mint	Leonardo with Kyle
Best Bond	Toni with Mint	Lila with Coco	Leonardo with Kyle
Best Lead	Lila with Coco	Amelia with Shirley	Leo with Kyle
Best Calf Photo	Harry with Ella		
Best in Show	Amelia with Shirley		



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Agri Pet/ Art Day continues ...

The art section of our Agri Day once again did not disappoint. It was fantastic to see so many entries and such individual creative flare! New for 2018, we had the colouring competition, flower display, vegetable sculpture and added in a fourth category of making and decorating a gingerbread man.

Our judges Sophia Warren and Angie Phillipps had the difficult job of choosing our place-getters for this year. They were very impressed with the clever use of vegetables for the sculptures and how the designs told a story.

There were some beautiful flower arrangements, great eye for detail in the colouring competition and some very handsome and delicious-looking gingerbread men.

Well done and thank you to everyone who took part this year. It's great to see you taking the time to get involved, getting creative and having a bit of fun. Thanks to our judges on the day, Year 10 student helpers, and our Agri Day parent committee.



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Students at a glance

Name: Nelson

Year: 2

House Group: Orcas



What do you enjoy about Springbank School? *I get to play on the trampoline, go down to the back field, and play football.*

What's your favourite subject? *Maths!*

What's your favourite song? *The Troll Song by Justin Timberlake.*

What's the best thing to do at lunchtime? *Play on the trampoline.*

If I were Principal I'd ... *work hard every day.*

In my spare time out of school I like to ... *Play tag, play cops & robbers. I like tennis too.*

Name: Sophia

Year: 2

House Group: Stingrays



What do you enjoy about Springbank School? *The work! ☺*

What's your favourite subject? *Maths, like Nelson does.*

What's your favourite song? *Queens.*

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

If I were Principal I'd ... *work very hard!*

In my spare time out of school I like to ... *Work, Play. Oh and I help with the cows as I am a dairy farmer ☺*



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Changes for Room 1

There has been a change of the guard in Room 1 for the rest of Term 4 this year. Mrs Foster is taking a sabbatical for the rest of the term with her husband. Shaun has been given the opportunity to take a sabbatical after 18+ years in his current job, which is well deserved. So who better to take some well-earned rest with him, than our lovely Mrs Foster.

We wish you safe and fun travels, and we look forward to hearing all about your trip when you're back in the classroom for 2019.

While Mrs Foster is away, we have a familiar face stepping in; Mrs Gwyneth Hulse. Mrs Hulse has already relieved in some of our other Junior classes this year and is Mum to Lilly and Clara who attend Springbank School.

Mrs Hulse is a talented and creative teacher and we know the children in Room 1 are going to have a lot of great fun with her.

Thanks to Mrs Phillips

We will have to say farewell to Mrs Phillips at the end of Week 6, as she has taken up a full-time RTLB support role within the wider Far North community. However, we'll still see her friendly face from time to time as she drops her girls off at the school.

We would like to take this time to say thank you very much to Mrs Phillips, for the passion and dedication she has brought to the classroom each day. Mrs Phillips has adapted to teaching several subjects at several levels. She has taught Year 5 art, Year 6 English, Year 7 English, and Year 8 Mathletics.

Mrs Phillips actually started her new (full time) role at the start of this term, but she has been so passionate to see her Year 7 students through the year, that she negotiated a special deal in which she was able to still teach them up to the end of Week 6 of this term. We think that is seriously dedicated, and it just highlights how much Mrs Phillips has given to her teaching role at Springbank this year.

Thank you, Mrs Phillips. You will be missed!

Sun Smart

The winterless north summer sun is really starting to kick in now.

Therefore, it is a good time for us to remind you to please ensure your child has:

- ✓ A good sunhat in their bag.
- ✓ Water bottle.
- ✓ Sunscreen before school. There are bottles of sunscreen available around the school. However, if your child requires a certain brand, it's a good idea to have a spare one in their bag.
- ✓ Light, long-sleeved clothing.



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Hospice Mid-Northland Art & Collectables Auction

We are proud to support Hospice Mid-Northland with their annual Art & Collectables Auction.

Thank you to our senior students. What fantastic role models for our younger students; giving up their Friday night to support a worthy cause and representing our school with pride. You guys rock!

Message from Hospice on their Facebook page:

"Many thanks to this group of senior students from Springbank School for your support at our annual Art & Collectables Auction held on Friday night. We have received so many compliments about you all! Well done team!"



Koast Kerikeri Open Art Studios Trail

We had the pleasure of hosting some of the artists taking part in the Koast art trail this year over Labour Weekend.

The weather was superb, so what better way to spend a great weekend than looking at some amazing paintings, photography, jewellery, sculpture and other media.

Our very own students had some of their photography work on display, and visitors were most impressed!



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Year 7 Boat Race

After working hard and completing their Progressive exams, Year 7 students have been engineering boats from a wide range of resources.

Designs were tried and tested over the week and many weird and wonderful creations were on display last Friday for the Year 7 boat race.

Taking advantage of the Waiwhakarongaro stream which runs through the school grounds, a competitive race was observed by the Headstart students and parents who were able to attend. All observers praised the students for their ability to design and create such a diverse set of craft.

The race was hotly contested, and 'Silver Arrow' (produced by Ryan McCready, Hunter Blakeman and Jeffrey Sharipova-Williams) led for most of the race, only to be dramatically overtaken at the finish line by the victorious vessel 'Bekfast' (created by Ben Colbatz and Ollie Ludbrook).

The race concluded with a swim and some bombs into the plunge pool of the stream to celebrate their wonderful achievements.

- Mr Whitaker



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MUNA / Rotary Dinner

As a follow-up to this year's MUNA conference, Max Hittle and Meghshyam Prakash were invited to attend the Waipapa Rotary Club on 17 October, for dinner and an opportunity to share their MUNA experiences with the members.

They both spoke eloquently about the conference and were complimented for their intelligent and thought-provoking presentation – this was one of the best ever. The boys were kept on their toes with some challenging questions from the audience, which they answered powerfully, cementing the good impression they had already made.

They are both keen to form the nucleus of next year's team, and I look forward to another enriching experience.

We thank the Rotary Club of Waipapa most sincerely, as without their generous support, our students would not be able to take up this wonderful opportunity.

Thank you!

- Mrs Hatherly



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News from Headstart

Kia ora, whānau!

We had have kicked off the term with a roaring start! Over the holidays, Anna and the team worked hard to re-vamp some of our outdoor spaces. We now have a shiny new (or should we say, muddy new), mud kitchen, water play area, giant chalk board and a spruced garden area.

Pies, cakes and dinner has been cooked up in the mud kitchen and with the warm weather, we experimented with colourful dyes in the water.

Some of our interests for this term include volcanos, precious metals, dinosaurs, cats, and sport! We have some super exciting trips happening; a Dino Dig being one and a trip to a real volcano!

We built a huge volcano in our sandpit. Once it was finished, we used vinegar and baking soda to make a lava explosion! We learnt how to make a hypothesis - which is what we think will happen, before we do the experiment.

We had a grand opening of our Dinosaur Museum during Week 2. Anna and Mrs Frame transformed our Wendy House into an interactive Dinosaur Museum - we love it! It has dino facts, a spot to make bone prints, a giant volcano on the wall and much more!

We have also been learning about different types of measurement. So far, we have learnt about height - some things are tall and other things are short. We (all by ourselves!) worked out the height of each person in the class. Check out the order! Grass is really short at Headstart, and some of us built some really TALL sandcastles. We also measured how high and how far we can jump! Later in the term we will be exploring weight and baking measurements!

We can't wait to share more of our adventures in the next newsletter.

Kia kaha e hoa mā



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Preschool Report

We were lucky enough to visit Morepork Lodge as part of our “Being Kind” project. The children had a great time looking around the property, putting out food for the Kiwi, holding chickens and even finding some time to roll down the grass!

A huge thank you to Owen and Harry’s grandparents, Barb and Paul Linton, who were incredible hosts and made us all feel so welcome.

Preschool entered a video into the “Think Kind” competition and we won! We have been given \$250.00 for Preschool and this will be presented to us next month. Thanks to the team for all their hard work with getting this prepared. Our kindness song has become the new Preschool anthem.

As the warmer weather starts to greet us, the children are exploring even more outdoors and enjoying all that our outdoor environment offers us.



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WANTED

Do you have a sofa, some comfy chairs, or beanbags that you no longer require at home? Our Senior Common Room is looking for some comfortable furniture to fill up their space for 2019.

If you have anything that would be suitable, please contact john.haydock@springbank.school.nz

Bring on November!

Regards

Mike Warren
Principal

Thought for the Week

Term 4, Week 1 – Leadership:

“Leadership is not a position or title, it is action and example.”

Courtesy of Mr Warren

Term 4, Week 2 – Zest:

“Zest is the secret of all beauty. There is no beauty that is attractive without zest.”

- Christian Dior

Courtesy of Year 10

Term 4, Week 3 – Teamwork:

“Talent wins games, but teamwork wins championships.”

- Michael Jordan

Courtesy of Year 9

Term 4, Week 4 – Humour:

“Life is better when you’re laughing.”

Courtesy of Year 8



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