



Newsletter No.11 | November 2018

Dear Parents

The last week of term is now upon us, and oh how quickly Term Four has gone! There's plenty happening at present as we round off 2018 and look forward to 2019. We have had our graduation dinner, Options Day, certificate assemblies, and Big Day Outs (or ins!).

We invite all of our parents, grandparents and friends of school to our annual Springbank School Prizegiving Ceremony on Wednesday morning. The Springbank School Coffee Squad will be offering complimentary barista coffee from 8.30am, with the event starting at 9.00am. This is a special opportunity for all of our students to be inspired by our truly outstanding and hard-working recipients, and to hear from each of our graduating students, as they embark on the next chapter of their lives. I look forward to you joining in our celebration, if you are able to make it along.

We have a special farewell/celebration assembly on Thursday morning at 8:35am. Chris Whitaker will be leaving Springbank at the end of this term, and we wish to acknowledge the contribution that he has made in the time that he has been with us. We will also be celebrating the teaching career of Jill Hatherly, who will be officially retiring from teaching at the end of this year. This is not a farewell for Jill, as she will remain at Springbank as our librarian extraordinaire, however it is a great opportunity to celebrate her extensive teaching career. Please join us if you are able to make it along.

Dates to Note:

- **3 December** – Big Day Out
- **4 December** – Final assembly, followed by Gift Giving (supporting NEST).
- **5 December** – Prize Giving 9am
- **6 December** – Last Day of Term 4, 2018.
- Farewell for Chris Whitaker, celebration of teaching for Jill Hatherly – 9am.
- Annual Water Fight – 2pm
- **7 December** – Teacher Only Day



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Fireworks Extravaganza

We would also like to say another big thank you to parents, teachers, students and sponsors for helping to make this year's Fireworks Extravaganza such an enormous success. The event attracted over 2600 attendees and was an outstanding family friendly evening, enjoyed by the whole community.

The Fireworks Extravaganza is our key fundraising event of the year and provides the funds Friends channels directly back to the students. **This year we raised a whopping \$15,000!**

As a special thank you, the Coffee Squad will be serving complimentary coffee in the hall before prize giving from 8:30am on Wednesday 5th Dec. We hope you can join us.

Kind regards,

Erica Wells, Chairperson, Friends of Springbank



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Farewell to Mr Whitaker

It is time to say thank you and farewell to Mr. Chris Whitaker, who is leaving Springbank School at the end of this year. Mr Whitaker is taking up a very exciting teaching position in the beautiful island of Rarotonga, to teach Science and PE. This is a great opportunity for Mr Whitaker and his wife Bernie, along with their children Will & Lily to experience a new culture and enjoy some new adventures together.

I would like to say a sincere thank you to Mr. Whitaker. Mr. Whitaker has immersed fully himself into our school, has developed strong rapport with students and staff alike, and has made a significant positive impact in several areas across the school. He has given his all to his role and has demonstrated a great deal of enthusiasm.

- Mike Warren



Thank you to Ms Hatherly

We also would like to say a huge thank you to Ms Hatherly, but it's not goodbye. Ms Hatherly has stepped down from her teaching role within Springbank School and her phenomenal 42-year teaching career.

Ms Hatherly has been teaching at Springbank School for over 16 years. Predominantly teaching English, she has also taught Drama, Social Studies and ESOL. I would like to take this time to thank Ms Hatherly for her dedication to our Springbank students and her passion for language and literature. She has been a huge advocate of MUNA and Lit Quiz, organising these for well over 15 years.

Jill's legacy in setting up the Springbank library is incredible. We are fortunate that she will continue as librarian and we will still see her smiling face in the library and hear about all the wonderful books on offer, at assembly.

Please join us, in thanking both Mr. Whitaker and Ms Hatherly at a special assembly on Thursday 6th December at 8:35am in the school hall.



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Middle School Disco

Hawaiian shirts, colourful leis, tropical flowers, flashing lights and great music! The 2018 Middle School Disco was certainly a fantastic way to let our hair down and celebrate the end of exams. The decorations were awesome and certainly gave the WOW effect as soon as you entered the room! The walls were draped with fairy lights, tables decorated with candles, shells and hessian runners, and the beautiful place settings gave a hint of the fantastic food to come. Roast lamb, poached chicken and chilli sauce, roast vegetables and salads galore... it was amazing anyone had room for dessert. But when the chocolate mud cake, raspberry and white chocolate cream filled pavlovas, and fresh fruit kebabs arrived, everyone miraculously found room for more. After the delicious food, Max Hittle Jr, our awesome DJ, ramped up the volume and we danced the night away to the latest music, as well as learning some new dances, as Zara Booth taught us how to 'Strip the Willow'!

This amazing night wouldn't have been possible without Joeline Booth, from Special Occasions who donated her time and decorations to create such a great atmosphere, and who cooked the amazing food – you are a star! Big thanks to Max Hittle Jr. who did such a great job as our DJ and kept the evening moving. Thanks also to Zara Booth who took the photos – visit her website to see them – www.zarajboothphotography.nz. Thanks to the awesome Middle School teachers who came along to party, the parents who helped, and last but not least the 'Disco Team' who organized the event, led by Anna Sizer. Friends of Springbank also kindly donated money towards the cost of the event, for which we are very grateful.

We can't wait to party again next year!

By Lucy Sizer, Yr 9.

Photos thanks to Zara Booth



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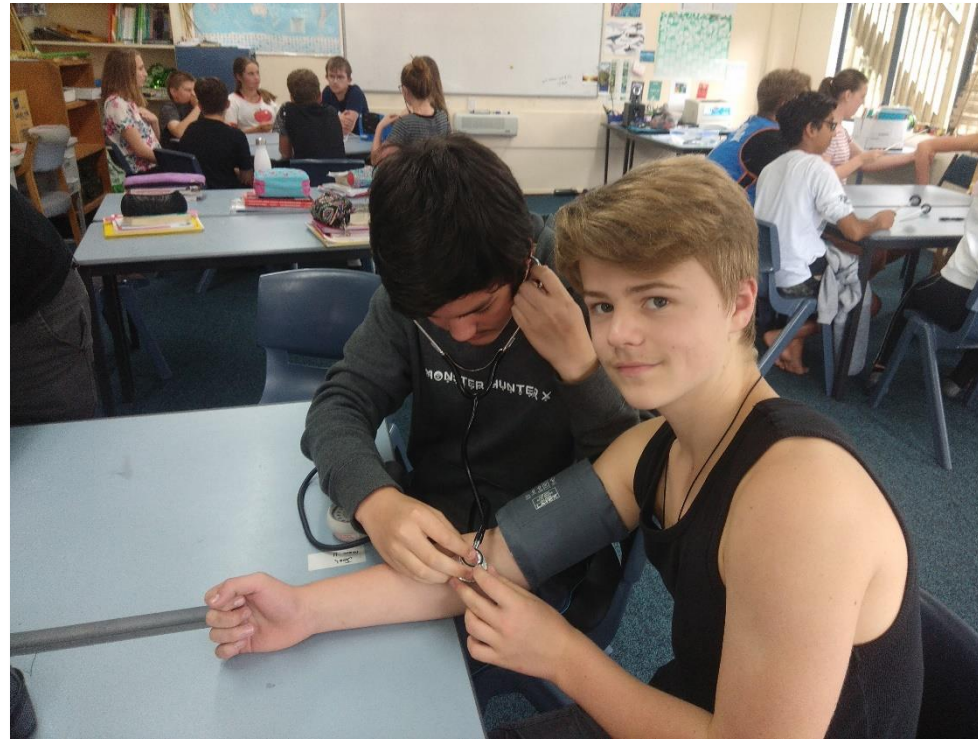
Medical Research

Medical students from Auckland university visited our Year 9 and 10 science classes during November to share their stories and encourage our students towards a path studying health sciences.

Ten budding doctors showed our students how various pieces of equipment are used in hospitals and let students trial them on each other. We also heard about the various pathways and careers in health science and learnt that there is a shortage of medical workers in rural areas such as ours.

Hopefully a few seeds have been sown and some of our students will be returning as doctors and GPs in the years to come!

- Mr. Whitaker



Year 9 & 10 Science

The Year 9 and 10 Science classes have been spending time with a NorthTec engineer to inspire the students and show them pathways into future careers in the engineering sector.

Students were challenged to build bridges using spaghetti and marshmallows, and many different designs were attempted before testing the load capacity of each structure.

The Year 9 class out-shone the Year 10 class and the best bridge supported 2.5kg!



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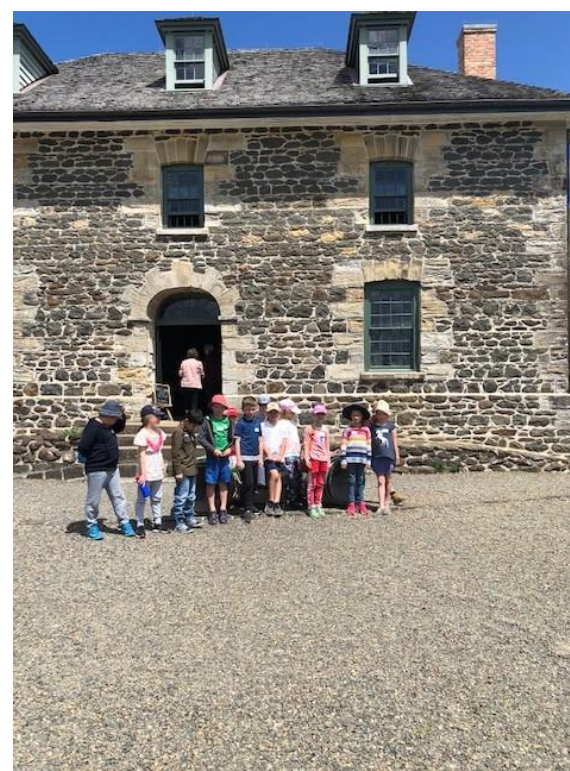
Room 2 Trip

Room 2 recently visited the Stone Store and Kemp House. Our guide, Millie, was entertaining and had many interesting things to tell us.

We enjoyed looking around the old house and then exploring inside the Stone Store. It was fun learning about the history of our local community.

Thank you to the parents who came along to help on the day – we appreciated your assistance with the small groups and with driving the vans.

- Jacqui Larkan



FUTSAL

Is coming to Kerikeri

"No time plus no space equals better skills. Futsal is our national laboratory of improvisation"

Dr Miranda - Professor of football at Sao Paulo University

FUTSAL SESSIONS - Term 1 2019

The following ages are a guideline only and have some flexibility.

Ages

8 - 10yrs

11 - 13yrs

Days & Times

Fri 5:00 - 6:30pm

Fri 6:30 - 8:00pm

Kerikeri High School Gym

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- * Dramatically increases skill, agility, speed, quick decision making & confidence
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Year 7 Raft Race

The Year 7 class embarked upon another engineering project; to design, construct and test life-sized raft in the Waiwhakarongaro stream. Teams of three or four students sourced locally grown bamboo, timber, barrels and other unwanted materials and crafted rafts of many diverse appearances.

Ellie Heath, Izzy Welling, Mishell Zisakis and Ellamae MacCarthy impressed with their raft, which was made entirely from locally sourced plant-based materials; bamboo and hand-made flax twine.

Ryan McCready, Ted Houry and Calan Blake produced by far the largest craft, which required a huge team of willing helpers to launch the huge waka (thank you to the wonderful international students for assisting!). It was able to support an impressive five people without sinking.

All boats lined up and completed a dramatic race, but there were no individual winners. All groups impressed with their engineering skills, teamwork and resourcefulness.

- Mr Whitaker



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English Teachers for 2019

There will be some changes in the English Department for 2019, so we'd like to update you all now.

Mrs Druery will be away on Maternity Leave over Terms 1 & 2 as she welcomes in baby #2. We would like to take this time to wish Mrs Druery, her husband Christian, and their son Noah all the best over the next couple of months.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Sara Hittle will be covering Mrs Druery's leave. In addition, she will also teach Year 9 English.

Mrs Hittle is already a familiar face around school and with her teaching experience and passion for English, we know she is going to do a fantastic job.

Read, Read, Read over summer!

Ms Hatherly announced in assembly this month, the opportunity to take out 10 (yes that's 10!) books over the summer school holidays.

If you would like to take up this offer of choosing some books to inspire you, make you laugh, cry and take your imagination on some wild adventures, please go and see Ms Hatherly in the library to organise this.

Please remember all the books will need to be returned during Week 1 of the first term in 2019. So it might be a good idea to choose a safe location at home where you can keep the books.

Happy Reading!



Holiday Sports Camps

Tina from Get Active NZ will be running Holiday Sports Camps again, from Monday 17th December until Friday 21st December. Additional weeks will be added in the New Year.

- Open to ages: 5-13 years
- Cost: \$45 per day / \$200 per week.
- What to bring: Sports shoes, change of clothes, food and drink bottle.

If you would like to find out more details or to enrol your child, please go to www.getactivenz.co.nz for more information or you can contact Tina directly on 021 0244 6969



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Headstart Report

Kia ora ,

We have been having a ball over the last few weeks of term!

Roy from the Fire Brigade came and spoke to us about being fire wise! We want our tamariki to know what to do in case of a fire emergency. We learnt how to get low, stay low and get out! Roy suggested that every whānau have a known 'safe place' on or near their property.

On Rātū, the International Students and Mr Haydock invited us to a Science Experiment Show! They showed us how a Van de Graaff generator works, how mixing some liquids causes colour change and they let off a smoke bomb! When they lit the smoke bomb, it blew in the complete opposite direction we predicted! STINKY!

Chris Lam Sam and Sailor the Puffer Fish visited us and taught us all about a problem faced by lots of New Zealanders - Asthma. We learnt about the triggers and how to help our friends in case of an Asthma Emergency.

We have also officially opened our Santa Grotto! We would really like Santa to come stay at Headstart, when he swings via Kerikeri. We've sorted out a beach mural and even a Christmas tree to make him feel at home. We got busy writing letters to Santa, letting him know what our mile long wish lists are! Make sure you come by and have a look!

- Abi Frame & Anna Wilson



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News from Preschool

Many of our children have younger or older siblings at Preschool and we always encourage our children to play with and visit each other.

We have a really nice connection between our Infants & Toddlers space and the older children. Even some of our children who might be the youngest in their family, are building great friendships with our littlest friends, showing them real kindness and love.



Preschool has been very busy welcoming visitors this month. We had Roy the Fire Wise man come and talk to us all about keeping ourselves safe around fire and what to do if there is a fire at our house. We learnt it's really important to talk about an escape plan and where a safe place is to meet, should there ever be a fire at home.

We also had Melanie Drewery, an incredible author, come to visit us and read us a couple of her books. Her books are developed with kiwi children in mind and are very authentic to Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Our friendly ducks continue to visit us and have grown so big, so quickly. We have lots of tadpoles at Preschool too, so many that we have had to release some in the stream at the back of school. We are sure the tadpoles will thrive in their new home and we might just spot them on our next Forest Walk.



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Senior Dinner

Thank you to our Year 11 – 13 students and their families who joined us at the Senior Graduation Dinner on Tuesday 27th November. Class teachers Chris Whitaker, Paul McFadden and John Haydock gave spirited, and sometimes hilarious presentations. The tributes to their students were heartfelt, and evidence that our teachers have developed a strong rapport with their students.

This was such an enjoyable evening, where our teachers celebrated and congratulated their students on their great year's work. It is also a special time in which we can wish our graduating students all the very best for their next journey ahead.

Thank you to Mrs Collings & Mr Haydock for organising the venue and for the running of the night.

We wish our students all the best in the last week of term. Look out for our last newsletter, which will be issued mid-December!

Regards

Mike Warren
Principal

Thought for the Week

Term 4, Week 5 – Gratitude:

"An attitude of gratitude brings great things."

– Yogi Bhajan

Courtesy of Year 7

Term 4, Week 6 – Perseverance:

"I have not failed, I have just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

– Thomas Edison

Courtesy of Year 6

Term 4, Week 7 – Bravery:

"Success if not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

– Winston Churchill

Courtesy of Mr Hittle

Term 4, Week 8 – Kindness:

"Kindness is a gift everyone can afford to give."

Courtesy of Room 2



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