



Newsletter No. 1 | January 2021

Dear Parents

Happy New Year and welcome to 2021 at Springbank! I hope you managed to spend some quality time with your children over summer. We've had some magnificent, hot weather lately, so I'm sure many of our teachers and students will be thankful for cool air-conditioned classrooms!

Our 2020 Cambridge International Examination results are back and there are plenty of excellent results to celebrate. You can find our highlights on the next page of this newsletter.

I am looking forward to more academic successes this year. Here's hoping we don't have any major upheaval this year, but I know that should New Zealand experience any more lockdowns, we would be ready and able to continue providing our students with the best learning opportunities.

I would like to welcome everyone back for another great year at Springbank School, and I warmly welcome our 39 new students and their families. Even without our usual cohort of international students, our school roll is currently the highest it has been for many years. We welcome Phil Webb back to the classroom as he teaches AS Chemistry! Andrea Druery moves back into fulltime, adding AS History to her repertoire. Lewis Wallace, our ICT teacher, is now with us full time, adding Art & Design Technology to his subject specialties. Gwyneth Hulse will continue her Fridays in Room One and is also our new Art and Design Technology teacher. We also warmly welcome Kortne Snedden to our Junior School, teaching Year 4. What a team we have! Let's get stuck in!

Dates & Events to Note:

2021 Term Dates

- *Term 1: 2 Feb – 16 Apr (11 weeks)*
- *Term 2: 3 May – 9 Jul (10 weeks)*
- *Term 3: 26 Jul – 24 Sep (9 weeks)*
- *Term 4: 11 Oct – 9 Dec (9 weeks)*

Public Holidays in Term One

- *Waitangi Day – Mon 8th Feb (observed)*
- *Good Friday – Fri 2nd April*
- *Easter Monday – Mon 5th April*
- *Easter Tuesday – Tue 6th April*

School Camps

- *Year 7-9 – Wed 10 to Fri 12 Feb*
- *Year 10-13 – Wed 10 to Fri 12 Feb*
- *Year 1-3 – Thu 11 to Fri 12 Feb*
- *Year 4-6 – Wed 24 to Fri 26 Feb*



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Superb 2020 Springbank School Exam Results!

Springbank School's 2020 Cambridge International exam results have all arrived, and we are exceptionally proud of so many of our students, for the hard work that they have put in to achieve personal excellence.

Here's a quick breakdown of our students' successes:

AS and A2 Level (University Entrance Papers)	IGSCE	Lower Secondary (Year 9) Checkpoint
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 87% of all papers gained a pass grade or above. ❖ 100% of Year 13 students gained University Entrance, and a staggering 63% of all Year 12 students have already gained University Entrance. ❖ Special mention to Jack Hittle who achieved A grades across all of his subjects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 98% of all papers were passed – an exceptional feat. ❖ 34% were an A or A* grade. ❖ The average mark across all papers was 74% - phenomenal! ❖ Special mention to Marlowe who gained one A and five A*s, earning himself an average of 91.2% average across all his subjects. This is the highest average that any Springbank student has achieved. ❖ Other students who performed well included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Rebecca Nugteren gained five As and one A*. ❖ James Broadwith gained one B, three As and three A*s. ❖ Bethany Flanagan gained three Bs, one A and three A*s. ❖ Ellie Epley gained three As. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Lower Secondary Checkpoint results were exceptional with average marks across all three subjects (English, Maths and Science) well above the international average.

These results are testament to our hardworking students and dedicated, passionate teachers. 2020 was a challenging year with disruptions for many students around the world. However, our teachers and students proved that, whilst supporting one another, they demonstrated resilience and perseverance to achieve success.

We are looking forward to 2021 being another great year at Springbank School!



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Springbank School Staff 2021

We would like to introduce all of our staff members for 2021. We have a brilliant team of teachers who are passionate about providing your children with the very best educational experience whilst at Springbank School.

If you wish to contact a member of staff, you can email them by using *firstname.surname@springbank.nz*

Mike Warren	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal • Leadership, Human Resources, Management & Administration • Director
Junior School	
Jacqui Larkan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Principal Junior School • Class Teacher Year 3
Leanne Filer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Teacher Year 5 & 6
Kortne Snedden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Teacher Year 4
Bridget Foster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Teacher Year 1 & 2 (<i>Monday to Thursday</i>)
Gwyneth Hulse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Teacher Year 1 & 2 (<i>Friday</i>)
Sara Hittle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drama Year 3
Max Hittle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE Year 3 • Mathematics Year 6
Lewis Wallace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICT Year 3 & 4
Vera Dong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Mandarin Year 5 & 6 (Term One only)

Middle School			
Michelle Chapman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Principal Middle School • Form Teacher Year 8 • Social Enterprise Year 8 & 9 	Mark Epley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics Year 7-9 • Social Enterprise Year 7 • Fitness
Vicky Binedell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form Teacher Year 9a • Mathematics Year 9 	John Haydock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science Year 8



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Middle School

Sara Hittle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Year 8 & 9 	Adam Horgan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Years 7-9 PE Year 9
Max Hittle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE Year 7 & 8 Music Year 7 & 8 	Lewis Wallace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form Teacher Year 7 Art & Design Technology Years 7-9 ICT Years 7-9
Mark Broadwith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form Teacher Year 9b English Year 7 Science Year 7 & 9 	Vera Dong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Mandarin Years 7-9 (Term One only)

Senior School

John Haydock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy Principal Senior School Form Teacher Year 13 AS Marine Science AS Physics Science Year 11 	Vicky Binedell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS Mathematics Mathematics Year 10 & 11
Michelle Chapman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS Business Studies Business Studies Year 10 & 11 	Andrea Druery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form Teacher Year 12 English Year 10 IGCSE English AS English Language AS English Literature AS History
Mark Epley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form Teacher Year 10 Geography Year 10 & 11 	Lewis Wallace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICT Year 10 & 11
Adam Horgan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form Teacher Year 11 PE Year 10 & 11 Outdoor Adventure Years 10-13 	Phil Webb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS Chemistry
Gwyneth Hulse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Year 10 & 11 AS Art AS Design Technology 	Mark Broadwith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Year 10



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Springbank Headstart Teaching Staff

Robyn Parker	• Headstart Primary Specialist	Anna Wilson	• Headstart ECE Specialist
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Springbank Preschool Teaching Staff

Mal Ruwhiu	• Centre Person Responsible • Over 2 Classroom Teacher	Dania Norman	• Over 2 Classroom Teacher
Hayley Pascoe	• Over 2 Classroom Teacher	Kayla Gravatt	• Over 2 Classroom Teacher
Peta Kell	• Over 2 Classroom Teacher	Katrina Peita	• Over 2 Classroom Teacher
Nikki Wasson	• Under 2s Teacher	Keryn Moffat	• Under 2s Teacher
Nevenka Zivkovich	• Under 2s Teacher	Masami Astill	• Under 2s Support Teacher
Renee Tipene	• Under 2s Teacher (<i>currently on maternity leave</i>)	Emma Gerrard	• Preschool Long Term Reliever

Springbank Ancillary Staff

Di Grant	• Office Administrator • Principal's Assistant	Angela Warren	• Finance Administrator • Marketing Officer • Social Media Officer
Jill Hatherly	• Librarian • ESOL Teacher	Jill Grimshaw	• International Student Director
Laila & Steve Walsh	• Cleaners & School Caretakers		



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Student in Focus: Anika Beren

We would like to celebrate one of our Year 6 students, Anika Beren. Anika has been awarded a very generous donation of US\$10,000 towards to her Market Day chosen Charity - Bay of Islands Animal Rescue.

Anika worked extremely hard growing native seedlings as part of her 2020 Market Day stall, raising just over \$1,500 herself. Her success was shared in both local and international papers, which in turn has caught the attention of a benefactor in Taiwan.

This huge donation recognising Anika's hard work and love towards animals is amazing and we are so thrilled for her!

To read the full article from the Northern Advocate, go to our school Facebook page and click on the link. <https://www.facebook.com/springbankschool>



Chosen Charity 2021

Springbank School is proud to continue our support for St John Kerikeri as our Chosen Charity for 2021.

Every two years we choose a local charity as our main "Chosen Charity Champion". We raise money at school and donate to the charity throughout the year. Last year for 2020 we raised \$1594.30 for St John which is a superb effort.

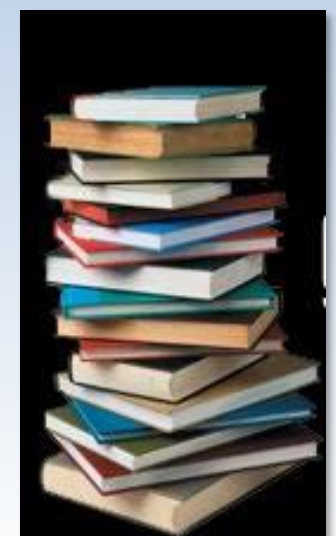
All money raised will be going towards the St John initiative of purchasing external lockable cabinets for AED machines. Currently, most machines are only available within local businesses during their opening hours, and St John wants to get as many available to the public 24/7.

Our successful Book Fair usually held at the beginning of Term Two, will be back for it's third year, with all profits again going to St John.

If you have any summer reading you no longer require, it would be great if you could find a spot at home to hold onto them for a couple more months. We will put out a request for books later this term.



St John



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[Friends of Springbank Welcome Back Coffee](#)

The Friends of Springbank committee is looking forward to another exciting year of supporting the students of Springbank School, Headstart, and Preschool. You'll find more information about the committee, who they are, what they do, and how you can be part of Friends on the next page.

First meeting for 2021 is on Wednesday 17th February at 2:00pm in the school staff room

The committee would also like to invite all current and new parents to a welcome back coffee after assembly on the first day of school.

Complimentary Coffee

Welcome Back & Welcome to New Parents



Let's celebrate being back for Term One 2021!

Come and join us for a delicious brewed coffee and catch up after the first assembly of the year.



Tuesday 2nd February
School Gym after assembly

[Springbank School Clothing](#)

Towards the end of 2020, The Friends of Springbank committee released some Springbank branded clothing for families to purchase. These clothing items are not a uniform and they are not compulsory. However, they can be added in nicely to your child's everyday school wardrobe if you wish.

There are currently six items available:

- Cap
- Bucket Hat
- T-Shirt
- Track Jacket
- Half Zip Polar Fleece
- Full Zip Polar Fleece

The clothing samples will be available to view outside the school office during the first week of Term One. Order forms with pricing and payment instructions will be in the office to collect.



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WHO WE ARE

We are an Incorporated Society registered with the Charities Commission, run by parents of Springbank School students.

Our key objective is to
"Further the educational experience of the Springbank School students"

We are a friendly group of parent volunteers who are passionate about our school, and we help fund various events, competitions and excursions for the students of Springbank School.

MEETING LOCATION

Springbank School staff room
Last Wednesday of every month
2:00pm - 3:00pm
NB: Meeting times may vary

COMMITMENT

- All parents of children at Preschool, Headstart or school are welcome to join the committee.
- There is no set commitment to join.
- Monthly meetings are not compulsory
- We can send meeting minutes via email
- As a committee member you can have your say on how funds are spent
- A few hours during the year may be requested to assist with BBQs, discos, or at our community fireworks

CONTACT US

Friends of Springbank Chairperson
Attn: Erica Wells
reception@springbank.school.nz



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THE SPRINGBANK FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

Our major fundraising event each year is The Springbank Fireworks Extravaganza.

Each November we host a community fireworks show, with 2500+ people in attendance. Food, drinks and entertainment are available, making our event one of the most popular in the area.

All money raised from this event goes directly to further the educational experience of Springbank School students.

WHAT WE FUND

SCHOOL EVENTS

Senior School Ball
Cross Country BBQ
Leadership Days
Discos and Camps
Speech Competitions

COMPETITIONS

EPRO8 Challenge
AIMS Games
Lit Quiz
Mathex
NSSA Sports Competitions

EXCURSIONS

EOTC Field Trips
Rock Quest
Preschool Excursions
Pop Up Globe

COFFEE SQUAD

Friends of Springbank are proud to support the Coffee Squad, in which senior students are able to gain their Barrista Certificate and provide coffee for visitors to school.

And much more...



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[How to keep up to date with Springbank School](#)

There are several ways you can keep up to date with everything that is happening at school during the year.

Website: On our school website you can find our monthly calendar, enrolment forms, information and history about the school, staff details, and more:

www.springbank.school.nz

Instagram: Springbank School has an active Instagram account that follows the students and school through their various events, activities, and classes:

<https://www.instagram.com/springbankschoolkerikeri/>

Facebook: Our Facebook page is updated regularly with sports news, upcoming events, student achievements, community notices, photos, and other celebrations from around the school campus. Our Headstart and Preschool centres also have Facebook pages which highlight the learning and fun they experience each week.

<https://www.facebook.com/springbankschool/>

<https://www.facebook.com/springbankheadstart/>

<https://www.facebook.com/springbankpreschool/>

Skool Loop App: Stay in the loop with what's happening at school via Skool Loop. You can download this free app in the Play Store and App Store. Search "Skool Loop" and choose Springbank School.

Weekly Assemblies: A school assembly is held every Monday (or Tuesdays if public holidays fall on Monday) from 8:35am in the school hall.

Noticeboards: There are noticeboards outside the school office, Rooms 1 & 2, and by the gym for current news and notices.

Email: All Springbank School staff can be contacted via email by using *firstname.surname@springbank.nz*

Office: Di Grant is our Office Administrator and she can be reached on email at reception@springbank.school.nz or phone 09 407 5236.



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Car Park Safety

As we start a new school year, it is important that as a school community we work together to ensure the safety of everyone in the carpark. The safety of our students is a top priority for us.

Safety measures include:

- Driving slowly at or below the 10km limit.
- Slowing down and stopping at the pedestrian crossing.
- Looking out for the judder bars and slowing down.
- Giving way to buses.
- No use of cell phones while driving.
- Holding your child's hand in the carpark.
- No parking in areas with the NP sign or non-designated car parks.

If you notice unsafe driver behaviour in our school carpark, please contact us immediately with a description of the vehicle and we will follow up with the driver concerned.



Twenty twenty-one; let's have some fun in the sun and get some work done!

Regards,



Mike Warren
Principal



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