



## Newsletter No. 6 | June 2021

### *Dear Students and Parents*

Oh, those dreaded school reports! For some of us (of course not me, because I was the perfect student 😊), it may have been a time of apprehension, fearful of what beans our teachers were going to spill to our parents. For others (like me 😊), it was a time to celebrate our consistently excellent attitude and the wonderful progress that we were making.

As school principal, the 2021 mid-year reports have been an absolute pleasure to read through. This year in particular, it is evident that from Year 1 to 13, the vast majority of our students are working diligently and with focus to achieve their academic goals. Of course there are a few who aren't quite utilising their time as effectively as they could or are not working to their true potential; but honestly, it is very few. I am especially impressed with the range of extra-curricular activities that many of our students are participating in. I am also in awe of many of our senior students who manage to organise leadership initiatives that contribute to our school and wider community; whilst balancing these with their academic and sporting commitments.

Speaking of sport, we are competing! Our last newsletter showcased Mr Epley's successful volleyball programme, culminating in regional success. This newsletter showcases some of our interschool cross country success, with more to come in the next newsletter. We are achieving some of the best interschool results that we have experienced, and I congratulate our determined and resilient students for their amazing achievements; both inside and outside of the classroom.

### Dates & Events to Note:

- **NSSA Cross Country** – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July
  - **PJ Day** – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July
  - **Middle/Senior Parent Interviews** – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July
  - **Character Day** – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July
  - **School Holidays** – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July
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- **Term Three, 9 Weeks** – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September
  - **Auckland University Volcanologist Visit** – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August
  - **Middle School Speeches** – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August
  - **Springbank Science Fair** – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August
  - **Jump Jam for StarJam** – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August



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## Springbank School Cross Country 2021

We held our annual school cross country on Friday 11th June. There were a couple of small showers, but this didn't prevent students from setting a blistering pace around the course.

Our Junior races were up first, with Preschool leading the charge and setting off at lighting speed around the field. It was wonderful to see so many parents attending to support our youngest friends and helping them make it round to the finish line.

Headstart went next, followed by our Year 1 – 6 classes, and there were some very confident runners this year! Their weekly practice around each of their courses proved to be successful, with some excellent running and super-fast finishes.

The atmosphere was exciting with loud cheering, encouragement for friends, and high fives all round.

The junior parent/teacher race drew a large number of competitors, all vying to tip Mr Warren off the number one podium. The pack was fast and tight at the first corner, but Mr Warren managed to kick into 6th gear and take first across the finish line. Well done to all the parents and teachers who took part. It is fantastic to see everyone having so much fun and showing your children what great role models you are.

Our Middle and Senior students had their turn in the afternoon, and the weather continued to play in our favour. For our Year 7 students it was a jump up from their old Junior School distances, and they all handled the longer track with great confidence and speed. It was great to see the students pushing themselves and giving all they had, to get around the track as fast as they could. For our Year 13 students, this is the last school cross country they will compete in, and it was awesome to see them put in a huge effort.

Tracy Schuetze, Year 13, completed her last cross country in style; walking the track in her full firefighter gear and cylinder. She kept up a brisk pace and her smile never left her face.

The afternoon parent/teacher race was close again, with Mr Horgan not far behind Mr Warren. But the titles remain in Mr Warren's hands, and he is parent/teacher champion for another year.

Thanks to everyone for being part of such a fun and energetic cross country for 2021. Thanks also to Friends of Springbank who provided the BBQ for our students.

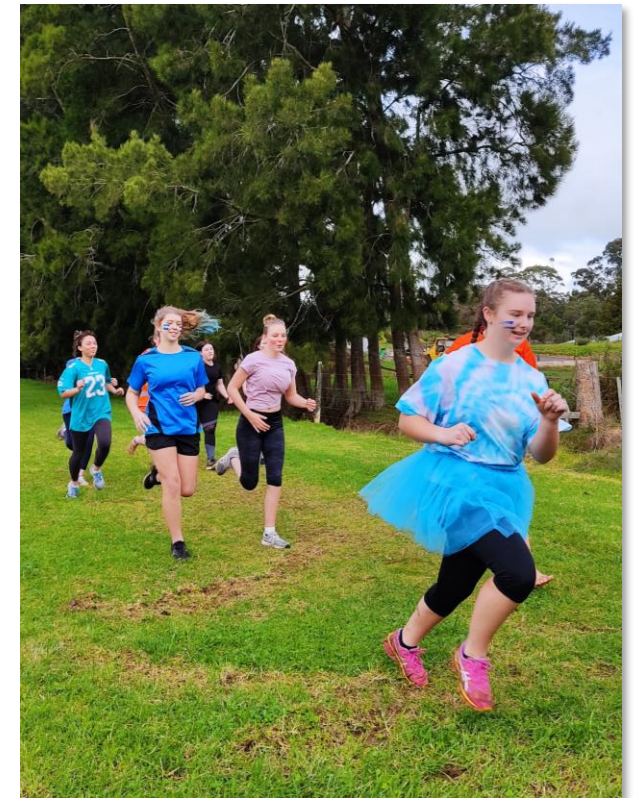


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### **Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)**

The Model United Nations Assembly was a great opportunity for myself and peers to work on our public speaking, learn about issues and opinions from around the globe, and meet a plethora of interesting people.

As representatives of Niger, my team consisting of Malindi, Marlowe and myself talked about two topics, "The UN to protect women's rights in member nations" and "The UN to actively enforce regulations on members who do not act to reduce carbon emissions".

For both we were tasked with understanding a new perspective and express the opinions of others despite some of them being controversial at times.

Overall, it was a great experience, and I would like to thank everyone who made it possible, especially Mrs. Filer who helped us construct our costume which ended up winning us the Best Costume Award.

- Jack Hittle



The MUNA experience was amazing. At first, I was worried about being a representative for Papua New Guinea, as it's a country that I knew nothing about, but in actual fact that made it even better. Not only did I learn how to present myself in a United Nations Assembly, but I learnt so much through researching about our country and others. We experienced debates on current events, other countries' opinions on remits that are relevant to today, and got to witness Chris Carter talk about his own experience as a UN representative in Afghanistan and Myanmar.

Beyond MUNA itself, the trip was so fun. We stayed in the CBD in Auckland and it was so cool to see the heart of the city up close. Mrs Hittle was the key to all of this. Having her with us was so comforting to those who weren't all too fond of being away from home. She went out of her way to make sure we were all okay the entire time, which was appreciated beyond belief.

I am so grateful I got the opportunity to go.

- Charli Conner



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## Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)

MUNA was one of the best experiences I have had, and I am so grateful I have had the opportunity to attend this. All 9 of us were put into teams and were assigned a country. Jack, Marlowe, and I were representing Niger, Poppy, Khalila, and Charli were assigned Papua New Guinea, and Eva, James, and Ellie were assigned the Netherlands.

We all had to research about our countries' views on certain topics such as women's rights, climate change, COVID-19, and the world food program. We then had to speak on these issues, trying our best to portray the view of our countries, even if it does not align with what we personally believe and support.

Throughout the 2 days we got the opportunity to meet so many like-minded people while learning topical information about so many countries from all over the world. I would highly recommend attending this awesome opportunity if you get the chance!

I would love to say a massive thank you to Mrs Hittle. This whole experience wouldn't have been possible without her strong support and organisation. Mrs Filer also helped us look the part, for which we had many complements about our Niger costumes and won Best Dressed. Thanks also to Friends of Springbank, Mr Warren, and Waipapa Rotary for the financial support.

Thank you

-Malindi Reihana-Ruka



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## Public Speaking Workshop

Jenny Prisk, Founder and Director of Prisk Communication in San Diego, California, offered to come and talk to our senior students about the skills needed to be a successful public speaker.

A full classroom of students opted into the fun and interactive after-school presentation. Jenny spoke about several simple, yet effective tips for writing and delivering an effective speech. With a warm, engaging, and motivational approach, Jenny highlighted the following points:

The essential elements of a successful speech are visual, verbal, and the content. 50% of your success is from what your audience sees, such as open, expansive gestures, facial expression, confident stance (feel the floor and imagine a string from the top of your head to the ceiling), 2-3 second eye-connection vs roving eye-contact. 40% of your success is verbal, from what your audience hears, such as volume, pitch, pace, pause, and the 'music' in your voice. Only 10% of your success is measured by the content of your speech, which means keep your message simple!

She talked about structuring a speech based on the magic of three key points.

Start by stating what you're going to talk about (3 things), talk about each of the three things based for example on 'what', 'how', and 'why', include story-telling if you can, and make people feel something. If you need to expand your speech, include three sub-points for each of the three main points. Finish by summarising the three main ideas and end strongly with a quote or a strong takeaway message for the audience.

She said that the average audience is 10 words behind you when you speak, so slow down and allow them to absorb your message. Something that I found interesting is that Jenny mentioned how there are three types of listeners. Some listen visually, that is they look directly at you when you're speaking, which comes across as 'they like my speech'. Others listen best kinaesthetically, that is, by fiddling or fidgeting! The third group engage best by literally only listening, and they often don't look at you. This can be disconcerting because you think they're not enjoying your speech, however most often they are!

Overall, the students gained many valuable speech-making tips, and they will no-doubt utilise them in their upcoming school speeches to great effect.

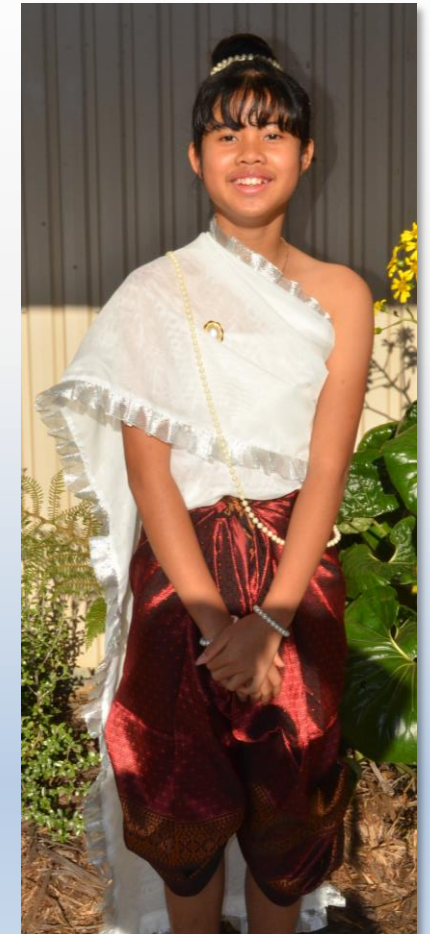
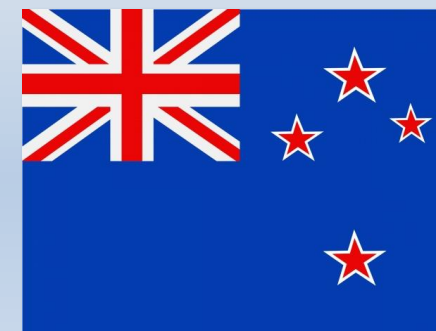
- Sophia Warren

## United Nations (UN) Day

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June, Springbank celebrated United Nations (UN) Day/International Day.

Students were encouraged to dress in their country's traditional attire and share with their fellow classmates interesting facts, food, and stories about their country.

It was fantastic to see our students embracing the cultural history of their families.



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## Matariki Celebrations

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June, we celebrated Matariki, the Maori New Year. Our celebrations started with the planting of a new orange tree down on the lower field at lunchtime. This will form the beginning of an annual Matariki tradition at school and a growing orchard for our students to enjoy.

We continued our festivities after school with a variety of activities from flax weaving, making stars, creating korowai feathers displaying our pepeha, playing with rakau sticks and poi, and playing a fast game of Ki-o-Rahi on the field. We then shared some delicious kai, including the popular vegetable soup made by Preschool.

Our Matariki afternoon was a lovely, relaxed event, and it was wonderful to see so many families and friends join us for the afternoon from Preschool right through to Year 13.

A big thank you to Whaea Soph who helped lead our afternoon with some beautiful waiata and karakia. Thank you also to our staff for helping with the setup and running of the afternoon.



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## Secondary Schools Auctioneering Competition

The Barfoot & Thompson Secondary Schools' Auctioneering Competition was held on Friday 4th June and Springbank School had four students attend; Ellie Epley, James Broadwith, Jack Hittle, and Marlowe McAngus. The competition puts the students' skills of public speaking, quick thinking, mathematics, confidence, and auctioneering skills to the test as they had to auction off a house in Kerikeri.

Our students represented us very confidently and were calm and cool under pressure. Each of them were entertaining and able to keep up with the fast pace of the bidding with composure. They were competing against other high school students, some of whom had already participated in this event once, if not twice before.

Ellie, James, Jack, and Marlowe were all invited to attend the National Championship in Auckland. Managing Director of Barfoot & Thompson, Peter Thompson, said this was one of the strongest groups of auctioneers he has seen compete, not only at the high school level, but considering professionals as well.

A huge congratulations to the students who participated.



Special mention and congratulations to Jack Hittle who placed third in the regional competition.

## National Auctioneering Competition – 20<sup>th</sup> June

Participating in a national auctioneering competition was a pretty terrifying prospect for me. Although I'd attended the regional Kerikeri competition a few weeks earlier, it was still unfamiliar territory. I knew the competition would be fierce, as nine other students from Kerikeri High School, Diocesan School, and Auckland Girls Grammar were taking part, each performing a mock sale of a property, including a legal description, creative description of the house, answering legal questions, and most importantly running a smooth auction with flow, encouragement to bid, and handling of numbers, all important factors.

The competition was a real test of public speaking skills, writing, mental maths, style, and thinking on your feet, that put everyone under huge pressure. However, I am immensely glad I did it, as I know the skills and experiences it provided me with will be invaluable in other parts of my life, and it has given me huge confidence for taking on new challenges. I would like to give a huge thanks to Barfoot & Thompson and REINZ for running this competition, all the other Springbank Students who participated in the regional competition and helped make it so fun, the excellent competitors from other schools, and Ross Paterson, a senior auctioneer who coached me and the other Springbank students, and without whom I would never have gotten this amazing opportunity!

- James Broadwith, Year 12

*We have had previous Springbank School students participate in the student auctioneering competition, with some outstanding results.*

- Max Hittle and Greg Lewis who both attended the national championships in 2019, with Max placing 2nd.
- Wilson Baker attended the national championship in 2017, gaining 1st place



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## St John Talk with Year 11

We had Nick Scott, Station Manager of St John Kerikeri, come and talk with our Year 11 form class. Nick took our students through the basics of CPR, how to use an AED machine, and discussed what to do in the event of medical emergencies like diabetes, anaphylaxis, and seizures.

Having a basic knowledge and understanding of what to do in the event of an emergency could help save someone's life. We are very thankful to Nick for coming in and talking with our students.

St John Kerikeri is Springbank School's 'Chosen Charity' for 2020/2021, and all money raised so far has been going towards the local St John initiative of getting as many AED machines as possible available to the public 24/7, by purchasing specialised outdoor lockboxes for the AED machines around our community. To date as a school community, we have raised \$2,479.10.



## World of Maths Roadshow

The very popular World of Maths Roadshow was back on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Students from Headstart to Year 8 were able to explore and work on a variety of maths activities.

The World of Maths Roadshow is a fantastic opportunity for our students to build on their maths knowledge in a fun way. The hands-on activities cover mathematical concepts such as structure, measurement, and numbers.

Ollie, Year 6: "World of Maths was really fun. I liked all the problem solving. It helped working in a group so we could work together to solve the problems."

Mila, Year 6: "We learnt how to use our maths brain to solve problems. It was fun and exciting."

Aaron, Year 6: "The best part of World of Maths was the problem solving and all the puzzles, especially the ball one."



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## Springbank School Ball

There is no other way to put it... the ball was phenomenal!

Being my first school ball, I had no idea what to expect, but I was thoroughly blown away by the amazing job the Year 13 class did with organising the ball. The hall was amazingly decorated, a plethora of food awaited us at our tables, and who could forget countless chocolate kisses that disappeared before I could fill my pockets. After all the general ball announcements, we took to the dance floor. Only time seemed to go faster and faster... before we knew it, it was late at night and the ball was over. Now all we can do is look eagerly forward to next year, but how will the Year 12s' ball stack up?

- Jaluka Clarke, Year 11



Our second Springbank Ball was much anticipated in Year 12, and the evening certainly didn't disappoint. The fantastic idea of a 007 theme was so well executed, with the location done up in dazzling décor. After chatting and catching up with many ex-students and friends from outside Springbank over a light dinner, we spent the better part of the evening dancing nonstop on the floor, to some great tunes.

Huge thanks to the Year 13s who organised the event, our DJ, the catering staff, the teachers who supervised the evening (some of whom even joined us on the dance floor!), and everyone who attended and made the event such a great time to dance, catch up, party, and celebrate in 007 style!

- James Broadwith, Year 12 and Prefect



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## Springbank School Ball continues ...

On 19<sup>th</sup> June we had Springbank School's annual Senior School Ball. This year, the theme was James Bond. We all had to dress up in our best James Bond themed suits and ball dresses, which meant us girls spent most of the day before the ball getting glammed up with hair and makeup appointments. As a result, we all looked like glamorous Bond girls when we walked up the red carpet on arrival. The boys also spent a big proportion of the day getting glammed up too, so it truly looked like we had a multitude of James Bond look-alikes at our James Bond themed venue for the evening.

Everyone had an amazing evening, with lots of yummy food, awesome music, and great company. When King, Queen, Prince, Princess, and Best Dressed Female and Male were announced, they all started the slow dance, which was the waltz, and thankfully, only a couple of feet were stood on.

Overall, I had an amazing night dancing the night away with new and old friends. I would like to say a massive thank you to Mr Haydock for all the help he gave us throughout the entire process, both before and after the ball, as well as to Mr Warren for helping us with all our last-minute requests. And to those of the Year 13's who spent many days and nights planning this event, as well as our pack up and down crew! Thank you!

- Malindi Reihana-Ruka, Year 13 and Head Girl



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### **The Kerikeri and Districts Interschool Cross Country**

The Kerikeri and Districts Interschool Cross Country for students aged 8 – 12 years was held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June at Landcorp Farm, Takou Bay. The course location can be quite cold and windy, so our students had to come prepared with some warm clothes and strong legs for a tough run.

After all the recent rain we have been experiencing, the 2.4km course was extra muddy this year, so many of our students ditched the running shoes for bare feet. The Takou Bay course is more challenging than our school-based cross country, with some steeper inclines and muddy sections, but all our 22 participating students gave it their all and did us proud.

Congratulations to all our students who represented Springbank School. You really stepped up to the mark and achieved some fantastic results with a range of top five placings. We would like to give an extra congratulations to the following students who made the podium in their respective age groups:

#### **9 year old girls**

- Addi Warren – 2nd

#### **10 year old girls**

- Brisa Carlyon – 1st

#### **10 year old boys**

- Charlie Rowe – 3rd

#### **11 year old boys**

- Vlad Misescu – 3rd

#### **12 year old girls**

- Aysha Klaui – 1st

#### **12 year old boys**

- Sean Heath – 2nd



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## Readers Cup

Springbank School sent six students down to Whangarei with Ms Hatherly on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July to compete in the Readers Cup.

The Readers Cup is a reading competition created for Year 9 students. Teams of four (with reserves) read together a set of six books, and then compete against other schools to answer as many quiz questions correctly from the chosen books.

The Readers Cup challenges students to expand their reading knowledge, work together as a team, and build on their love of reading.

Kate Grant spoke at assembly and said, *"It was a really enjoyable event and we were able to meet and interact with students from several other Northland schools. We had a minor scare during the competition when one of the books displayed a different cover, but we quickly realised it was one of the books we had read, so it was OK."*

Congratulations to; Kate Grant, Hannah McIntyre, Kasha Yeo, Rees Fieldman, Matthew Trotter, and Emma Maginness who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall on the day.



## Fitness Sessions on Wednesday Afternoons

Local personal trainers Gary-John (GJ) and his wife Sasha Hill have been running fitness/training sessions with some of our Year 7 – 13 students after school on a Wednesday during Term Two.

They have been working on co-ordination, fitness, body awareness, confidence and balance. Their aim has been to teach students the fundamentals of fitness, whilst making sure they work across all planes to achieve this.

The uptake for the fitness sessions has been hugely popular, with at least 15 students attending each week. The sessions are set in a fun and safe environment where students can enjoy fitness and work on themselves in a positive way with their peers.

If your child would like to join the sessions moving into Term Three, please get them to see Ms Grant in the school office for more details.



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## AFS Global Competence Certificate

Every Saturday from 4:00pm to 5:30p.m. during the month of June, Ellie, Jaluka, Rebecca, Jack and I have participated in the above online program. We join a weekly virtual global workshop / zoom session which is facilitated by a Massey University teacher who provides us with the opportunity to interact and connect directly with 25 Indian high school students.

We get to talk, listen, and learn first-hand about their culture and their lives in India, whilst they learn from us about our culture and our lives here in New Zealand. It was incredible for me to learn and discuss with these students how they have basically been in lock-down and do not go out, or have not attended school in person for the past eighteen months! Conversely, we discussed with them how we go to school every day and basically live our lives as we always have. It really made me realise how very lucky we all are to be living here in New Zealand.

During our Zoom meetings we discuss what we have been doing during the week, and we also discuss our online learning modules, which are a mix of interactive videos, quizzes, and assignments that cover topics such as:

- How to be a global citizen by reflecting on our own personal and cultural experiences
- How you can stand for issues you really care about and help make the world a better place
- How to be part of a global community of people passionate about making a difference

Throughout the program we learnt about connecting with people from different cultures, and we became part of a global community of learners. We built new relationships, made life-long friends, asked lots of questions, and learnt lots of new things, whilst working in team environments and being creative. Most importantly, we all had fun.

I am so grateful to Study Northland, Education New Zealand, Massey University, and AFS for giving us the opportunity to attend this course. It was such an awesome eye-opener into an Indian high school students' way of life at the moment, and such an incredible way to make new friends.

- Malindi Reihana-Ruka



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## Headstart Report

We have been so busy at Headstart over the last few weeks. Our children continue to explore their interest in portrait drawing, and we have been lucky enough to make regular visits to the Big School's art room, where we have discussed the various techniques of drawing and brush strokes with Mrs Hulse.

We welcomed the team from Capital E Show who are currently travelling around New Zealand with their Season's Show. We were able to participate in a workshop with them, before we went along to the Turner Centre to see their show the following week.

Next came the World of Maths Roadshow, where we teamed up with the Tuakana from the Junior School to have a hands-on experience with maths activities. So much great learning and experiences happening every day!



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## Preschool Update

Cross country is always a highlight for the month of June. The Tamariki train throughout May to become familiar with the course and the expectations of cross country. Whanau participation is always so strong for this event, and it is a very exciting day. Congratulations to all our children for running so strongly around the field, and well done to our parents who took part in the parent/teacher race.

We are lucky at Springbank Preschool to be a part of the wider school community. Matariki is a schoolwide celebration as well, and Preschool contributes each year with our vegetable soup for the Hakari. Our Tamariki helped peel and chop up all the vegetables! It was wonderful to see all the great teamwork happening around the tables and careful use of the kitchen utensils. We also celebrated the Maori New Year down at Preschool, with the planting of our own new avocado tree. A big thank you to all whanau who have supported and contributed to these special events this month.



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## JULY HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Welcome to a holiday program for young artists!

Guided by artist-educators Yon Ankersmit and Clive Stone, you will explore creative and critical thinking and making through using a range of ideas, media and materials in our well-resourced studio.

We are offering four TWO-DAY MORNING COURSES during the July holiday period. These classes are intended for students aged 9 - 16 years. Each class is limited to 6 participants

### 1. NATURE MADE

Designing and making assemblage art using objects from nature

Monday 12 July & Tuesday 13 July

9.30am – noon

Fee: \$65.00 tuition and materials

### 2. SHAPING THE LANDSCAPE

Making a mixed media artwork using acrylic paint and oil pastels

Wednesday 14 July & Thursday 15 July

9.30am – noon

Fee: \$65.00 tuition + materials

### 3. MY JOURNEY

Making a series of illustrations, presented in a hand-made book

Monday 19 July & Tuesday 20 July

9.30am – noon

Fee: \$65.00 tuition + materials

### 4. PIECES OF ME

Designing and making a photo-collage self-portrait, using a portrait photograph by Yon and Clive and Giclee printed in class.

Wednesday 21 July & Thursday 22 July

9.30am – noon

Fee: \$75.00 tuition + materials, including A4 Giclee print.

Optional fee: \$35.00 for A3 framing

Contact [yon@aristos.co.nz](mailto:yon@aristos.co.nz) for more information and to make a booking.



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## Thank You

The Paquay Family would like to thank everyone for their kind words, well wishes, thoughts, and koha after the passing of Marigold recently.

They are grateful for the support of our school community through this difficult time.



## ***Thoughts for the Week 2021:***

### **Term 2, Week 5:**

*"Family is not by blood but by heart."*

- Soumen Das

- Courtesy of Year 12

### **Term 2, Week 6:**

*"The only way to have a friend is to be a friend."*

- Courtesy of Mrs Snedden

### **Term 2, Week 7:**

*"To be a good friend is to learn and understand each other's boundaries."*

- Courtesy of Year 9b

### **Term 2, Week 8:**

*"I'll be there for you (When the rain starts to pour)"*

*I'll be there for you (Like I've been there before)*

*I'll be there for you*

*'Cause you're there for me too"*

- The Rembrandts

- Courtesy of The Prefects

I wish all of our staff and students a safe and enjoyable winter holiday break. Families, I hope that you manage to spend some quality time with your children over their holidays. All the best, and I look forward to seeing everyone back bright and breezy as we kick into Term Three.

Kind regards,

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