



SPRINGBANK SCHOOL

Capability – Character – Confidence



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[Dear Springbank Family](#)

It is your reaction to adversity, not adversity itself, that determines how your life's story will develop – Dieter Uchtdorf

This term has been a challenging one. Many of our students have had to battle with the various colds, flus, and covid symptoms that have been swirling around our community. The flu in particular has proven to be particularly intense, causing many to be quite unwell. Being unwell can be a miserable period of time, and even after getting better, there's schoolwork to catch up on that our students may have missed. I can appreciate that many of our students have had to take time away from school, and many of you have had to take time off work to look after your children.

I give enormous thanks to our teachers who have had to work hard navigating this tricky time. It is a juggling act forward-planning when proportions of classes are away unwell, as well as ensuring those at home have access to lessons that they miss. There are catch-up assignments and tests, and additional 1-on-1 support to those who need to fill gaps.

No matter how much we try to avoid it, setbacks, challenges, and adversity are a part of life and can hit us at any time. It is during these times that we need to work hard at maintaining our resilience. We need to keep a positive frame of mind, be optimistic, and remind ourselves that challenging times (such as being ill) don't last forever, and they will pass.

I am grateful for our resilient school community. As you will see in this newsletter, we have forged on and made the most of this term, holding all of our usual extra-curricular activities with great success. Go us!

Dates & Events to Note:

- **Orange Day for World Vision** – Monday 4th July
- **Middle/Senior Parent Teacher Interviews** – Tuesday 5th – Thursday 7th July
- **Junior Interschool Cross Country** – Tuesday 5th July
- **PJ Day** – Friday 8th July
- **School Holidays** – Saturday 9th to Sunday 24th July
- **Term 3 (9 weeks)** – Monday 25th July to 23rd September



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Springbank Cross Country

At Springbank School we talk about building Capability, Character, and Confidence in each of our students, and at our Cross Country on Friday 10th June, they demonstrated that 100%! Weather conditions weren't ideal at times; in fact it was rather wet, windy, and cold, with some very heavy downpours. Both our events, Preschool to Year 6 in the morning and the Middle/Senior School in the afternoon, had their fair share of heavy rain. But it didn't dampen their spirits (excuse the pun), as they hit the track with great speed, enthusiasm, and determination.

In between the rain, there were some beautiful blue-sky moments, and it was fantastic to be back out on the field and track watching the students giving it their all and supporting their friends.

There were some strong finishers again this year, some tight battles to the finish line, and a few dives of celebration thrown into the mix.

The teacher/parent race was hotly contested in the morning with 25 runners/walkers taking to the start line with clear skies. While the afternoon race was hit with rain, it was great to see staff and parents once again battle it out for top honours. Mr Warren, our school principal, did it again and retained his winning position for both races.

Thanks to all our students, families, and staff for being part of such a fun and energetic cross country for 2022. Thanks also to Friends of Springbank who provided the hot sausages on the BBQ for everyone to enjoy.



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Grace Cadogan – Fundraising Success

The Russell Ultimate Cake Bake Competition & Auction that was held on Sunday 5th June, was run by Grace Cadogan from Year 10, and it was a huge success!

Grace was fundraising money to help support other young people to have the experience of a 7-day adventure aboard the R Tucker Thompson.

Grace's aim was to raise \$3,500 for the R Tucker Youth Trust, and she reached this and some, raising a superb total of \$5,541.80!

We are extremely proud of Grace. Her selfless act of wanting to support others, her event organisation, drive, and community spirit is inspiring!

Here are just a few of the amazing and creative cakes entered into the competition this year...

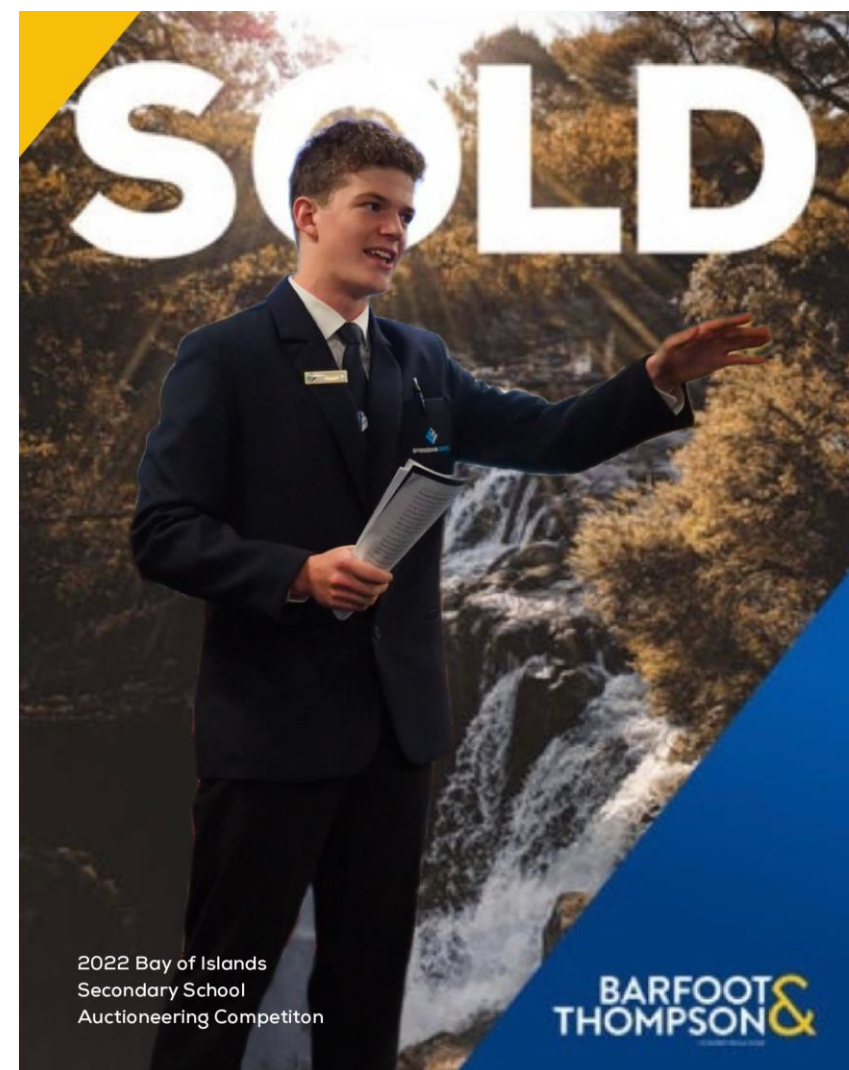


James Broadwith – Auctioneering Competition

On Friday 3rd June, James Broadwith, Prefect, took part in The Bay of Islands Secondary Schools Auctioneering Competition.

This is an annual competition founded by Ross Paterson from Barfoot & Thompson, 9 years ago. Students take on the role of auctioneer and are given a property they need to sell. The competition gives students the opportunity to practice their public speaking skills, react under pressure, and showcase their personality and flare, whilst giving them an insight into the world of real estate.

We would like to congratulate James for putting himself forward for this challenge and finishing up with a 3rd equal placing at the end of the night.



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Springbank Senior School Ball

On Saturday 11th June, our Senior Ball was held at the Kerikeri Baptist Church Community Centre. The venue was decorated beautifully with hundreds of lights and draping fabric, creating a magical setting for our senior students.

Our students looked absolutely stunning, with some gorgeous dresses for the young ladies and very smart suits for the young men.

Congratulations to the following students who were voted as King, Queen, Prince, Princess and Best Dressed of the evening by their peers and staff.

- King – James Broadwith
- Queen – Ellie Epley
- Prince – Reuben Kistemaker
- Princess – Portia Blakeman
- Best Dressed Girl – Aliana Mankelow
- Best Dressed Boy – Daniel Faircliff

It was a fantastic evening of non-stop dancing, delicious food, and a great opportunity to hang out with friends and have a lot of fun. A huge thank you to Rebecca Nugteren for organising the ball, with help from her Year 13 classmates.



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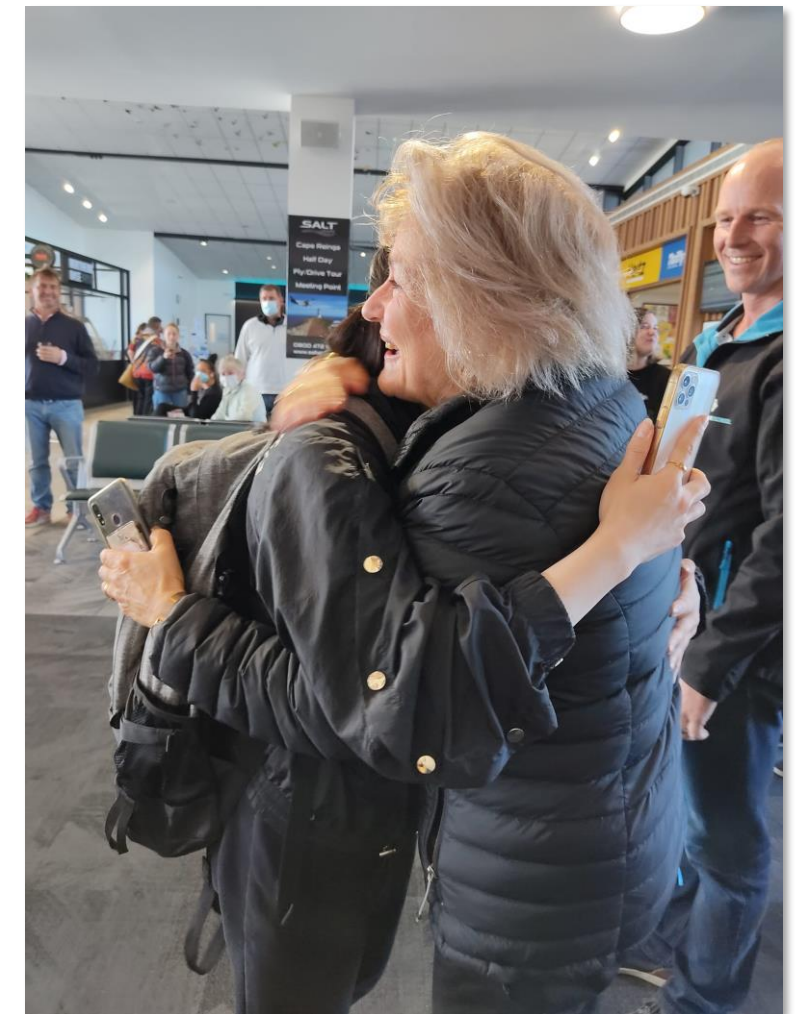
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Welcoming Yuki

We were thrilled to welcome Yuki Hirayama and her father Kosuke to Kerikeri on Sunday 12th June.

Yuki, Year 12, has been studying with Springbank School online every day from Japan since May 2020. Yuki was due to arrive into New Zealand that year, but due to the covid pandemic and lockdowns, she was unable to get through the border. When Yuki first enrolled at Springbank School, New Zealand had just gone into our first lockdown. So while Springbank Schools were learning online, Yuki just jumped onto the Zoom classes as well. Her dedication to her study from afar was superb as online lessons meant Yuki had to be up at 4am, Tokyo time, so she could join classes starting at 8:35am.

Yuki's arrival into Northland was also significant, as she is the first international high school student back into the region, which is really exciting for Springbank School. We are so happy that the day has finally arrived and we can welcome Yuki to our Springbank School community.



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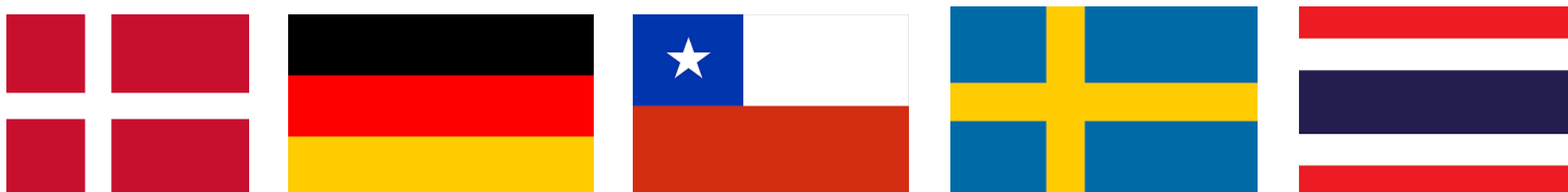
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International students at Springbank School

At Springbank School we love being able to host students from other countries, and we have had the pleasure of welcoming many students over the years from a range of countries.

Currently we have Youssef, Year 11, from Egypt who has been with us at Springbank since 2019, and as previously mentioned in the last page, Yuki, Year 12, has now joined us from Japan. We are delighted to announce that we have six more international students coming to Kerikeri in Term Three to join our Springbank community.

- Year 7 – Laurits Hvam from Denmark will be with us for a year from July 2022.
- Year 9 – Alvin Hvam from Denmark will be with us for a year from July 2022.
 - Both Laurits & Alvin will be joined by their parents, so we extend a warm welcome to them as well.
- Year 10b – Elisabeth Ringel from Germany will be with us for a year from July 2022.
- Year 10a – Javier Oyarzun from Chile will be joining us from Monday August 15th until the end of 2022
- Year 10a – Casper Viding from Sweden will join us for Term 3 and 4 2022.
- Year 11 – Arisara Pungpho from Thailand will join us for Term 3 and 4 2022.
 - Casper and Arisara will be living with their parents whilst here; please help us welcome them as well.



Hosting an international student is an extremely rewarding experience that can be life-changing through the experiences shared and the connections made.

Opening your home to an international student studying at Springbank School, whilst becoming a host parent / family is a wonderful experience, which several of our Springbank School families and staff can attest to.

You can make lifelong friends whilst learning about another person's culture and sharing the wonder of New Zealand though giving an international student a wonderful and exciting learning opportunity in the beautiful Bay of Islands. Also, the extra (tax-free) income from homestay fees can certainly help.

With our borders reopening and international students returning to New Zealand, Springbank School is very excited about welcoming students back to our school and community.

If you have ever thought about becoming a host family and would like more information about what it entails, please speak with or email our International Student Director, Jill Grimshaw at jill.grimshaw@springbank.school.nz as soon as possible so she can pass on all the information you require, as there may be an opportunity for you to host one of our above international students this year.



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HMNZS Wellington

On Saturday 4th of June, thanks to Mrs Chapman, I was fortunate to be able to go on board the HMNZS Wellington in Opua as part of the Navy's career's recruitment programme.

There were only 3 of us on the visit, and I was shown around by the Captain himself!

We were taken around the whole ship, being able to explore the aircraft hangar where a helicopter was parked, as well as the Bridge. I was able to speak with new recruits about how they were enjoying their Navy training, how long they had signed up for, and what NZ Defence Force Scholarships are available through University.

It was an awesome opportunity, and I would really recommend it to other students.

- Oliver Sizer, Year 11



Nathan Wallis Talk

A group of AS Psychology students, along with Mrs Binedell, recently attended a presentation by Nathan Wallis, "Neuroplasticity and your Brain".

Nathan's presentations explore how the brain works and how neuroscience can better inform our day to day interactions with children and young people.

Our students found the talk extremely interesting and took some of the following facts away with them.

- The human body is not genomically programmed to deal with refined white sugar.
- There are 4 "brains", and for development it is essential that neurosequencing takes place through the 4 parts of the brain.
- Predictability is essential for young children. If we enhance predictability for babies and young children that calms the brain stem and eventually aids better cortical function (in brain 4).
- A dyadic relationship (one-to-one) relationship with a single caregiver is essential for a baby to develop trust and attachment. Often, foster children who pass through multiple homes cannot form a dyadic relationship. More than 80% of people in our prisons have been in the foster system.
- Whether you have learned to read and write before entering school at age 5 or not will not make a difference in cognitive ability from age 8. From about age 8 years, cognitive results plateau and there is (on average) little difference between early readers and those who learned to read and write later.
- Children (younger than 7) who are involved in free play (not directed by adults) tend to be resilient as teens and adults.
- The nature versus nurture debate is incorrect. We now should be discussing how nature accommodates nurture.



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Friends of Springbank

The Friends of Springbank committee would like to share details of some upcoming events.

Hollywood Glam Quiz Night

The committee is excited to be hosting a Hollywood Glam Quiz Night on Saturday 6th August. Come and join us in your best Hollywood glam for an entertaining evening of laughs, testing your brain power, and mixing & mingling with other Springbank parents and family. Spot prizes and an auction will be up for grabs, along with some delicious platters. The quiz night is a great opportunity to meet other parents and have a fun night out. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Term Three Welcome Back Coffees

Friends of Springbank would like to warmly welcome all parents to join us in the gym before the first assembly of Term Three, on Monday 25th July from 8.00am. The committee will be serving free tea and espresso coffee and some yummy treats, to welcome you all back for another term. Everyone is most welcome to then stay on for assembly.

Fireworks Extravaganza 2022 – Saturday 5th November

Our big fundraising event is back for 2022, after having to take a break last year. We are thrilled to be hosting this popular community fireworks event again, and are looking forward to another successful show. Please keep a look out for emails asking for volunteers, event resources, and raffle prizes. If you would like to put your hand up now to help with the Fireworks Extravaganza, please give your name and details to Taryn in the office, and the committee will follow up with you.

Upcoming meetings at 2pm in the school staff room:

- Wednesday 27th July
- Wednesday 24th August



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Matariki Celebrations

To celebrate Matariki, we held an afternoon of activities and shared celebration at school on Tuesday 21st June.

Our students took part in various activities around the school, including flax weaving, neon art creations, goal setting on paper korowai, seedling planting, and playing Ki o Rahi on the field. Activities continued after the 3.00pm school bell on the field and in the school gym, with a magical black room displaying the neon art creations, storytelling, poi, te rakau, shadow puppet presentation, and waiata, before sharing some delicious kai of hot sausages, soup, and rolls.

It was a wonderful, relaxed event, and it was great to see so many families join us for the afternoon and come together as schoolwide community.

A big thank you to Mrs Elle Haden who helped lead the Matariki celebrations, supported by all our staff and senior students who ran such a fun afternoon. Thank you also to Preschool for once again making their delicious vegetable soup, and to Gail for her Butternut Squash soup – YUM!



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Ki o Rahi Festival

Continuing on our Matariki celebrations, a group of Year 9 and 10 students travelled to Moerewa on Wednesday 22nd June, to take part in the Matariki Ki o Rahi festival run by KC Maata from Ngati Hine, who has been working with our students recently.

The represented us brilliantly, making friends and playing some superb Ki o Rahi along the way. Players of the day were Oscar Wells and KK Jirawatroongrouang.



Room 1 – Whanau Sharing Afternoon

Students from Room 1 invited their parents and family to class on Wednesday 22nd June to share some of their classwork and art, that they have been working on, over Term Two.

Inviting family into their class is a really special time for our younger students, as they get to showcase what they have been learning, and it's lovely to see them so excited and proud of their work.

- Daisy: *"I like showing mum and dad my work. My handwriting is my favourite book because I get smelly stickers"*.
- Andoni: *"I loved showing mum all the work I did. I like showing her my maths book because it's my favourite"*.
- Robbie: *"I liked showing mum all the things I have been learning. I like my printing book because I like learning to write letters properly"*.
- Harrison: *"I showed mummy my books. She said I was working really well"*.
- Marcello: *"My mum came and I showed her my books. She liked looking at my handwriting book the most"*.



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Toi Marama 22 Matariki

Our students from Room 3 & 4 have been contributing some art work, along with other Far North Schools, to the project 'Toi Marama 22 Matariki' to promote and support "Ngā Manu Kaitiaki o ngā Puna Waioa" organised through Akau Studio, a Pou Rama exhibition and projection show.

Year 4 contributed the Hoe Taonga, with the kowhaiwai design by the students, based on the school logo and our natural environment, from the farm and surrounding bush. We sanded the hoe and used soil pigment to colour it, before we painted it. We also created the bird nest as part of the display.

Year 3 students decorated the back board for the hoe, the Pou taha. Together they will form one of the 12 feathers on the wings of the bird in the installation.

It has been a real pleasure to be part of this community-based art installation and look forward to seeing the full project come together during the first week of July. The full artwork can be seen at the following locations from 6pm-8pm each night.

- Tuesday 5th July: Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Taumarere (1-9 Station Road East, Moerewa)
- Wednesday 7th July: Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Kaikohe (20 Hongi Street, Kaikohe)



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Kerikeri & Districts Cross Country

The sun was shining on Wednesday 22nd June for the Kerikeri and Districts Interschool Cross Country.

This event is for students aged 8-12 years-old and held at Landcorp Farm, Takou Bay. There was still a brisk chill to the air, but the 15 students participating took it all in their stride and hit a fast pace around the 2.4km course.

Congratulations to all our students who represented Springbank School. There were some excellent results this year, with several podium finishers. You should all be extremely proud of your efforts and long-distance running prowess.

Thanks to our staff and parents who were able to attend the event and support the students.



8 Year Old Girls	8 Year Old Boys	9 Year Old Girls	9 Year Old Boys	10 Year Old Girls
2 nd – Ilha Carlyon	5 th – Austin Kell 8 th – Beau Worrall	1 st – Fay Stirling 4 th – Adrianna Taylor 14 th – Lexi Errington	1 st – Nelson Freeman 2 nd – Liam Faircliff	1 st – Addison Warren
11 Year Old Girls	11 Year Old Boys	12 Year Old Girls	12 Year Old Boys	
1 st – Brisa Carlyon	2 nd – Campbell Faircliff 3 rd – Patrick Kell	2 nd – Tess Pearson	1 st – Simon Kistemaker	



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Headstart Report

We had some garden boxes donated to Headstart earlier in the term and we were delighted that Bunnings Kerikeri wanted to help us fill them up with lots of wonderful vegetables and herbs.

Bunnings kindly donated all the soil and seedlings, along with providing our children with gloves, rakes, and spades to maintain and look after the garden boxes.

It was a wonderful collaborative project; everyone absolutely loved being involved in the process, and we are looking forward to reaping the rewards once everything begins to grow.



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Preschool Update

We had an amazing turnout for Cross Country this year. After weeks of training and practising, it was time to put our skills to the test. Our preschoolers ran their hearts out, even in the pouring rain! We are so proud of everyone who participated, and we want to say a big thank you to all our parents and whanau for coming to run alongside and cheer our tamariki on.

We also celebrated Matariki this month, spending time learning about the Maori New Year, what this means, and how different families celebrate. To celebrate Matariki at Preschool, we worked together to make vegetable soup, we sang waiata, we created stars, we danced, we read stories, we spruced up our gardens, and we planted orange trees.

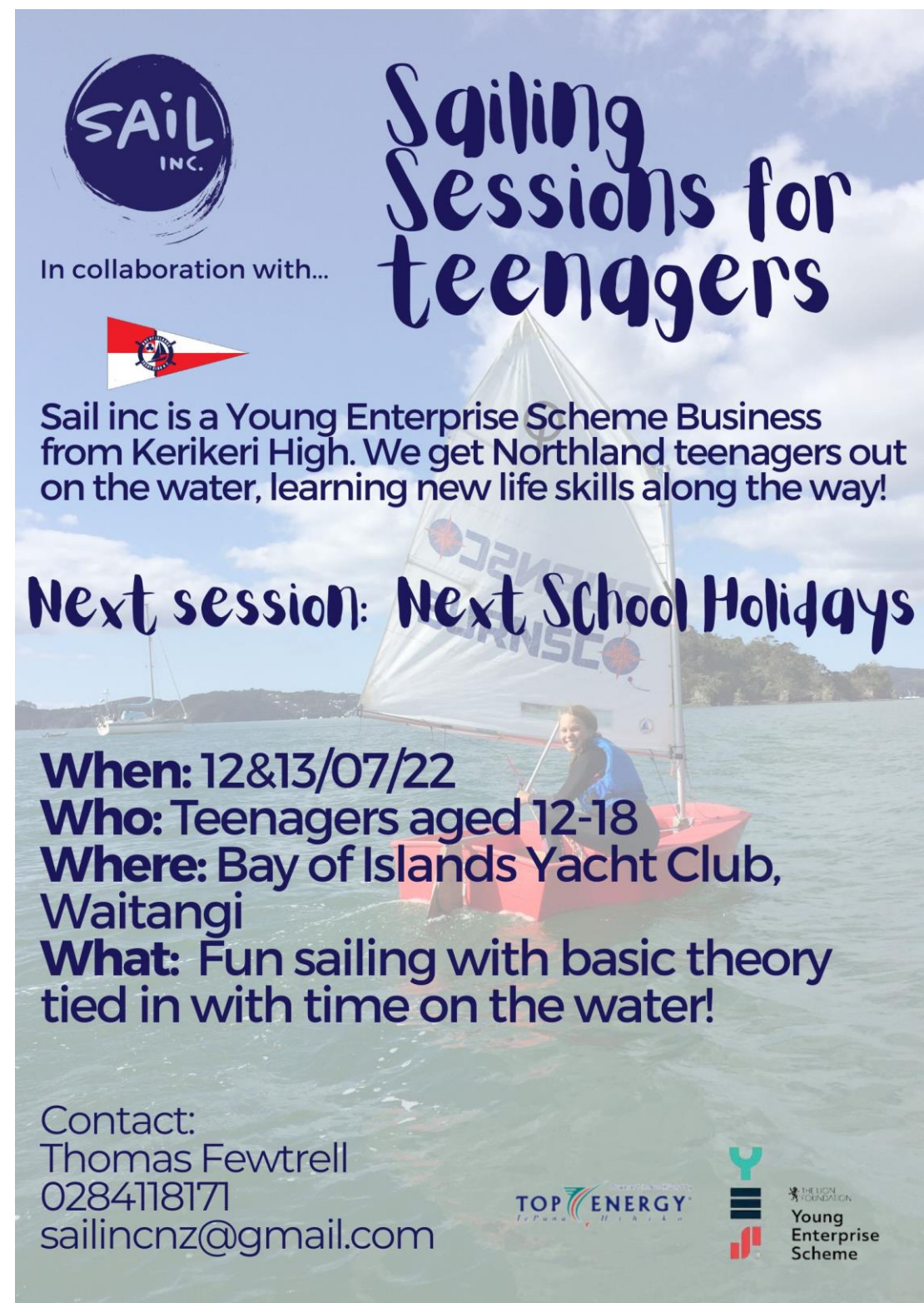
We also want to say a big thank you to families for sending extra clothing and wet weather gear to Preschool with their tamariki. Even with the winter rain, we try to spend time outside every day, enjoying nature, and breathing fresh air.



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Community Notices



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Sailing Sessions for teenagers

Sail inc is a Young Enterprise Scheme Business from Kerikeri High. We get Northland teenagers out on the water, learning new life skills along the way!

Next session: Next School Holidays

When: 12&13/07/22
Who: Teenagers aged 12-18
Where: Bay of Islands Yacht Club, Waitangi
What: Fun sailing with basic theory tied in with time on the water!

Contact:
 Thomas Fewtrell
 0284118171
 sailincnz@gmail.com

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Young Enterprise Scheme



NORTHLAND CHESS

CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

Saturday 12 Nov 9am-6pm in Kerikeri

AWARDS & GIFT CARDS

Junior* (up to 12 Y)
 Youth* (13-17 Y)
 Senior (18+ Y)
 *Age as of 01 Jan 2022

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Books & Games Fair

Our annual fundraising Book Fair is back for 2022, to help raise funds and support our schoolwide 'Chosen Charity' – Bald Angels.

This year we are adding games to the sale as well. Books will be \$2.00 and games only \$4.00, so there will be some great bargains to purchase.

We are putting out the call for any books or games you no longer want or need at home, to be donated to the fair. Please have a good look around home these holidays for any books or games you'd like to pass on.

Books and games can be dropped outside the office in the boxes provided from now until Friday 29th July (the first Friday back for Term Three).

Please ensure any book donations are of good quality, and not torn or written in. And any game donations, please make a note on the game if any pieces are missing, or required batteries.

Thank you,
Angela Warren

As we enter the last week of Term Two, I would like to wish all of our staff and students a safe, relaxing, and memorable school holiday break. Parents, I hope you manage to spend some quality time with your children over the two weeks.

Regards,



Mike Warren
Principal

Springbank School Books & Games Fair

Thursday 4th August
In the school gym

Sale Times:

8:00am - 10:20 am

2:30pm - 3:30pm



Books \$2.00 each

Games \$4.00

Cash Only

All money raised will be donated to our
2022 Chosen Charity - Bald Angels



Thoughts for the Week 2022:

Term 2, Week 6:

"Just as we develop our physical muscles through overcoming opposition – such as lifting weights – we develop our character muscles by overcoming challenges and adversity."

Courtesy of Mrs Haden

Term 2, Week 7:

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

- William Arthur Ward

Courtesy of Springbank Prefects

Term 2, Week 8:

"Once you choose hope, anything is possible."

Courtesy of Mrs Filer and Room 4

Term 2, Week 9:

"It's your reaction to adversity, not adversity itself that determines how your life's story will develop."

- Dieter Uchtdorf

Courtesy of Mr Warren



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