



SPRINGBANK SCHOOL

Capability – Character – Confidence



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Dear Springbank Family

Recently, I had the pleasure of visiting several top private schools in Wellington as part of an Independent Schools of New Zealand Heads Seminar. Three schools I visited were Wellesley College, Queen Margaret College, and Samuel Marsden Collegiate School. I was thoroughly impressed with the diverse range of educational opportunities that they provide for their school communities, both academic and extra-curricular. I came away with some fresh ideas for next year.

Another valuable takeaway from these visits was for me to compare Springbank's environment and education standards. I am proud of our exceptional educational environment, which seems to be on par in several areas and possibly exceeding in some. Considering the vast difference in fee structure, I feel that we punch above our weight in certain areas. I believe we offer a truly world-class education with the Cambridge International Curriculum and high academic standards set by our dedicated teachers. Our Education Outside the Classroom experiences and Outdoor Adventure programmes utilise our wonderful natural Bay of Islands resources. Our strong, supportive, personalised relationships are an integral part of our unique environment.

In these ever-changing and unsettling times, we provide stability, long-standing core values, a safe environment, and a place in which students thrive as individuals. It was refreshing for me to have this affirmed.

I am proud of our hard-working students and their teachers, particularly in the lead-up to, and throughout, the examination period. On the whole, students are coming out of their Cambridge exams feeling buoyant; confident that they have put in the hard yards to excel. Congratulations to our students – you deserve that wonderful feeling of satisfaction in knowing you have worked hard to achieve personal excellence. Sincere thanks also to all of our teachers who are passionate about ensuring our students succeed; you should also be proud!

Term Four is a time of reflection and celebration. I look forward to celebrating at our end-of-year certificate assemblies, Senior Presentation Dinner, and school-wide Prize Giving.

Lastly, thank you in advance to the Friends of Springbank committee for all of their hard work in the lead-up to the annual Fireworks Extravaganza, and thank you to those parents who will be volunteering your time to help make this event a huge success!



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Dates to Note

Term Four is always a busy term with several extra-curricular activities and end of year celebrations. Here is a reminder of what's coming up this term, so you can note it all down on the calendar.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity / Event</u>
Monday 31 st October – Friday 4 th November	Year 7, 8 and 10 Progressive Exams
Saturday 5 th November	Friends of Springbank Fireworks Extravaganza
Monday 7 th November	Transition morning for Year 1 to 6
Tuesday 8 th November	World of Maths Roadshow for Year 1 to 9
Friday 11 th November	Middle School Disco
Tuesday 22 nd November	Year 11-13 Senior Presentation Dinner
Wednesday 23 rd November	Farewells for Jill Grimshaw and Jacqui Larkan
Friday 2 nd December	Junior School Certificate Assembly at 8:45am Year 7-10 Certificate Assembly at 10:20am
Monday 5 th – Tuesday 6 th December	Year 10 Surf Camp
Monday 5 th December	Middle School Options Day Junior School Big Day Out
Wednesday 7 th December	Staff Farewells at 8:30am Gift Giving at 10:30am
Thursday 8 th December	Last day of Term Four 2022 – school is out! School Prize Giving at 9:00am Water Fight at 2:00pm
Friday 9 th December	Teacher Only Day



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Agri Pet / Art Day

We held our annual Agri Pet / Art Day on Wednesday 26th October. The Agri Pet Competition was started back in 2015 by one of our senior students, Kimberley Knight. The event was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by both participants and spectators, that it has continued and grown, now in it's 8th year. The Agri Art Competition was introduced two years later in 2017, with the art entries including a colouring competition, vegetable sculpture, cupcake decoration, flower displays to Gingerbread men, varying each year.

Once again the Agri Pet / Art Day was a wonderful success with our biggest entry of animals to date. I think we said this last year, but with a total of 14 lambs and calves, and one goat, the 2022 event is the biggest!

It was fantastic to see four children from Preschool enter with their lambs and calves this year. Most of their animals were bigger than them, but they demonstrated amazing confidence and determination whilst leading their animal around the arena. The event consisted of three categories this year; Best Lead, Grooming and Costume. Certificates are awarded for the top three placings, along with, Best in Show Lamb & Calf, and Overall Grand Winner.

It was a wonderful morning with the 14 Agri Pet participants showcasing their beautifully groomed animals and fabulous costume choices. This year we had Christmas dress-ups, a gardener, mermaid, bumble bee, Little Bo Beep, and spider lamb to name just a few. A big thanks to our judge Alister Megaw who had the difficult task of judging, and thanks also to Amelia Morris (Year 10) who set up the arena, and supported the participants throughout the event.

The Agri Art Competition is held in the gym and this year the students were encouraged to enter the colouring section, vegetable sculpture and flower plate. Mrs Hulse was our judge, and had the tricky job of picking out the top three placings and two highly commended certificates. The art section is an extremely hard competition to judge, as the creative flare, use of colour, and wide range of ideas make for a very competitive event.

We'd like to thank the Friends of Springbank Committee for supporting the event this year, with sponsorship of prizes for the event. And finally thank you to all the students who take part in our Agri Pet / Art Day. Your involvement and enthusiasm is fantastic, and that's what makes this event so much fun each year.



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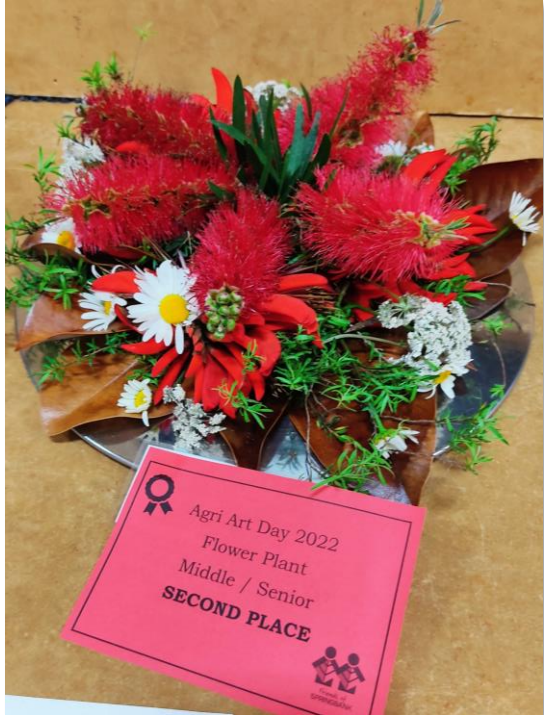
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Volleyball Club

On Friday October 14, we had our farewell celebration for our Year 13 leaders in the volleyball club. We call it the Aloha Ball which is a term that means game point in Hawaii. This is the third year of our volleyball club and our second Aloha Ball. These seniors have been winners on and off the court and have represented our school well.

We'd like to thank the Friends of Springbank for supporting our pizza and leis for the Year 13 players.

- Mark Epley



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Room 1 Feathery Creations

During Term 3, Room 1 were learning about sculpture and three dimensional art with Mrs Hulse. Students created these fantastic bird sculptures using tinfoil, paper mache, paint and feathers. A selection of these beautiful creations have already been shared on our school Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/springbankschool> and here are the rest of them.



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R Tucker Thompson

During Week Two of Term Four, Jaasmeet Randhawa and Addison Dent both from Year 10 had the exciting opportunity to take part in the Top Energy Youth Voyage aboard the R Tucker Thompson. The Youth Development Voyages provide trainees with an opportunity to explore in greater depth their personal strengths, skills, and values and why self-awareness is valuable when deciding their next steps in life.

Jaasmeet and Addison tested their confidence, strength, and determination in a variety of activities over the seven-day voyage, as well as listening to some guest speakers, and visiting some of the Bay of Islands' most beautiful locations.



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[R Tucker Thompson continues ...](#)

During the second week of school, Jaasmeet and I were given a great opportunity to go on the R Tucker Thompson Youth Voyage for 7 days. It was an amazing experience where we got to go outside our comfort zone and make new friends all without our phones.

Each day started off with a morning swim at 7am, followed by cleaning above and below deck. After this we would have breakfast and usually sailed to whichever bay we were going to. The sailing was always lots of fun, even if the first couple of times we messed up which lines to haul and how to flake the anchor.

During the sail, a favourite was climbing out onto the bowsprit and hoping you won't get soaked by the waves. Once we'd got to the bay, we would do lots of activities including diving, snorkeling, plenty of hikes, and of course the Tucker Challenge which involves climbing 12 meters up the mast and then another 4 meters out and touching the end. The reward for this was a handmade anklet or bracelet which we both got. We even did a night sail, docking in Russell at midnight. Unfortunately, we still had to do the morning swim afterwards. On Day Six, we did a campfire at Urupukapuka Island, making smores, singing songs, and roasting sausages.

One of the main highlights of the trip was definitely seeing the dolphins swimming in the water while snorkeling.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Chapman for giving us the opportunity to go on the R Tucker Thompson. We made some great friends, had lots of fun, and sometimes I swear I can still feel my bed rocking at night.

- Addison Dent



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International welcome to Jo Warren

I am really excited to be taking over the role of International Student Director from Jill Grimshaw.

Many of the Junior School families know me as I have 4 children (Toni, Amber, Eddie and Jimmy) in Middle and Junior School here at Springbank. I have had the pleasure of attending (and often cooking for) many school camps and ski trips where I have formed friendships with many fellow parents.

What many may not know about me is that I have been an international student myself. In 1996 I travelled to Bolivia in South America where I stayed and attended school for a year in my Year 13 year. I know this will give me great insight into understanding our future international students during their time with us.



I was born and grew up in Kerikeri and have had many different jobs over the years. I have helped run a successful oyster farming business with my husband Ben, and I also enjoyed skippering boats in the Bay of Islands for tourists for many years, giving me a real passion for the Far North and what an amazing place we live in.

I have realised that people are always the aspect that I most enjoy in any job I have had, and I see this role not only as a challenge but also a great opportunity for me to engage with many different people in many different ways. I look forward to meeting everyone in the Springbank community and carrying on the fantastic international programme that has been running for the past 10 years.

- Jo Warren

International Host Families

At Springbank we have been running our international student program since 2010. Over this time, we have had many students come through our doors. It can be a truly rewarding experience to open your home to an international student. Not only are you showcasing a beautiful part of New Zealand to them, but they can also bring a little bit of their culture directly to you, something that can be quite inspiring for young children within the home.

If you have ever thought about hosting an international student or would like to know more details, we are happy to sit down and explain the process involved. Springbank needs a whole range of families, from weekend fill in stays as "on call" as needed basis, to something more permanent ranging from several weeks up to a year or more.

Our homestay families are paid (non-taxable) to host per day for the room and care that they provide and are subject to NZ police checks.

If you would like to know more, please contact Jo, at jo.warren@springbank.school.nz or phone 022 391 0852.

Thank You to Jill Grimshaw

Jill Grimshaw has been an integral part of the international department at Springbank School since 2013. She has supported all our international students and families with the utmost care and respect, as well as being a host parent herself to several students both in short term and long term stays. We want to celebrate and thank Jill for all her hard work at a special farewell on Wednesday 23rd November in the School gym at 8:35am. Please come and join us to say thank you.

THANK YOU!



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Friends of Springbank

The Friends of Springbank Fireworks Extravaganza is on **THIS** Saturday 5th November. Preparations and plans are all in place for another fantastic family-friendly community event.

Every pair of hands to help with the event, big or small, really helps make the event run smoothly. If you are able to help with pre-event setup, running a food stall, or helping with the pack-down the next day, please give your name and details to Taryn in the office. This event really is a Springbank community team effort, and we simply cannot run it without your support. Together, let's make the 2022 event the best yet!



FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday 5th November, 2022

(postponment date: 12th November, 2022)

**GATES OPEN 6:00PM
FIREWORKS AT 9:00PM**

**Entry \$10 per person
Under 5s Free**

Come along for a family-friendly night
of fun, food and live entertainment

EFTPOS Cash-Out Facilities Available

- This is strictly a smoke-free, vape-free, drug-free, and alcohol-free event
- Bags will be searched on entry



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Fireworks Extravaganza

A huge thank you to the wonderful local sponsors of the Fireworks Extravaganza 2022 raffle. Your support of our raffle is greatly appreciated, and the Friends of Springbank committee are excited to be drawing the winning tickets this week. If you have purchased one of the raffle tickets for this year's prize draw, here's hoping you'll get one of the winning phone calls.



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Cricket

Rob from Cricket Northland has been visiting school this term introducing our students to the skills and fun of playing cricket. Rob has been working with our students from Year 1 to Year 9 during their PE class time.

Cricket is great for developing hand-eye coordination, balance, flexibility, and team sportsmanship.



**Season starts
OCTOBER 29!**

KERIKERI CRICKET CLUB

**Registrations are open
for the 2022-23 season**

**For any queries
please visit our
Club Facebook Page**

facebook

or contact Simon
on 021 024 00648

**Players of all ages can register
at the following link**

www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/org/kerikeri-cricket-club/fc0163fb/register



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Gift Giving 2022

On Wednesday 7th December we will hold our annual Christmas Gift Giving Assembly, where students are encouraged to bring something along to donate to our chosen charity.

This year we are excited to be partnering with Bald Angels to make Christmas a little more joyful for families in need in our local community. Instead of collecting food items this year, Bald Angels would like to gather items to give as Christmas presents. We ask that students, if possible, could please bring in a **new** item from the list below:

- Beach towels
- Balls or other non-specialist sports equipment
- Teen boy hygiene products (like LYNX packs)
- Hair products, Shower washes
- Lego and other skill activities
- Art /craft kits/items
- Beyblades – Fidget Spinners

Bald Angels have kindly requested that we do not collect soft toys, please. Also, nothing requiring batteries or electricity as it is too expensive to maintain.

Students are asked to please begin bringing in their gifts to be stored by their form teacher, and they will be able to put them in the gift boxes in the gym when Santa comes on Gift Giving Day. Each item will contribute an MM and a house point, so that is an extra incentive!

We look forward to being grateful for all we have, and for practising our kindness and generosity to spread a little cheer this Christmas!



BALD ANGELS



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Headstart Report

This term, fitness time has been on the track. We are so lucky to be able to utilise all this space we have here at Springbank! We are enjoying being able to count our laps and encouraging each other along the way. One lap is approximately 1.25km and everyone has been more than capable to complete at least one lap daily - some children even fitting in two. AMAZING endurance shown by all!



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Preschool Round Up

Our Preschool tamariki have spent the month getting ready for Agri Day and of course, creating our famous scarecrows! We entered the colouring in competition, created vegetable sculptures and designed beautiful flower plates. This was a lot of hard mahi but nothing our preschoolers couldn't accomplish!

We are so proud of our preschool friends Alice S., Georgia, Emma and Quinn for entering the Agri Day events with their animals. What a lot of courage and determination we saw! Our scarecrows are well and truly taking shape and will be ready in time for the Springbank fireworks!



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Community Notices



Kerikeri Amateur SWIMMING CLUB

The Kerikeri Amateur Swimming Club **summer season will be starting in early-November 2022** and will run through to March 2023 (school term time only).

The aim of the club is to improve swimming fitness and improve stroke techniques. Swimmers must be able to confidently swim two lengths of the Kerikeri High School pool. Swimming is a great way to stay fit and an important skill to have.



Kerikeri Amateur
Swimming Club

We run 2 sessions on the Monday and Wednesday for different abilities and Club nights on every other Friday (for ages 7–16 yrs).

Importantly, on **Monday the 7th of November** there is a pool session to assess swimmers. This is from 4pm to 5:30 pm. All swimming is at the Kerikeri High School pool.

If you would like further information for registration and cost, please email the club at **kerikeriswimming@gmail.com**
Or contact us via our Facebook page **facebook.com/KerikeriASC/**



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

2 DAYS | BIKE LESSONS + RIDING | SHUTTLES | GAMES

Make the most of these School Holidays and spend some days making friends, riding your bike and improving your MTB Skills at the Waitangi MTB Park.

\$190 per 2 Days

(\$95 per day; \$16 per hour)

Small group clinics | 8 students to 1 instructor

Beginner - Intermediate Riders

Own helmets and bike in good working order required

(Onsite Bike Hire is available if needed)

Our 2 Day Holiday Programme provides the opportunity for kids with a passion for Mountain Biking to develop their skills in a fun, safe and controlled environment, and find new local friends to go riding with.

To ensure maximum progression, the programme is led by the same Qualified Professional Mountain Bike Instructor each day, and each group is kept to a 1:8 ratio (1 instructor to 8 children).

Over the two days, using specific lessons and games, students will work on the MTB fundamentals and riding techniques, pump track skills, plus gain some valuable bike setup and maintenance knowledge.

7-8 YEAR OLDS



Tuesday + Wednesday

Session 1:
20th - 21st December

Session 2:
17th - 18th January

Session 3:
24th - 25th January

9-10 YEAR OLDS



Thursday + Friday

Session 1:
22nd - 23rd December

Session 2:
19th - 20th January

Session 3:
26th - 27th January

11-12 YEAR OLDS



Monday + Tuesday

Session 1:
19th - 20th December

Session 2:
16th - 17th January

Session 3:
23rd - 24th January

For more information head to our website, or get in touch with the team to **BOOK YOUR SPOT**
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Sun Smart

As we progress through Term Four, the weather is starting to warm up and it's time for a friendly reminder to keep sun smart whilst at school. We encourage all our students to wear a sunhat whilst outside during fitness or break time, along with applying sunscreen before school starts and during the day. All Junior School classes have sunscreen available in their classrooms, and an additional bottle is sitting in the school office.

With class excursions and Big Day Out events happening this term, we also remind all students and parent support to have adequate sun protection with them for these trips including hats, sunscreen, bug spray, water bottles and light clothing to protect your skin.



Wow, so much to celebrate!

Enjoy the next few weeks. I am looking forward to showcasing November's variety of activities in the next newsletter.

Regards,

Mike Warren
Principal

Thoughts for the Week 2022:

Term 4, Week 1:

"To leave the world better than you found it, sometimes you have to pick up other people's trash."

Courtesy of Mr Warren

Term 4, Week 2:

"Papatuanuku is all of ours. We all need to look after it."

Courtesy of Headstart

Term 4, Week 3:

"It looks big, Earth. But there are lots of us on here so be kind."

- Oliver Jeffers

Courtesy of Room 1

Term 4, Week 4:

"Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua. (Care for the land, care for the people, go forward.)"

Courtesy of Room 2



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