



SPRINGBANK SCHOOL

Capability – Character – Confidence



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Dear Springbank Family

November is done! One week to go!

November has been a month of working hard right to the end, knocking off those final examinations, and a time of celebration. We have held several celebration assemblies, including our Senior Celebration Dinner and our Junior School and Year 7 – 10 Certificate Assemblies. It is always a real treat being able to celebrate each of our students, their uniqueness, and their academic successes. We also held a special farewell assembly to celebrate and pay tribute to two wonderful long-term Springbank staff members: Jacqui Larkan and Jill Grimshaw. It was especially lovely to hear from students, both past and present, about what they appreciate most about these ladies.

Our Fireworks Extravaganza was, as always, spectacular! The Friends of Springbank put on a very well organised, entertaining, professional event for 2600 members of our community! I would like to thank every one of you who helped make this event the success that it was. Students, teachers, parents, and wider Springbank community members rallied together to help set up, run stalls and entertainment, and pack up the next day. We should be proud of what we can achieve when we work together.

We have one more week and one more newsletter to come. I look forward to more celebrations as we pay tribute to more staff members at our end-of-year farewell on Wednesday, and as we celebrate Capability, Character, and Confidence at our end-of-year Prize Giving on Thursday. I look forward to seeing you there.

Dates & Events to Note:

- **Junior School Big Day Out** – Monday 5th December
- **Middle School Options Day** – Monday 5th December
- **Year 10 Surf Camp** – Monday 5th to Tuesday 6th December
- **Middle School Ice Skating Trip** – Tuesday 6th December
- **Staff Farewells** – Wednesday 7th December, 8:30am
- **Gift Giving** – Wednesday 7th December, 10:30am
- **School Prizegiving** – Thursday 8th December
- **Water Fight!** – Thursday 8th December



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Fireworks Extravaganza

The Friends of Springbank School committee were thrilled to host their Fireworks Extravaganza event on Saturday 5th November, after having to cancel the 2021 show for the first time in its 12-year history.

The event is the committee's big fundraiser of the year, and all funds raised are directed back to the students. The final figures from the event are being confirmed, but it's looking like this year's event was one of the most financially successful to date.

The Fireworks Extravaganza requires a lot of organisation, and without the amazing support of our parents, teachers, and students, the event wouldn't be as successful as it is. There are so many aspects to ensuring the event runs smoothly, including the organisation of the fireworks raffle, setting up the event and security fencing, cooking the food, supervising the children's area on the turf, the entertainment for the night, collecting rubbish, welcoming the public, running the Springbucks bank, and the big clean up and pack down the next day. Every bit of help is greatly appreciated, and the committee says thank you to everyone who helped. We appreciate you.

The committee is also very fortunate to get sponsorship and support for the event from several local businesses and organisations each year. We would like to give a special mention to Ventia, Kericell, Darrel Robb Fencing, Keri Hire, Kerikeri Fire Brigade, Kerikeri St John, and the Kerikeri Police for their continued support. We would also like to thank our valued 2022 raffle sponsors and Hellers Sausages for Schools, who donated all the sausages for the Hot Dog and BBQ Sausage food stalls.

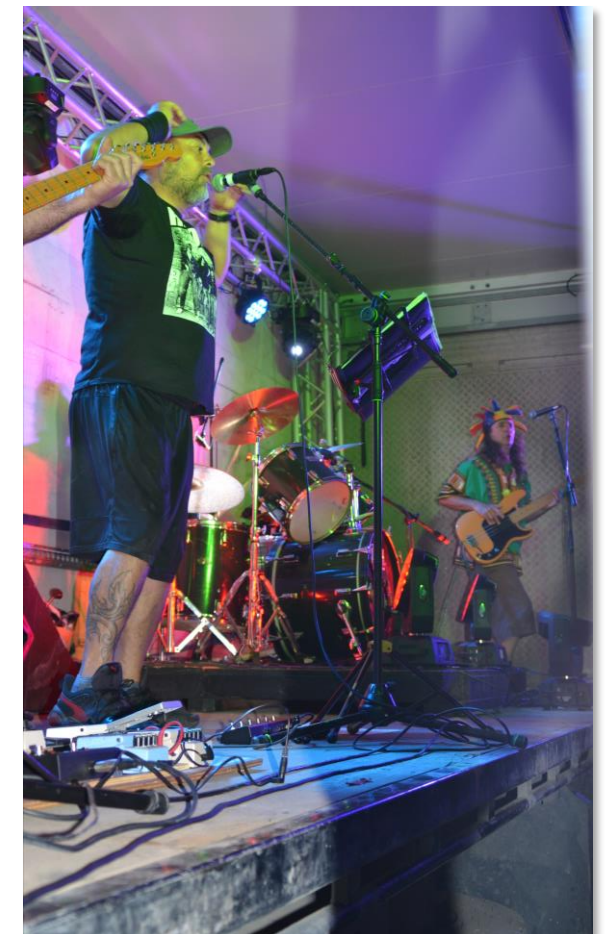
Approximately 2600 people came to enjoy the evening and watch the spectacular fireworks show. It was wonderful to see so many families from all over the Bay of Islands community come to Springbank School to enjoy this fun, family-friendly, and safe community event.



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Fireworks Extravaganza continued



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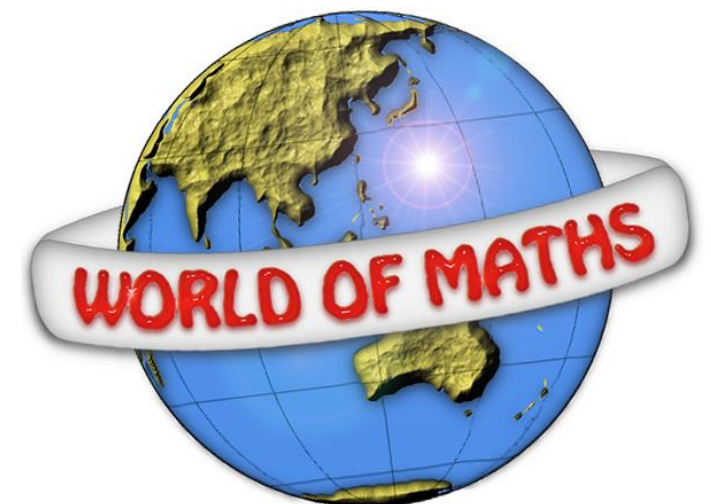
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World of Maths Roadshow

During Week 5, our Year 1 - 9 students tested their mathematical brain power with various maths activities from the World of Maths Roadshow.

Each activity hides a different maths problem that the students need to solve using knowledge on number patterns, sequencing, measurement, geometric properties, and more.

The World of Maths Roadshow encourages participation, boosts confidence, and sparks a love of learning for maths!



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Middle School Disco

On Friday 11th of November, the 2022 Middle School Disco was held at Kingston House. The event was enjoyed by all who attended and the glow in the dark theme was a huge success. DJ Thomas provided the most amazing light show and playlist, keeping everyone dancing and entertained.

Everyone's favourite music was played as all the students joined in to dance and sing along. Many came dressed in amazing neon clothing, spot prizes were awarded to the best dressed.

It was a great celebration for the end of the year, with Checkpoint and internal exams over for the Middle School. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped to make the event possible.

- Tiarna Andrew



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Sports Report – Touch Rugby

Congratulations to our Year 9 & 10 Touch team who headed across to Kaikohe in Week 4 to play in the NSSSA Regional Touch tournament.

The team played in the 2nd Division, and played some great, fast-paced games. Their determination and fitness were rewarded with placing 2nd in their division.



Left to right: Oscar Murray, Oscar Wells, Samraat Gill, Marcus Chandler, Raidon Reich, Addison Dent, Imogen Malcom Solly, Sophie Hunia, and Bella Booth

Sports Report – Hockey Summer 7s



Hockey is the sport that just keeps on giving, in that you can play all year round and who wouldn't want to do that?!

The Summer Hockey 7s is back for Term Four, and this year we had two teams playing. This league is open to anyone who wants to play, from students, staff, to parents. Games are shorter at around 30 minutes, and even if it's the first time you've played, everyone is welcome. The league is a lot of fun, and so far, both teams have been gaining some good wins.



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Sports Report – Volleyball, Week 6

Boys Year 9 Team

The team left for Whangarei at 8:30am, and after arriving, had about 10 minutes to warm up before their first game. First up was the Whangarei Boys team. After a pretty close first round, we lost. We needed to get into the mindset. However, in the second game against Whangaroa, the team still weren't there mentally.

After being on game duty, they had their next two games. They were pumped and ready to win. They finally did. They then played their next game against Bream Bay. Bream bay won the first round, but we won the second, leaving it to an intense last round. First to 15 points wins. The team worked hard, and after a few good plays, we won. We then watched the finals and headed home.

The day was very fun overall, and very successful for our first tournament.

- Jacob Finch, Year 9



Girls Year 9-10 Team

The team played well winning 2 out of 4 games. In our final game we came close to victory with an exciting game. The score was tight in the first two sets, however we didn't win the final set, but I think we could all agree it was a thrilling and exciting game.

As team captain, I would say the day turned out to be a shining success. Each player showed incredible amounts of effort on the court, and overall I am very proud with the results.

- Alexis Blakeman, Year 10A



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Sports Report – Chess

Raffy McAngus (Year 11) competed at the inaugural Northland Chess Championship on Saturday 12th November. The championship was really well organised, with free entry for 153 entrants subdivided into junior, youth and senior divisions. Sponsorship provided trophies and prize money, as well as some overhead screens showing selected games electronically.

Raffy won 5 of his 6 games, and came 2nd in the Youth Division (13-17 years) to win \$100! The champion also won 5 out of 6 games, but was awarded 1st place as he had beaten Raffy when they met - in a very close game, which was touch and go!

From the success of the event, it looks as if they will hold it again next year, and we strongly recommend it to anyone at Springbank interested in chess.



Sports Report – Equestrian

Imogen Malcolm-Solly (Year 8) has been having great success with her pony 'Chino' recently.

Imogen was selected and attended the North Island Dressage development camp over the last school holidays. She came second against adults in her last dressage competition on 74%, qualifying her for horse of the year.

Over the weekend of 12th November, Imogen won Champion Rider and Champion Pony at the Bay of Islands Show, qualifying her for Horse of the Year in showing! Outstanding!



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Sports Report – Windfoil

Liam Parker (Year 9) competed in the Taipa 2022 Northland Championship over the weekend of November 19th/20th. Liam was racing in the Windfoil, and placed second overall!

Windfoiling is a fast water sport, where some people describe it as if they are flying along the ocean. With windfoiling, rather than the windsurfer riding their board on the surface of the water, they are actually riding the foil which remains submerged beneath the surface of the water.

It is a very cool and exciting sport to watch, and we are really excited for Liam finishing his competition so strongly.



Photo of Liam practising.

Sports Report – Kerikeri 5km + Half Marathon

Well done to everyone who took part in the Kerikeri Half Marathon and 5km event on Saturday 19th November.

It looked like it was going to be a very wet course for all the runners and walkers, but the rain managed to stay away (for the most part) and turned out to be calm and steady conditions.

Courses this year included the 5km walk/run and the 21km either as a run, a walk or a hybrid (run + walk). It was fantastic to see several Springbank students, staff or parents out on the course. Well done to those who took on the challenge for the first time or were back for another go.

Special mention to Polina Klimova and Brisa Carlyon both from Year 8 who ran the 5km race, which started from Marsden Estate ending in the Kerikeri Domain.

Polina finished with a time of 00:19:27 earning herself 2nd female and 6th overall out of 318 competitors. Brisa was just behind her at 00:20:26 and placed 3rd female and 10th overall.

Huge effort from everyone who turned up at the start line. Well done for signing up, taking part and earning your medals. Excellent racing, everyone!



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Senior Dinner



On Tuesday night, our Year 11, 12 and 13 students came together with their families and Senior School teachers at the Kerikeri Cruising Club, to celebrate a successful school year.

Every year in Term Four, we host a Senior Celebration Dinner to acknowledge, thank, and congratulate our Senior School students on a great year. It is a special evening for the form teachers of these classes, to highlight each student's achievements, strengths, leadership initiatives, and recognise the great contribution they have made to their class.

For our Year 13 class, this is one of the final celebrations they will share together before our end of year Prizegiving in the last week of school, which will then be their final day as a student at Springbank School.

Congratulations to all our Senior School students. We look forward to seeing you back for the last day of term for Prizegiving and Water Fight, and we wish you all a happy and safe summer break.



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Staff Farewells

On Wednesday 23rd November we held a special farewell assembly for Jacqui Larkan and Jill Grimshaw. Both Jacqui and Jill display the Springbank School spirit and characteristics of Capability, Character, and Confidence one thousand times over. During their time at Springbank School, they have both provided our students, families, and staff with the most tremendous care and shown great work ethic in all that they do.

Jacqui Larkan has been a Junior School teacher at Springbank School for just under 20 years, and in her words, each year she seemed to have “The best class”. Each student who has been through her classroom door would agree that they had the best teacher. Jacqui always arrived at school each day with a smile and was committed to providing only the best learning environment for her students.

Some lovely memories shared from her students included listening to afternoon stories, learning how to write cursive, her bright and beautiful high heel shoes, her hugs, and all the fun times on school camp.

Without a doubt, Jacqui was born to be an educator, and this was reflected in the kind words and reflections from her colleagues and students. Jacqui Larkan is a person with great integrity, passion for teaching, and always showed great love and care for all of those around her at Springbank School.



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Staff Farewells continue

Jill's job sometimes seemed to run into the early hours of the morning as she liaised with students, their families, and agents in different time zones, working towards making their journey to New Zealand as easy and as comfortable as it could be. Jill's attention to detail and open-door policy always meant our international students and their host families here in Kerikeri were provided with excellent service and care.

Jill's impact as a caring and supportive International Student Director was reflected in a video of past international students who sent messages from abroad of thanks and good wishes to Jill on her next working journey.

Jacqui and Jill have impacted the lives of so many people in such positive and rewarding ways during their time at Springbank School, and it is with heavy hearts that we must say goodbye to them for now. But their connections with Springbank School are strong and we know that it's never goodbye forever.

We would like to thank Jacqui and Jill again for all the incredible contributions they have made at Springbank School, and we wish them both all the very best in their next endeavours.



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Room 3 Trip

On Thursday, 24th of November, the weather was crazy! It was stormy and wet, the ground was soggy, and we were all wearing our raincoats. Noah's car had a flat tyre and he just made it in the nick of time! We were worried that the weather was going to ruin our day.

The girls went in the car with Macy's dad, Toby, and played Macy's cool playlist. The boys went in the flash Mercedes van with Mrs Halliday, and we sang some songs along with the radio. We really liked how comfortable the seats were and we pretended to play Minecraft on the drop-down tables.

As we drove to Opononi, the Hokianga Harbour was very choppy because the wind was blowing, but the sun was shining. We realised we would have a sunny day ahead of us.

We went to Manea, Footsteps of Kupe. The girls were early and the boys arrived exactly on time. Manea is a cultural centre that shares the history of Kupe and explains how he arrived in Aotearoa. It also tells the myth of Kupe and Te Wheke.

Ramai was our guide for the day. She is a direct descendant of Kupe. Ramai has a great sense of humour and she taught us a complicated game with counting and actions.

Ramai led us through and told us about all the different Maori carvings of the gods of Aotearoa. The carvings tell the creation story of Ranginui and Papatuanuku. She told us about Tangaroa, Tane Mahuta, Tawhirimatea, Tu, and Rongo, and the demi-god, Maui.

Before we entered the whare, Ramai chose four students to stand on the waka and pukana each other. They felt nervous but stepped out of their comfort zones and ended up having fun. We were invited into the whare and we responded to their greeting with a waiata, Te Aroha.

Once inside the whare, we went to the theatre and found a screen, which was opened up to a colossal size, with a stage in front of it and rows of comfortable cinema seats. Ramia told us if you get scared, to wave to her on the stage and she would wave back! She was funny!

During the movie when the story had us sailing on Kupe's waka, the seats vibrated, and the sea spray drifted over us. While he was on land there were smells of burnt wood in the air. When Kupe was battling Te Wheke, there was mist and a fish smell in the air and an octopus attacked us.

We had a great time experiencing storytelling using theatre and stage acting, music, cinema and effects, and our senses. Our favourite part was mostly the cinema, and next best was learning about how the carvings helped to tell their story.

- Mrs Halliday + Room 3 students



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Kerikeri Retirement Village

Last year, after several years of planning and organising, a raised vegetable garden was completed for the Kerikeri Retirement Village, as part of a student community project. Materials, soil, and extra building labour was kindly donated by local businesses.

Mrs Chapman recently received an email from Karen Hawtin, the Activities Coordinator from the village to say, *"...how much joy the residents are getting out of the garden Springbank made for us, and Michael has been making pickle for the others."*

It is wonderful to hear how the raised vegetable garden is growing strongly and providing lots of delicious produce for the residents. Connecting with our wider community is a great way to build a sense of belonging and learn about each other through shared stories and knowledge.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with the Kerikeri Retirement Village.



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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 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

Every second Friday, we have been joining Mr Horgan and his Year 10 class for Outdoor Adventure. Some of the children are shy to start, but they are soon put at ease by the Year 10s as they build relationships and learn to work together in teams! We love working and playing with the older students from 'big' school. It is a real privilege to share our experiences with each other and build our confidence and sense of belonging.



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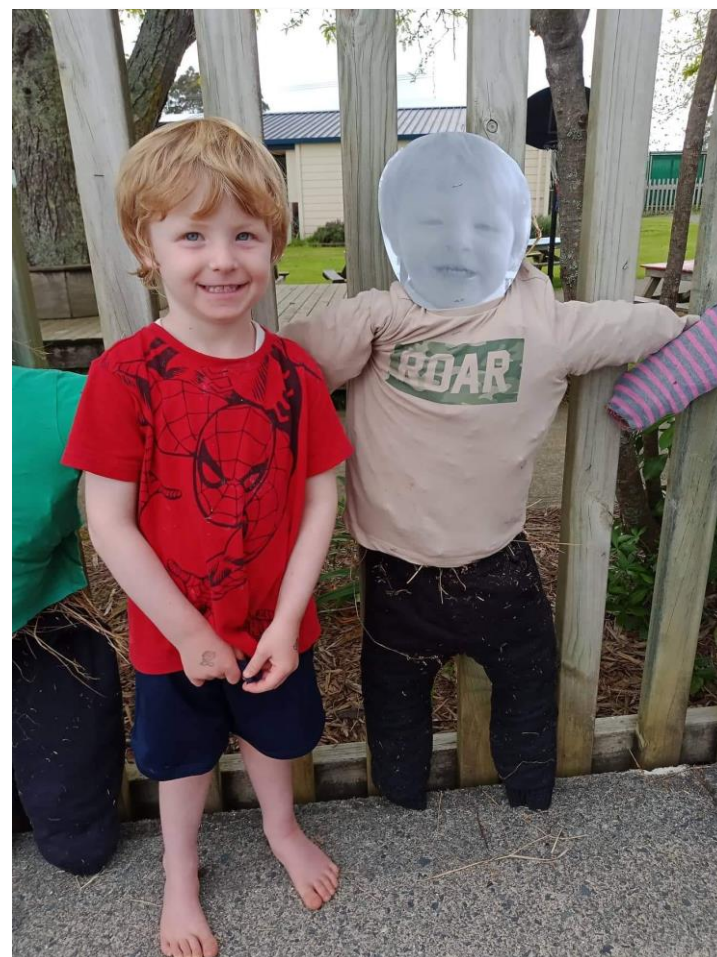
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Preschool Round Up

It has been another fun filled month here at Preschool. With some warmer days, our tamariki have been outside gardening, doing a lot of waterplay, and walks down to see the eels! A few of our highlights this month have been making our scarecrows for the annual fireworks display. These always turn out amazing, and the children get such joy taking them home at the end of their display.

We had a inspiring visit from Anouk who is part of Enviroschools. She helped our older children make beeswax wraps and discussed conservation with our staff. This has led onto our goal of 'Litter free by 2023'. We are so excited to do our part for Papatuanuku, and the tamariki take their role so seriously. In the pipelines for a while now has been a revamp for a bike track – this has come to life and we are so lucky and grateful for all the wonderful helpers that donated their time and efforts to helping this be possible for our Preschool. As you can imagine, this has been an area of interest for November, and our children are challenging their skills, mastering new tricks, and celebrating successes with their peers and teachers. If you get a chance, peer over the fence or come in and see our new bike track and the children zooming around on their bikes. Some have mastered riding two-wheel pedal bikes – what an achievement! Our track is so cool that we would like to share some photos on the next slide; or check out our Facebook page for more!

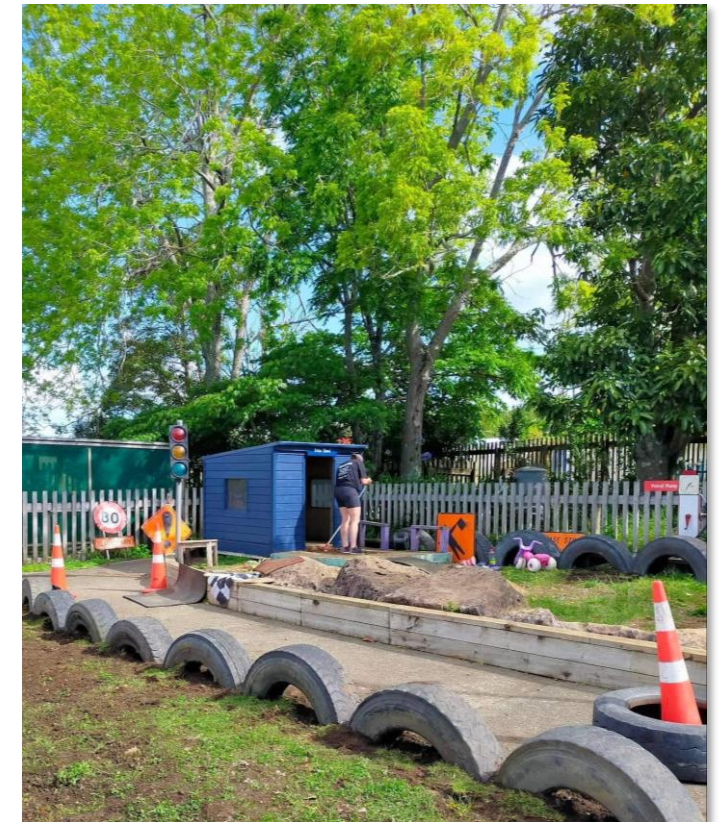
We LOVE Christmas festivities here at preschool, and yes, they have started already! Our tamariki have been working on gingerbread house displays, sleigh displays, Christmas tree decorating, and there is so much more to come. We look forward to telling you more about our festivities in December. Until then, stay safe and enjoy the warmer weather.



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Preschool Bike Track



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Community Notices

HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

@ KKTC

Harmony Lane, Waipapa

19th - 21st

December

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

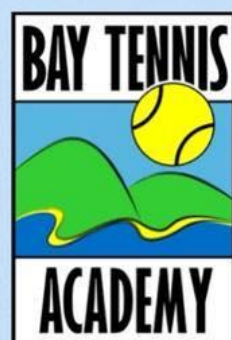
11am - 3pm

Ages 5 - 17

(Beginners - Advanced)

Please Bring a Hat, Water Bottle, Packed
Lunch and a SMILE.

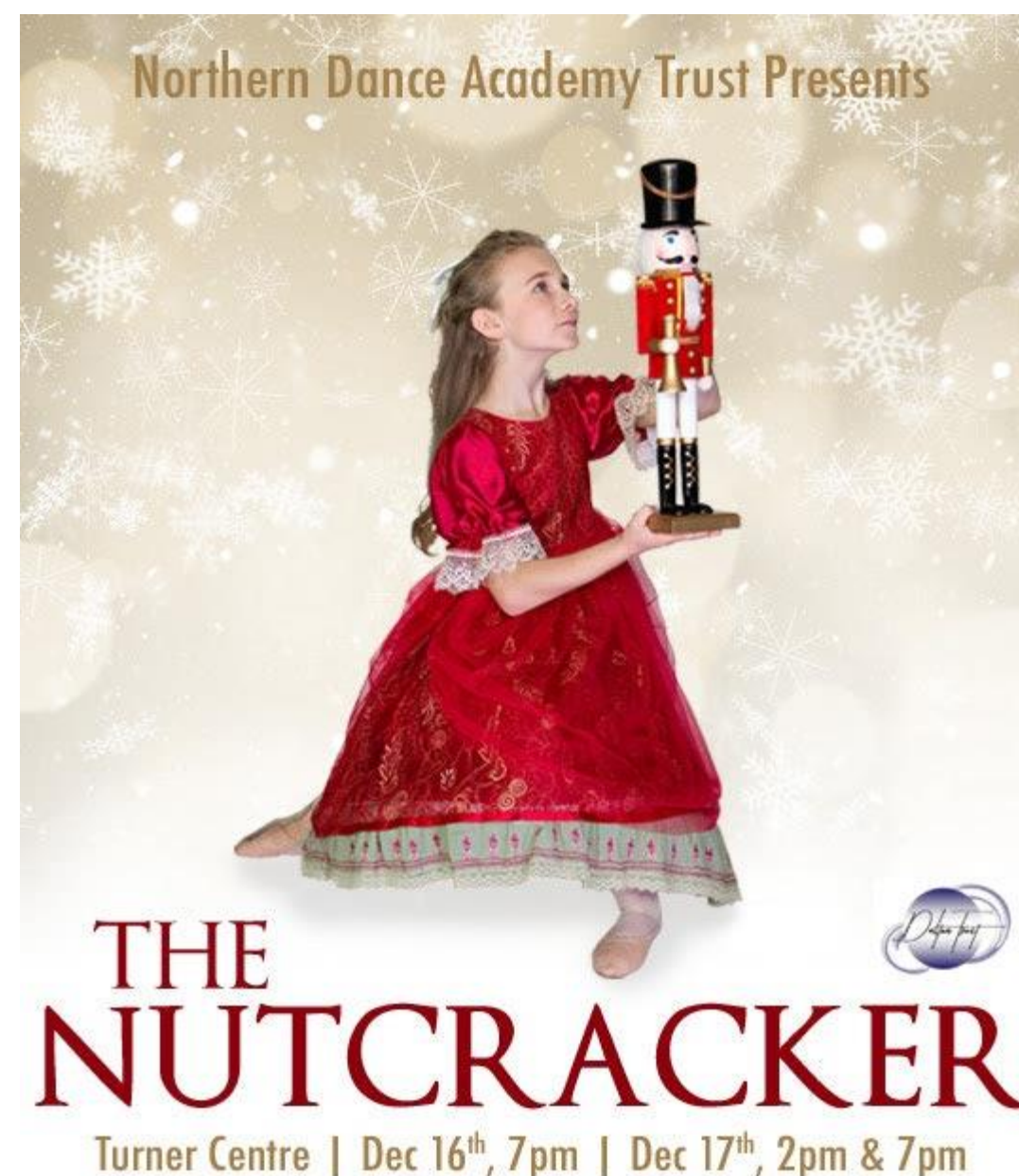
Rain OR Shine Programme Continues



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Several Springbank School students are performing in the end of year production of The Nutcracker. Head along to the Turner Centre website for details and to purchase tickets.



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Term and Holiday Dates 2023

Term 1 31 January to 6 April (10 weeks)

Term 2 24 April to 30 June (10 weeks)

Term 3 17 July to 22 September (10 weeks)

Term 4 9 October to 7 December (9 weeks)

Public and School Holidays

Teacher Only Days	Thursday 26 th Jan Friday 27 th January
Northland Anniversary	Monday 30 th January
Waitangi Day	Monday 6 th February
Mid-term Monday	Monday 13 th March
Good Friday	Friday 7 th April
ANZAC Day	Tuesday 25 th April
Queen's Birthday	Monday 5 th June
Matariki	Friday 14 th July
Labour Day	Monday 23 rd October
Teacher Only Day	Friday 8 th December

As November ends, so does our 'Conservation' theme for Term Four. As you can see to the right ->, our Thought for the Week quotes and presentations at assemblies have been inspired by our students, as they have led these all term. There have been a variety of ways our students have shared their message, from fun live skits to persuasive video presentations. Overall, it is evident that our students care deeply about our environment, and they have done a great job of provoking thought and sharing some ideas about how we can do our bit to care for our one and only planet.

Regards,



Mike Warren
Principal

Thoughts for the Week 2022:

Term 4, Week 5:

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

Courtesy of Room 3

Term 4, Week 6:

"If you can't reuse it, refuse it!"

Courtesy of Room 4

Term 4, Week 7:

"There is no such thing as 'away'. When you throw something away, it must go somewhere."

Courtesy of Year 7

Term 4, Week 8:

"Planet Over Profit."

Courtesy of Year 8



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