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[Dear Springbank Family](#)

It is great to be back at school for Term Two, catching up with familiar faces and meeting new ones. This term is always a busy one, with a range of extra-curricular events taking place.

One of the more significant events on our school calendar is ANZAC Day. Historically, Springbank is represented by our Head Prefects at the Dawn Service, which is usually the extent of our involvement. This year was particularly special. The RSA asked us to have a significant involvement, not only at the Dawn Service, but the mid-morning service, and supporting them in between with running their breakfast for veterans and members of the public. In addition, it was a real honour for our students to form the official Flag Party, which is the first time that Springbank students have held this privilege. Our Head Boy and Girl (Jaluka and Katija) also did a wonderful job of delivering their speeches. This year, the high-ranking representative from the armed forces who was set to deliver the main address was not able to attend due to illness. In his place, Raffy McAngus (Prefect) took on the task of writing (over the preceding weekend!) and delivering this main address for the mid-morning service. We were absolutely blown away! Raffy's speech was insightful, thoughtful, and personal, and his delivery was exceptional. We are not sure if any civilian has had this particular honour to date, and who knows if it may ever happen in the future. What a proud moment!

Our senior students, some of their parents, and Michelle Chapman did a great job of serving breakfast, and the feedback that we received from the RSA informed us that, without Springbank's support, it is quite possible that the ANZAC breakfast may not have gone ahead.

Thank you very much to Michelle Chapman for liaising with the RSA and ensuring that our students represent our school with pride. We are so fortunate to have had such a significant involvement in this year's ANZAC Day, and we hope to do so again in future events.

Dates & Events to Note:

- **Term Two** – Monday 24th April to Friday 30th June (10 weeks)
- **Junior Duathlon** – Thursday 11th May
- **Attitude Seminars** – Friday 19th May
- **Junior School Disco (Room 1-4)** – Friday 19th May
- **NSS Orienteering (Springbank hosting)** – Friday 19th May
- **Cross Country** – Friday 26th May
- **MUNA** – Thursday 25th to Saturday 27th May
- **Friends of Springbank AGM** – Wednesday 31st May
- **King's Birthday (Springbank closed)** – Monday 5th June



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Junior School Athletics

On Thursday 30th March, our Junior School students took part in the first ever Springbank Junior School Athletics Day. The event was initiated and organised by Prefect Lucy Spice (Year 12). Students were encouraged to wear their house colours of blue – dolphins, red – sharks, orange – orcas, and green – stingrays. Students participated in shotput, discus, long jump, and some tabloid sports including an egg and spoon race and gumboot throwing.

The day was a huge success with lots of excited students giving it their all in the various events and showing wonderful sportsmanship by cheering and encouraging their peers along.

It was great to see several parents join us for the afternoon to watch the event, and feedback from the day was extremely positive.

We would like to congratulate Lucy Spice and her team of senior student helpers on a successful event. We are all very keen to ensure that the Junior School Athletics Day remains an annual fixture!



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Middle and Senior School Athletics

To finish up Week 9 of Term One, the Middle and Senior School had their Athletics Day on Friday 31st March.

Athletics Day events include shotput, discus, long jump, tabloid sports, 300m relay, the 200m and 100m sprint finals, and of course the hotly contested house tug-of-war to wrap up the day's events.

It was a fantastic day out on the field, with students giving it their all in the various disciplines and encouraging their peers, as top placings of the day were awarded. The 100m sprint finals seem to get faster every year, with the Senior Boys' race a thrilling final to watch.

Mr Horgan maintained his parent/teacher 100m sprint race title, closely followed by Mr Warren for the men's race, while Anja Hvam (Laurits' and Alvin's mum) took out the women's race.

Some of the Preschool children came over to join in on the action, running in a 50m race, much to the delight of the older students, before the serious competition began with the tug-of-war. Orcas and Stingrays were up first, with the Orca house pulling out a solid first win. Then it was Dolphins versus Sharks, with the Dolphins successfully going through to the final.

The final between the Orca and Dolphin house groups was a fierce 45-second battle with the win potentially going either way, before the Dolphins dug in deep, with some strong coaching from Mr Epley on the side-line to get them across the winner's line, to take out the tug-of-war title for 2023.

An excellent day of athletics thanks to Mr Horgan's great organisation, backed up by the wonderful Middle and Senior teaching team and parents.



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Future Trades Trip

The careers trip was on Friday the 31st of March. A group of Year 11s went down to the Future Trades campus in Whangarei. The courses on offer were agriculture, automotive engineering, apiculture, horticulture, architectural engineering, construction, electrical engineering, environmental management and stream restoration, mechanical engineering, plumbing, vehicle maintenance and heavy machinery, plumbing and hospitality. We each got to choose a workshop for the morning and one for the afternoon. During these workshops we got to experience the practical side to our chosen workshop. Some of the things than Jemma and I did during the agriculture workshop were driving a Polaris side by side, electric fencing and conventional fencing such as learning different ways to tie wire.

The environmental management team did some pest trap monitoring and 'kick testing' of waterways. They got to analyse what they had found under microscopes. Isabel had a good laugh at the boys in the automotive workshop when they pulled out the wrong lever for the dip stick. Grace really enjoyed her apiculture course and got to learn how to extract honey and even got to taste it. Leo was great at kick testing but not so great at the GPS tracker to the pest trap, so Grace tells me.

We all had an amazing day. Thank you Springbank School for allowing us to have this great day out.

- Amelia Morris, Year 11



When I went to Northtec Trades Event, I did an automotive workshop. I was in a group of four others, and we worked on and looked at a Hyundai Sonata. We got given a checklist of things to do and to look at on the vehicle. A few of the things we had to check were the lights, if there were any leaks under the vehicle, and we had to check if everything was good under the bonnet. We also got to take a tyre off each and check the brake pads and brake rotor. Overall, it was a great experience, and I am grateful that I got to be a part of it.

- Isabel Harrison, Year 11



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Breakfast of Champions

Last term Room 4 (Year 6) completed their second inquiry project - Breakfast of Champions.

This project focused on the human body's nutritional needs and what we must consider when starting our day. Breakfast is often the most forgotten about meal, so it was nice to really focus on why our bodies need food and other nutrients.

Students were able to become curious through research, accountants through budgeting, chefs through cooking, business managers through cafe design and operation, scientists through learning about infectious diseases, diet and nutrition, and of course effective group members through collaboration. The class had a true buzz throughout and everyone felt successful.



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Northland Primary Schools Swimming

The month of March was busy for our students, and to finish up the month, six of our students represented Springbank School at the finals of the Northland Primary Schools Swimming Competition in Dargaville on 31st March: Tess Pearson, Ava and Tilda Frey, Madison and Charlotte Thorburn, and Andrew Shaw.

The finals saw 200 swimmers from all over the Northland region competing in individual medley, freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly events. All of our Springbank competitors swam exceptionally well.

*Tilda Frey won four of her five events, and came 2nd in the 25m butterfly.

*Charlotte Thorburn won the 25m butterfly race and gained two 3rd places in both backstroke and freestyle.

*Andrew Shaw swam an awesome four events, with fantastic personal best times.

*Madison Thorburn swam in freestyle, backstroke, and breaststroke events, gaining her three personal bests, along with a third place in her breaststroke swim.

*Ava Frey dominated her age group; her outstanding performances gave her 1st place in four of her seven events, with close 2nd places in all of her other races.

*Tess Pearson swam seven events, with a personal best swim in the 100 m freestyle, second place in the individual medley, and third places in backstroke and butterfly events.

An excellent effort in the pool. Well done to all our swimmers.

We would also like to congratulate Sebastian Mottl, who recently competed in the Northland Secondary Schools Swimming Competition at Whangarei.

Seb swam a personal best to win the 50m breaststroke race against strong opposition, and had the crowd on their feet with a second personal best in the 50m butterfly - his time of 32.48 seconds, inside the Division Two national qualifying time.



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Cultural Diversity Day

The Springbank School community celebrated Cultural Diversity Day on April 6th, 2023. It was a day filled with colourful traditional dresses and food, celebrating the diverse cultural backgrounds of the students and staff.

Students and staff members dressed up in traditional attire from different cultures, showcasing the richness and diversity of the school community. There were dresses from Japan, Brazilian footballers, Indian saris, and more! Furthermore we had students from Junior School enter a colour-in competition which showcased their creativity.

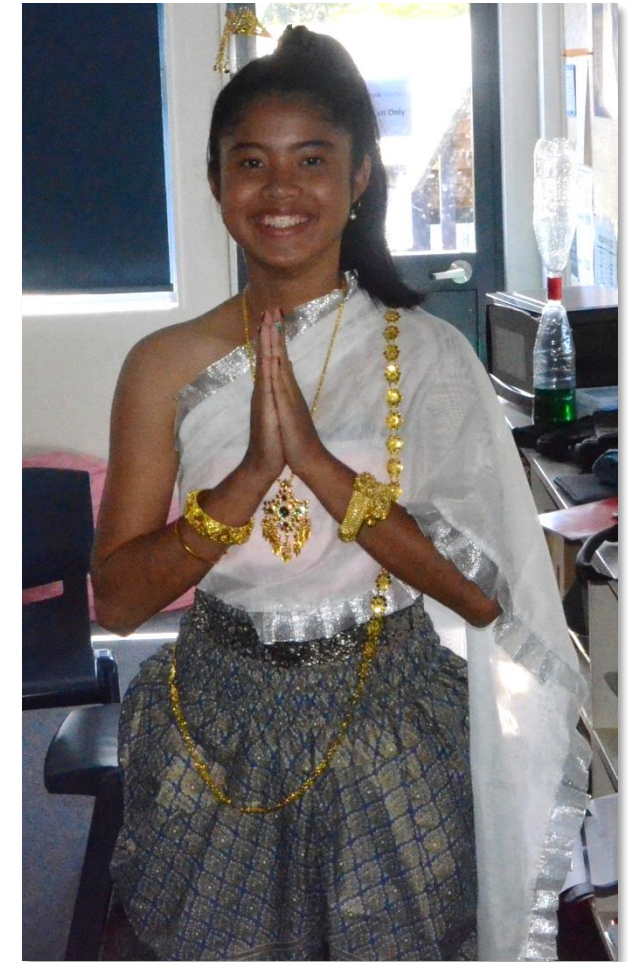
During lunchtime, Raffy, a history buff, held a captivating presentation about England's Kings. He shared interesting facts about the monarchs that have ruled England throughout history.

The presentation was engaging and informative, and students and staff members alike were enthralled by Raffy's extensive knowledge of English history. The presentation provided an excellent opportunity for students to learn about a different culture and how it has influenced the world we live in today.

Cultural Diversity Day helped seniors who are going to MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly), to fundraise by selling sausages and pancakes to help lessen the cost of attending the event.

Overall, Cultural Diversity Day was a huge success and a testament to the inclusive and welcoming environment at Springbank School. The event was a great opportunity for students and staff to celebrate and learn about different cultures and to appreciate the diversity that makes our school community so special.

- Youssef Awad and Raffy McAngus (Prefects)



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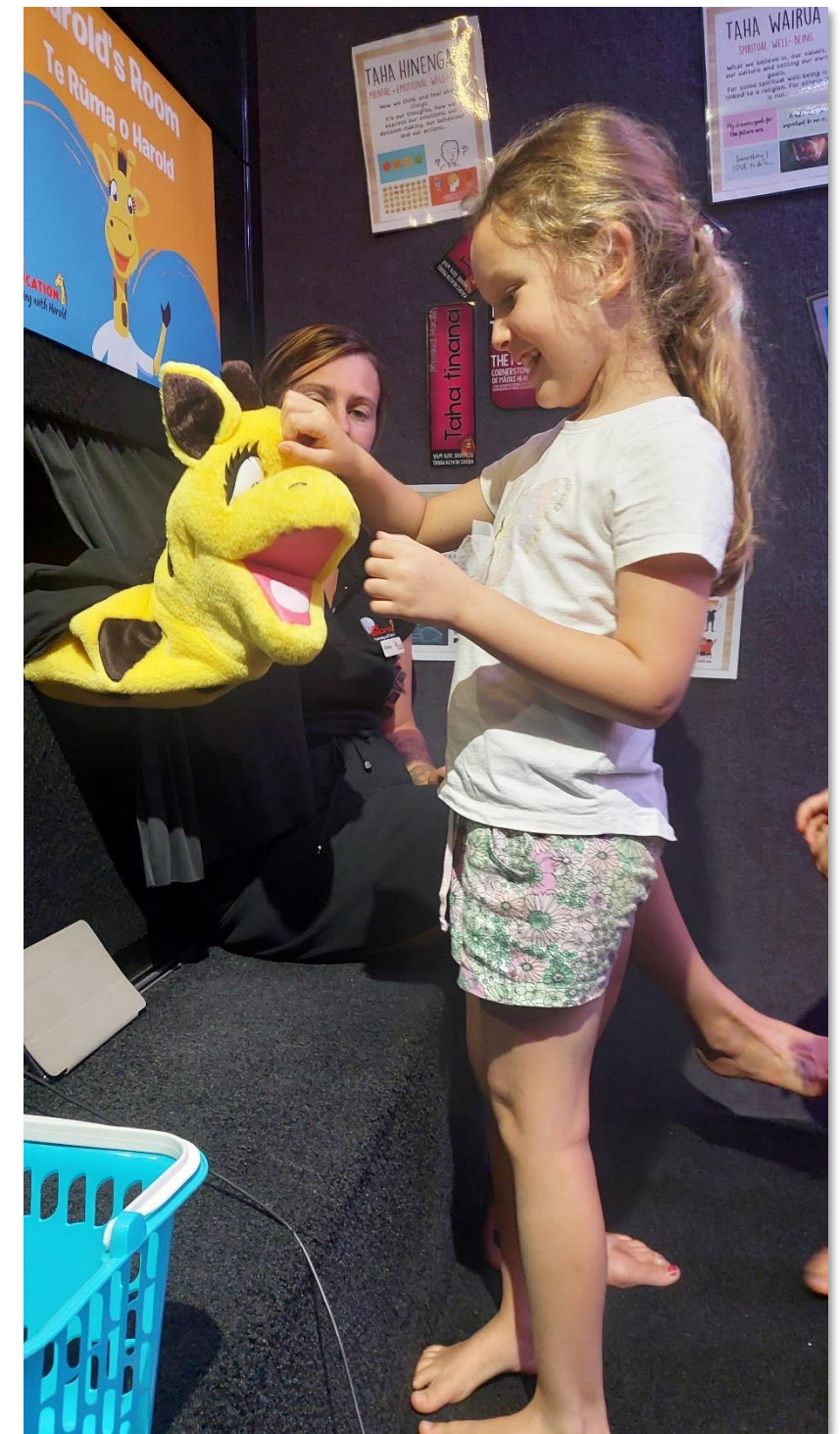
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Life Education Trust Truck

The Life Education Trust truck was with us at school during the first week of April, for students from Headstart to Year 8.

Life Education has been visiting schools all over New Zealand for over 30 years, providing support and education on health and wellbeing for children. So for many of our Kiwi parents, growing and going to school in New Zealand, you would have once meet Harold as well!

Students from Room 1-4 had the pleasure of meeting the iconic and kiwi-famous Harold the Giraffe. Whilst there, they investigated what eating a balanced diet means, including the importance of choosing a wide variety of foods and drinks from all the food groups. They also explored how food is used for energy to help us live and grow.



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R. Tucker Thompson

Last term I was lucky enough to go on a 7-day voyage on the R.Tucker Thompson. This was an amazing experience as I got to meet new people from around Northland and push myself out of my comfort zone. For those of you who don't know, the R.Tucker Thompson is a tall ship that does voyages for youth. You get to learn how to sail the ship with 11 other trainees around our beautiful bay of islands and experience all the bay has to offer.

If you are aged between 14-18, I highly recommend giving the R.Tucker Thompson a go. Other students from Springbank School have been and I know they are looking for more students from Springbank to take part. If you are interested go check out their website <https://tucker.co.nz/7-day-voyages/> it's an experience that you won't regret!

- Lucy Spice (Prefect)



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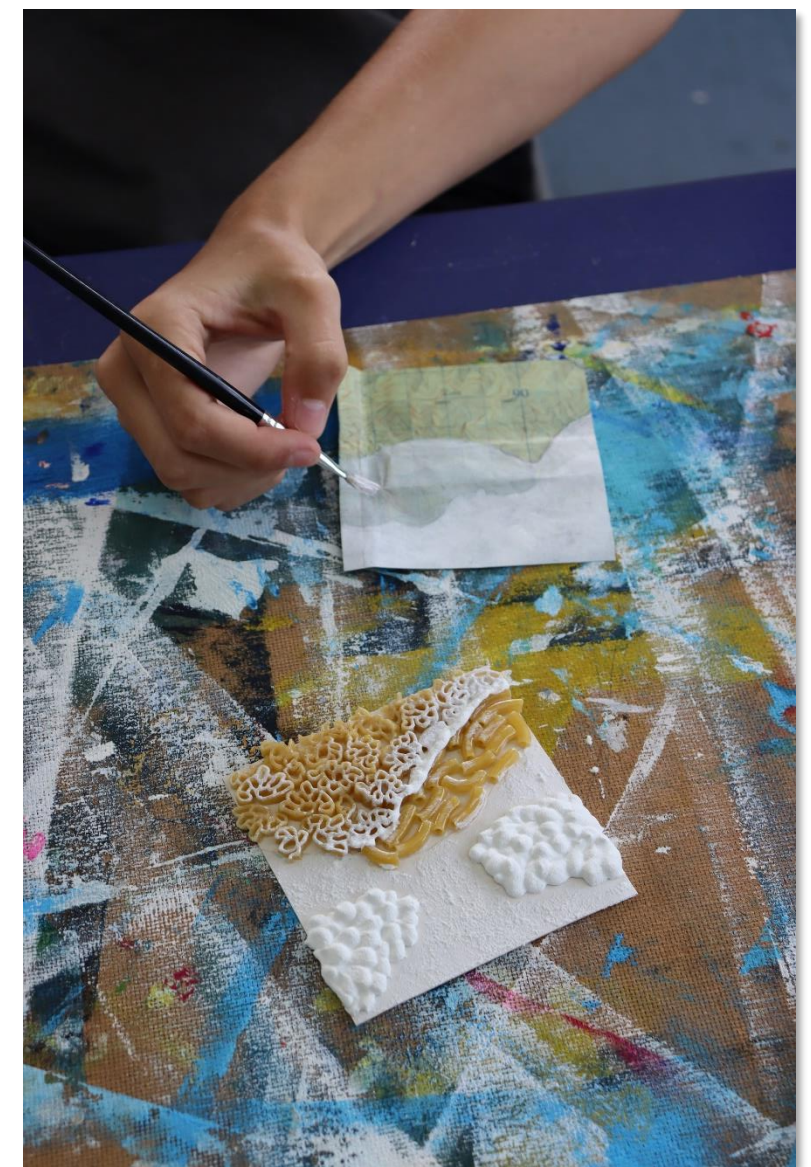
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Artist Workshop – Year 10 and 11

Our Year 10-13 art students recently participated in two art workshops with local artist Marita Hewitt. During the sessions they learnt about her art practise and the ideas that inform it. They also had the opportunity to create several mini works, based on a broad range of contemporary artists, which explored layering and texture.

A highlight for many students was using pasta and puff paint, a therapeutic and nostalgic way to create texture.

- Gwyneth Hulse



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ANZAC Day

On Friday 21st April, Springbank School students and staff supported the RSA for Poppy Day, by selling poppies and collecting donations around town. It was a great privilege to give a few hours of time to help raise money for the RSA, and meet and chat with members of the community. Our students and families helped raise over \$9,000. We hear that it is the largest amount collected since the ANZAC Centenary in 2015.

On Tuesday 25th April, Springbank School was proud to support the RSA at both the Dawn Parade and the 9:45am service at the Kerikeri Domain. Our senior students (Callum McIntyre, Hunter Blakeman, Portia Blakeman, Ruben Kistemaker, Briar Booth, Lucy Spice, and Youssef Awad) carried the flags in both parades, standing guard alongside the Kerikeri Cadet Unit by the Memorial Wall. As part of the 9:45am service, Jaluka Clarke read out the Kerikeri Roll of Honour, Raffy McAngus read a speech, and to end Jaluka and Katija Zivkovich also read out a speech, acknowledging those who fought for freedom and justice, and giving thanks to those who continue to serve and protect.

In between both services, our students (along with several of their parents) were tasked with serving breakfast to the veterans and members of the public. We received excellent feedback from members of the public, and the RSA informed us that it was the most well-organised and executed ANZAC breakfast they have ever hosted.

Lest we forget



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Agri Kids Competition 2023

On Saturday 29th April, the Agri Kids Competition was held at the Kaikohe Showgrounds. The competition, organised by Young Farmers and sponsored by FMG, tests students on their farming knowledge. 28 teams from Auckland up to the Cape Reinga competed on the day.

Springbank School had two teams of three representing us. Team 1: Fay Stirling, Ruby Booth (both Year 6), and Harry Robertson (Year 8); and Team 2: Amber Warren (Year 8), Toni Warren, and Morgan Batt (both Year 9).

There were seven different modules the students had to complete, based on farming in New Zealand, with a time limit of six-minutes per module. Each module involved problem solving, general knowledge, and practical skills. These included conducting a safety check on a two-wheeler motorbike, strapping a load of items on to a makeshift trailer, and building and explaining how to make a compost bin.

The judges don't give out scores, only announcing the top seven teams that progress to the semi-finals, then three teams go into the finals.

Both of our teams were in the first round, which meant other teams had extra time to figure out what each module required. Even though we didn't place this year, the two teams we entered had a lot of fun, showed great teamwork, learnt a lot, and were commended on their fantastic manners and engagement with the judges. We look forward to entering the competition again next year.

- Kortne Snedden



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International Students

We are having a great time with our international students and we are having lots of enquiries for Term 3 and more arriving regularly!

If you would like to learn more about hosting a student, please contact Jo Warren at jo.warren@springbank.school.nz for more information, and she will be happy to discuss our program with you.

We are currently needing homes for students staying for two terms from July and others staying for a full year. Remember homestay payments are tax free (yay!) at \$290 per week.



Left: Hiroto and Tristan (both Year 11) weaving with Outdoor Adventure class.

Below: Elizabeth (Year 11) enjoying some quality horse riding time.



Friends of Springbank

The Friends of Springbank (FOS) committee continues to meet every month, and it's great to see new parents from around the school community coming along.

The Friends of Springbank committee is run by parents for students with the key objective:

"To further the educational experience of the Springbank School students".

There is no set commitment to join Friends. If you'd like to be involved but can't always join the monthly meetings, minutes can be sent out via email. As a committee member you can have your say on how funds are spent.

Meetings take place in the staff room on the last Wednesday of every month from 2:00pm. NB: Meeting times may vary.

Upcoming funding approved by FOS include:

- Lit Quiz
- MUNA
- Art Trip

Up coming meeting and AGM – Wednesday 31st May



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Bald Angels – Keep our kids Warm

The Bald Angels Charitable Trust is our Chosen Charity for 2023. We have proudly supported Bald Angels across 2022, with fundraising events at school, promoting their campaign drives, and giving many generous gifts at our annual Gift Giving in Term Four.

As we move into the cooler winter months, the Bald Angels Keep Our Kids Warm campaign is back, and we'd like to help get behind this.

Bald Angels is asking for NEW or EXCELLENT quality preloved items, as per the list below. If you have any items that you no longer require at home, items that your children have grown out of but still are in good condition, please drop them off into the box outside the school office.

We already have one full box of items ready to be delivered, which is fantastic, and will mean so much to the families that Bald Angels support. Let's fill another one!

Bald Angels also has two more exciting fundraising opportunities to share.

- **FUNDRAISER MOVIE NIGHT - MAY 11th**

Because ALL taitamariki (children & young people) deserve to be their most fabulous selves, Bald Angels invite you to support our youth programmes - including Rainbow Rangatahi and kiwiMANA Kaiārahi (mentoring & life skills programme).

Bald Angels are having a fun and fabulous night out on Thursday May 11th with the next chapter in the 'Book Club' story.

Join us for fabulous food and wine, a fun movie and stories with spot prizes and an awesome auction. Book tickets online at <https://events.humanitix.com/book-club-angels> or pop into CCs Cafe Cinema.

- **DIVERSITY and INCLUSIVITY ANGEL WINGS**

Bald Angels are planting the seed of a loving and inclusive future Aotearoa for our mokopuna. Gigantic Angel Wings with feathers of all colours - representing our uniqueness across race, gender, ability, faith and colour are about to be installed in the Kerikeri Domain.

Our angel wings will be made of the same material road signs are made from so they're durable, 3D and colourful! We have a wee bit more funding to raise to make these a reality, so please visit <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/get-our-angel-wings-on-and-stand-proud> and donate if you can.



Bald Angels Charitable Trust ...caring for kids in our community

REGISTERED NZ CHARITY #CC50983 DONATIONS TO: TRUST ACCOUNT: 03-0351-0240110-00

Please only provide NEW or EXCELLENT quality pre loved items.

No holes, snags, pilling, stains.

Our people deserve better.

Clothing: Warm jackets
New packs of Underwear and Socks
Pyjamas & Onesies
Slippers, Gumboots, Sports Shoes
Knitwear & Beanies

Bedding: Clean quilts & pillows
Blankets (polar fleece or wool)

Thanks for helping us- Together we can make a difference

Na ta rourou, na taku rourou- ka ora nga tamariki, katoa

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Springbank School Clothing

Springbank School has a range of branded clothing items for families to purchase. These clothing items are not a uniform and they are not compulsory. However, they can be added in nicely to your child's everyday school wardrobe if you wish.

There are currently six items available:

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

The clothing samples are available to view in the school office with order forms, pricing and payment instructions. If you'd like to order any clothing please fill out a form and hand it into Taryn, she will then pass any orders onto Angela Warren who helps organise the orders. If you wish to see any other clothing sample sizes, please speak with Angela and she'll check what is available.



Springbank School House T-Shirts

For all house events such as Athletics Day and Cross Country, it is now compulsory for all students to wear house colours.

We do have house t-shirts available to purchase for \$25.00, and some samples are available in the office to look at, along with an order form if you wish to purchase one for your child. Keep in mind that each family is in the same house, so shirts can be passed down to younger siblings if needed.

The t-shirts are 100% cotton and will be available in kids' sizes 6 – 14 and in a men's fit S to XXL.



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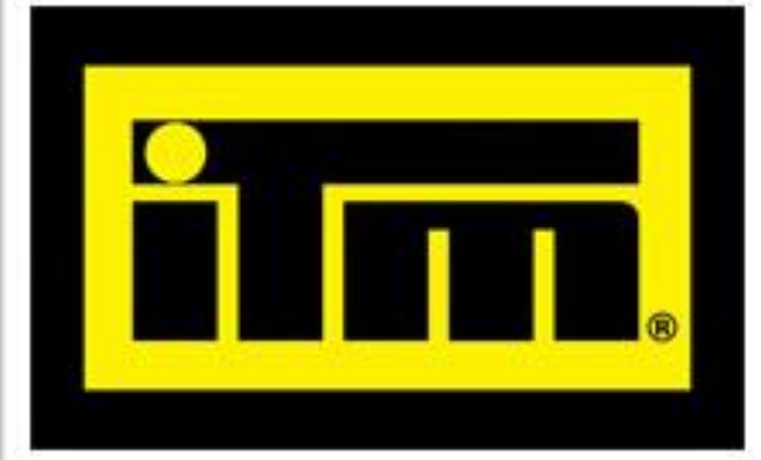
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Headstart Report

After a restful holiday break, we are happy to be back for Term Two, and everyone is ready for some great learning and play. This term we go swimming every week to Little Dippers with the children from Room 2. Swimming lessons are an important part of our learning, as we are surrounded by water here in the Bay of Islands, and having confident water skills are important not only to have fun in the water, but also knowing how to protect ourselves.

We continue to enjoy our buddy reading sessions with Room 3 (Year 5) students. Buddy Reading is a great opportunity for younger students to listen and observe an older peer demonstrating their reading skills.

We would also like to give a big shout out to ITM Waipapa who have supplied us with some more planks at Headstart. We use these for making shelves, slides, tables, chairs, and all sorts of creative ideas! We really appreciate your support.



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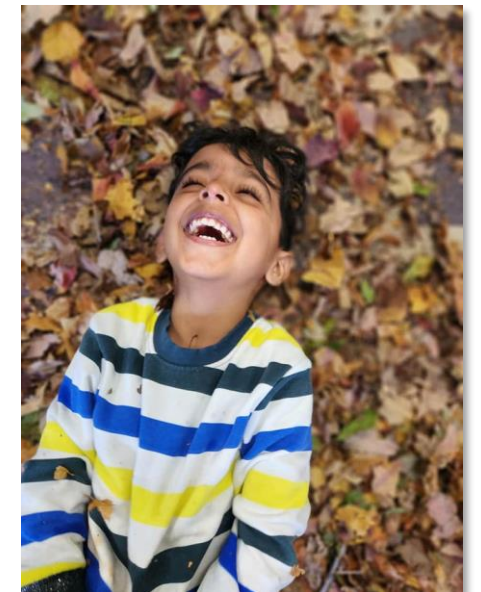
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Preschool Update

We've made the most of the April school holiday break, and took over the school while the big kids were away. We explored the playground outside the Junior School classes, and tested our strength, agility and confidence on the bigger play spaces.

The children have shown a real interest in numbers and counting, and have thoroughly enjoyed using and interacting with the new numeracy corner. Early maths skills can be seen in so many aspects of play at Preschool; measuring water, counting steps, and building block towers. Maths is all around us, and it's great to watch the learning happen for the children in a fun and meaningful way.

As the seasons have changed, the children have noticed the outside environment changing, so why not bring it inside! Last week we filled up one of the Preschool spaces with thousands of beautiful Autumn leaves, it was so much fun swimming amongst the leaves, crushing them in our hands, and creating art with them.



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Autumn, Winter Ills and Chills

We can all agree it's been a wet first half of the year, and the wild weather continues. With the change of seasons, it can bring all those ills and chills back.

We'd like to remind everyone that if your child is sick, or shows symptoms of being unwell, please keep them home. Covid is also still in the community, and isolation guidelines are still in place for those who test positive. For more information, please visit <https://covid19.health.nz/advice/i-have-covid-19/self-isolation>. Your child may return to school once they have been 24-hour symptom free.

It's also a good time to ensure all your correct contact details and emergency contacts are correctly logged with Taryn.

Along with sickness, the weather is unpredictable, so we recommend students from Junior School right up to senior level have a spare change of clothes or towel in their bag. There are times when they can get caught out during fitness time in a downpour, and it makes for an uncomfortable day sitting in soaking wet clothes.



Welcome back to Term Two.

Regards,

Mike Warren

Principal

Thoughts for the Week 2023:

Term 1, Week 9:

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."

- Walt Disney

Courtesy of Ms Wils

Term 1, Week 10:

"The standard that you walk past is the standard that you accept."

Courtesy of Mr Warren

Term 2, Week 1:

The Golden Rule:

"Treat others how you would want to be treated."

Courtesy of Mr Warren

Term 2, Week 2:

"Loving yourself starts with liking yourself, which start with respecting yourself, which starts with thinking of yourself in positive ways."

- Jerry Corsten

Courtesy of Mrs Binedell



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