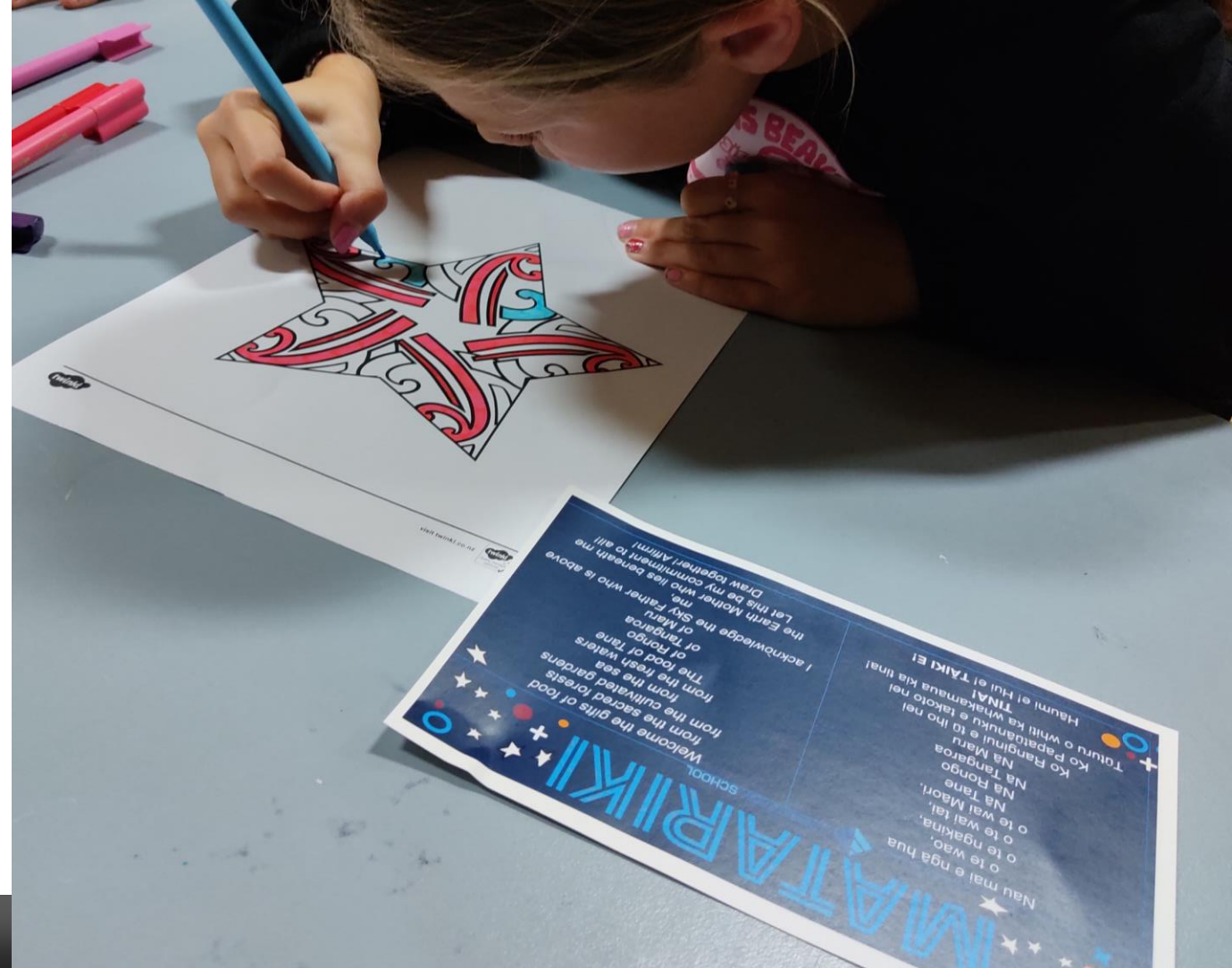




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[Dear Springbank Family](#)

Very recently, [a UNESCO report](#) has advocated for a global ban on smartphones in schools. They have cited cyberbullying and major distraction as the key rationale. This has inspired me to reflect on positive aspects of the Springbank environment that we sometimes take for granted. Having never allowed smartphones into our school environment, and regularly hearing about the negative effects of smartphones in other schools, it has just continued to be a no-brainer for us.

Similarly, when we introduced our BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy into Springbank back in 2012, we were particularly mindful of the balance between enhancing educational outcomes by using laptops to extend teaching and learning, whilst ensuring protocols were in place to ensure devices weren't used as a source of distraction or anti-social behaviour. I believe we have kept a healthy balance over the years.

The way we continue to integrate technology into our curriculum will look different at various levels throughout the school. However, what is constant is the fact that Springbank teachers will lead and direct learning, ensuring that student/teacher relationships are at the heart of a strong education. We will continue to purposefully integrate technology as a tool to enhance educational outcomes, weighing the benefits and drawbacks of each new app or piece of hardware.

With the rise of artificial intelligence set to affect a range of industries, including the wider education sector, I believe this is the next 'big thing' that schools must navigate with purpose and critical analysis. Personally, the rise of AI is equally as exciting as it is terrifying, but I look forward to us adopting/integrating what we feel will only enhance our students' Learning For Life.

Dates & Events to Note:

- **Lions Young Ambassador** – Thursday 10th August
- **Jump Jam for StarJam** – Friday 18th August
- **BOI Beast** – Friday 25th August
- **Rural Career Health Tour** – Monday 28th August
- **NZ Playhouse** – Wednesday 30th August
- **Mock Exams** – Wednesday 30th August to Friday 8th September
- **Springbank Ski Trip** – Sunday 3rd to Friday 8th September
- **Springbank Market Day** – Sunday 17th September
- **Spring-break Monday** – Monday 18th September



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Matariki Celebrations

As we mentioned in our June newsletter, we hosted a fantastic day of Matariki celebrations at school before the end of Term Two. We shared a post on our social pages with photos from the day, but we would like to share it here again (for those who may not have seen it) as it was such a wonderful example of school community spirit. <https://www.facebook.com/springbankschool/>

The Springbank community all came together on Thursday 29th June to celebrate Matariki. With the previous day (Wednesday 28th June) being Prep Day, digging the hangi pit and preparing the vegetables, Thursday was a day of celebration and seeing all the organisation and hard work come together.



The hangi pit was positioned right outside the school offices and allowed students, staff, and families to watch and be engaged with all aspects of the hangi. It was set alight at 7:00am, the ash cleared, hot rocks set, and food lowered and covered at 11:45am, then the hangi was finally lifted at 4:00pm with a special ceremony. Throughout the day, our students took part in various activities around the school such as flax weaving, playing te rakau, and decorating Matariki jars for the glow tunnel. Festivities continued after school with everyone welcome to stay for more activities in the gym, Ki o Rahi on the field, and gathering around the hangi.

Our Matariki event was co-ordinated with a huge team effort, from our youngest friends at Preschool scrubbing vegetables, parents helping with the hangi, teachers leading Matariki activities, to senior students welcoming and serving families on the day. It was a wonderful experience bringing our school community together to celebrate those values of love (aroha), unity (kotahitanga), caring (manaakitanga), sharing (tohatoha) and of course feasting together (hakari).



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Matariki Celebrations continue

We would like to give thanks to the following families who donated food, supplies, and their time with our Matariki celebrations:

- 4 Square Waipapa (Wells family) – donated all the chicken
- 4 Square Paihia (Moore family) – donated all the vegetables
- Yantra Kawakawa (Sidhesh's family) – donated a large portion of lamb
- Booth Family – donated a large portion of pork
- Greg Freeman, Thomas van Dalen, Glen Beh, Ben Warren, Chris Warren, Richard Morrison, Adam Horgan, and Mike Warren – Hangi Pit Crew
- Blakeman family – provided all the wood
- Plant Zone and the Parker family – provided banana leaves
- Preschool – made the delicious and popular vegetable and pumpkin soups
- Coffee Squad – provided delicious hot drinks

There were several other families who donated large cuts of meat, which we are also very thankful for. We want to give a big thanks to everyone who helped with the event, be it a small or large job with the setup, running, or clean up. Everyone's contribution to the celebrations made it a huge success, and we can't wait to do it again.



Last but not least, we would like to give a huge thanks to Elle Haden (Junior School Deputy Principal) and Lucy Spice (Prefect) for spearheading this event and creating such a joyous and wonderful day, and our Hangi Master, Vadim Spice. As a few people commented, "What a man!" Vadim's enthusiasm, attention to detail, hangi skills, and educational interactions with the students made the event what it was. We are truly grateful for Vadim's time and hangi knowledge, and he is our "Parent of the Week"!



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Middle and Senior Speeches

On Friday 21st July, our Middle & Senior School Speech Finals were held in the school gym.

Students write, research, and practice their speeches during Term Two, before presenting them to their peers and English teachers, with finalists then being chosen for the finals.

15 students from Year 7 to 13 took to the stage and captivated the audience with a variety of speeches that were informative, entertaining, and thought-provoking.

Ms Hatherly complimented the students on their amazing range of topics, all choosing something that moved them. She appreciates public speaking is not easy but said, *"Everyone put their heart and soul into their speeches and worked very hard. It was a wonderful day."*

Well done to everyone who made the finals. Congratulations to our 2023 Middle & Senior School Speech winners and runner-ups.

Year 7 & 8

- Winner – Reef Kriz
- Runner Up – Finn Manson

Year 9 & 10

- Winner – Charlie Rowe
- Runner Up – Toni Warren

Year 11 - 13

- Winner – Louisa Joyce
- Runner Up – Daniel Faircliff

Overall Outstanding Speaker

- Reef Kriz



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Outdoor Adventure Class

The Outdoor Adventure classes continue building on their bushcraft skills this term. They are in the process of building huts, cooking around the campfire, and learning about local flora and fauna.

One of our groups came across the Northland Husked Weta which was very cool! Many of the students had not seen such a large living insect and here they found several on one tree.

Thanks to Mrs Snedden for the great photos.



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Junior School Physical Education

The focus in Junior School PE classes this term are gymnastics based on Sequencing while performing balance, travel and landing skills. Students are having to practise a range of movements and then link a variety of skills together to form a sequence.



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International Students

We are delighted to welcome seven new international students to Springbank School this term. The chance to travel overseas as a young student and experience a new learning environment and culture is an amazing opportunity. We are thrilled that they chose Springbank School and can't wait to show them everything that Springbank School and the wider Bay of Islands has to offer.

If you are interested at all in becoming a host family for an international student, either short term or long term, please contact Jo Warren: jo.warren@springbank.school.nz



Left to Right: Marleen - Year 11 from Germany; Mana - Year 10 from Japan, Mattis – Year 12 from Germany, Lucie – Year 12 from Germany, Cornelius – Year 12 from Germany and Nora – Year 13 from Switzerland.



David - Year 12 from Switzerland



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Readers Cup

On Wednesday 26th July, Gina E, Imogen Spooner, Brisa Carlyon, Sophia Stewart, and Toni Warren went down to Whangarei to take part in the 2023 Readers Cup competition.

The Readers Cup is a reading competition for Year 9 students. Each team reads a set of six books, and then competes against other school teams to answer questions about the books. This competition is a great opportunity for students to read a wide range of books, test their knowledge of each text, and work together as a team.

It was a close competition with only four points between the top four teams in the last round.

Congratulations to our Springbank team, who worked hard answering the questions and gained a respectable 3rd place equal alongside Whangarei Boys (hosts of the event).



Springbank Senior School Ball

The Senior School ball was held on the last Saturday of July at The Old Packhouse Café. It was a fantastic venue, with a great vibe and everyone looked amazing.

It was a fun evening of dancing, taking funny pictures in the photo booth (for both students and staff), catching up with friends outside of class and having the chance to dress up in their finest.

Titles of King, Queen, Prince, Princess, and Best Dressed are given out on the night, and the winners for 2023 were;

- ❖ King – Jaluka Clarke
- ❖ Queen – Katija Zivkovich
- ❖ Prince – Reuben Kistemaker
- ❖ Princess – Portia Blakeman
- ❖ Best Dressed Boy – Jan Ruwhiu
- ❖ Bested Dressed Girl – Kelly Wells

Photos are slowly coming in from the evening, so keep an eye out on our social pages and the August newsletter for more.



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Friends of Springbank – Who Are We?

The Friends of Springbank committee is an incorporated society registered with the Charities Commission, run by parents of Springbank School students. Their key objective is to **“Further the educational experience of the Springbank School students”**.

We are a friendly group of parent volunteers who are passionate about our school, and we help fund various events, competitions, and excursions for the students of Springbank School, Headstart, and Preschool.

There is no set commitment to join Friends, and all parents and caregivers of Springbank students are welcome. We meet monthly in the school staffroom from 2:00pm, and if you can't make a meeting, minutes can be sent via email. As a committee member you can have your say on how funds are spent.

A few hours during the year may be requested to assist with BBQs, school discos, or at our annual community fireworks event.

The Fireworks Extravaganza is our major fundraising event. Each November we host a community fireworks show, with 2500+ people in attendance from all over the wider Kerikeri and Bay of Islands community. All money raised from this event goes directly back to Springbank School students.

Some of the school events, competitions and excursions we help fund:

- Senior School Ball
- Cross Country BBQ
- Leadership Days
- Lit Quiz
- Mathex
- NSSA Sports Competitions
- EOTC Field Trips

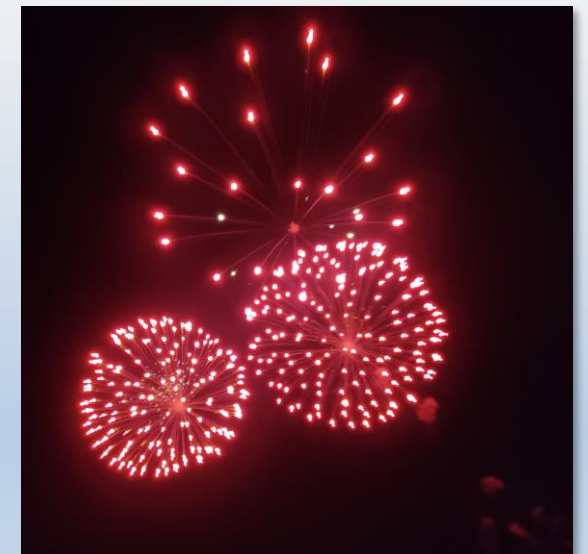
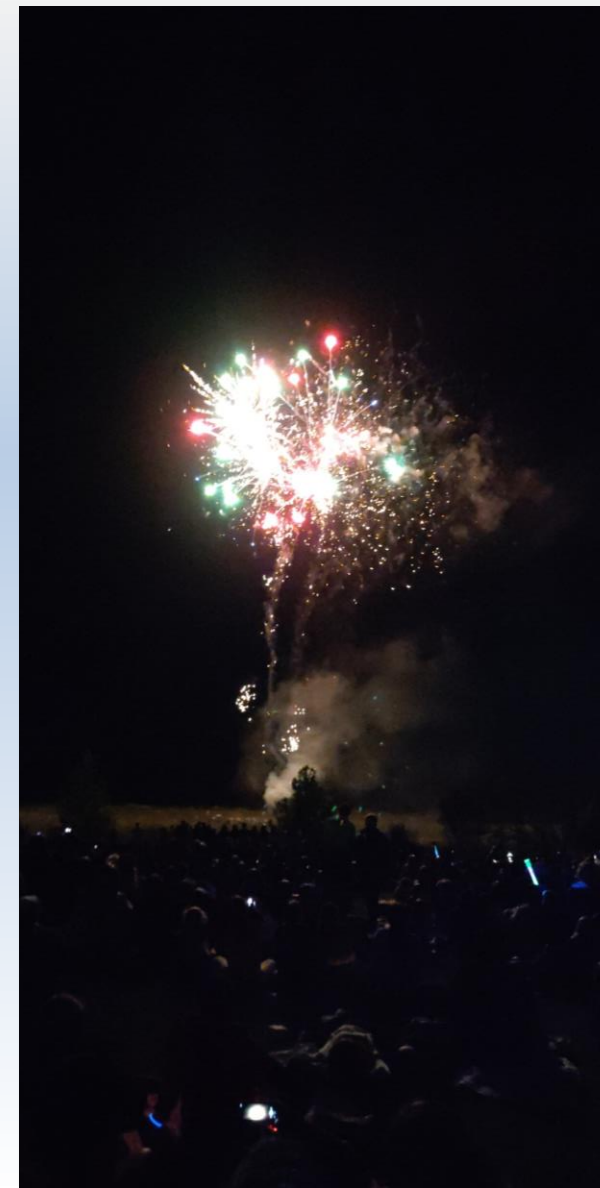
Upcoming meetings:

- Wednesday 16th August
- Wednesday 13th September

Fireworks Extravaganza 2023

Our annual community wide fundraiser the Fireworks Extravaganza will be back again on **Saturday 4th November 2023**. So, save the date in your diaries now!

Along with the fireworks extravaganza show, Friends Of Springbank run a raffle prize draw with some fabulous prizes up for grabs. The committee would like to invite Springbank family businesses to donate prizes. If you have a prize you'd like to donate or want to discuss prize donations, please contact Kate: kate@moreporkdigital.co.nz by Wednesday 10th August.



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R. Tucker Thompson – Student Highlights

The R. Tucker Thompson sailing ship takes Northland's young people aged between 14-18 on a life-changing 7-day voyage around the Bay of Islands. The experience is designed to build confidence and leadership, and to learn how to work with others. We have had several students go aboard over the last few months, and here are some of their highlights.

Zoe Wells, Year 11B

"Going on the R. Tucker Thompson really took me out of my comfort zone, to try new things and experience living with people I didn't know for a week. It was great."



Leo Fisher, Year 11B

"I thought it was an amazing trip to go on. I really enjoyed all the fishing and diving opportunities and exploring the ocean."



India Clarke, Year 11B

"I enjoyed so much about going on the R. Tucker Thompson; the sailing, driving the dingy, the hikes, and learning new skills."



Grace Cadogan, Year 11A

"I went on a slightly different sail, going on a leadership course sponsored by Top Energy. I really enjoyed sailing the ship and running a day of games for some special Olympics people. It was awesome."



Ben Houghton, Year 11B

"I enjoyed sailing in the really stormy weather, sailing and diving during the night, and sailing the small rowboat with Tom."



Alexis Blakeman, Year 11A

"My highlight was sailing to the Poor Knights and going for a dive. That was 10 out of 10. It was cold, but amazing!"



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Market Day 2023 – Save the Date

Our annual school Market Fair is fast approaching. On **Sunday 17th September** our students will sell a variety of handmade products, drinks, food and more to the school and wider Kerikeri community. Market Day is a great opportunity for students to practice their sales skills, create useful products, and dip their toe into the world of business and entrepreneurship. Rather than students being taxed on their products, they donate a minimum of 25% of their stall profits to either our Schoolwide Chosen Charity, or a charity of their choice.

Part of our Market Day promotion is having a billboard displayed on Homestead Road. We are grateful to the Kerikeri G.J. Gardner, owned and operated by father and son duo Kalie van Jaarsveld Jnr and Kalie van Jaarsveld Snr, who have kindly donated us their billboard space for two weeks leading into our event, since 2016! Here's a look back at our billboards over the last six years. Keep an eye out in September for this year's design.



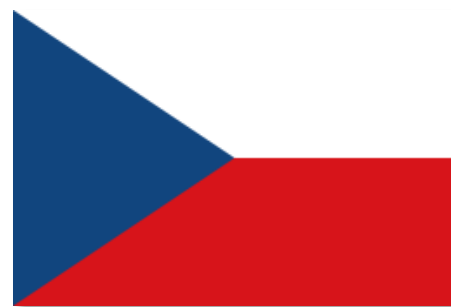
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Headstart Report

At Headstart we like to celebrate the diverse range of cultures that we have in our learning space. In Term Two we invited whanau to come and share their cultural heritage. We learned about India, Scotland, Zimbabwe, Czech Republic, Cyprus, and Columbia. We learned about the geography, food, dress, animals, and the traditions of some of these countries. It was a cultural feast!

This has led us to start asking questions about our own country, and we look forward to connecting our knowledge and learning more about New Zealand - the place where we are all Kiwis, no matter where we have come from.



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Preschool Update

We are very fortunate here at Preschool to have so many amazing opportunities available for our Preschool children to experience. Weekly they are involved in swimming, dancing, Playball, feeding eels, forest walks, and bike rides around the track, to name a few.

The last week of July saw the introduction of morning group times every day. The children are settling well into their new routine of group times and have enjoyed getting together daily at 9am, to have focused learning time with our amazing Preschool teachers.



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School Community Reminders

School Fitness Track

The Springbank School fitness track is an excellent resource for our students to use every day as part of their morning fitness.

It is also a great resource for our families.

Our fitness track comprises several different loops, enabling the walker or runner to wind themselves around beautiful established native bush (first planted by Bob Warren back in 2015).

Parents and caregivers are welcome to use the track, but please personally sign into the office before you set off and also when you return back from the track. The surrounding paddocks are a working farm, so from time to time there will be stock and machinery moving about. We ask that any gates are left as you find them, be aware of the electric fencing, and dogs must be on a lead at all times.



Winter Ills and Absences

The wild rainy weather seems to have settled (for now), but the temperatures are still cool, and winter bugs are still circulating around the community.

We'd like to remind everyone that if your child is sick, or shows symptoms of being unwell, please keep them home. Your child may return to school once they have been 24-hour symptom free.



Any absences from school, be it illness, away on holiday, family events, or other reasons must be notified to the school. The easiest way to do this, is by using the Edge App.

- In the Apple/Play Store, select the FREE app "Musac Edge"
- Once downloaded, create a 4 digit pin to access the app. You will be directed to a screen where you can type your email then click "Forgot Password". This will enable you to create a password to enter the site. Your email will be the address that school would normally contact you on.
- You will then receive an email confirming your password change, if you click on the link, this will open the login screen from the Edge app.
- Once entered the first time, you can then access the Edge app, where you can easily submit an absence for your child.

If you have any trouble setting up the app, please pop into the office and Taryn can help you. Alternatively, you can email absences to Taryn, so she can update the attendance records for teachers.

Lastly, any students leaving school early for the day or for appointments, must sign out at the office before leaving. If late or returning to school, students must collect a late slip and/or sign back into school on their arrival.



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Community News



NORTHLAND CHESS

CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Saturday 28 Oct 9am-6pm in Kerikeri

AWARDS & CASH PRIZES

- Junior* (up to 12 Y)
- Youth* (13-17 Y)
- Senior* (18+ Y)

*Age as of 01 Jan 2023

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Congratulations to Malindi Reihana-Ruka

We would like to give a special congratulations to Malindi Reihana-Ruka, our 2021 Head Girl, who is currently in her second year of studying Surveying at Otago University.

Malindi recently received a Northland Regional Council Tui te Ora scholarship to the value of \$4,000, along with paid work experience. This is the fourth year the council have awarded this scholarships, and this year being the first time they have included work experience as part of the award as well.

Malindi has also received an incredible scholarship from Fulton Hogan NZ, which pays for the majority of her tertiary fees over three years of study. It also comes with a well-paid internship over summer.

We are extremely proud of all that Malindi is achieving since graduating from Springbank School, and it was wonderful to see her, and her parents Jill and Phil at our recent school Matariki celebrations last month.



If you know of any Springbank graduates who are doing great things in tertiary study and/or the workforce, please encourage them to get in touch with us. We always love to hear what our past students are achieving.

Regards,

Mike Warren
Principal

Thoughts for the Week 2023:

Term 3, Week 1:

"There is little difference in people, but that little difference makes a big difference. The little difference is attitude. The big difference is whether it is positive or negative."

- W. Clement Stone

Courtesy of Mr Warren

Term 3, Week 2:

"Gratitude is the gift that keeps on giving."

Courtesy of Mrs Chapman

Term 3, Week 3:

"Positive attitudes are good for me and you."

Courtesy of Mrs Snedden



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