



SPRINGBANK SCHOOL

Capability – Character – Confidence



Newsletter No. 8 | August 2023

Dear Springbank Family

What a month! This newsletter is evidence of a smorgasbord of rich learning, with so many genuine educational experiences outside of the classroom. Who knew that our students could experience so many extra-curricular activities and competitions alongside their day-to-day learning inside the classroom? You could be excused for wondering when the core academic learning happens, but we've got that nailed too!

Congratulations to all of our students who say 'Yes'; who put their hand up to new opportunities and push outside their comfort zone to develop new skills and to build confidence within themselves. The results of their efforts are truly impressive, excelling at interschool competitions such as Science Fair, Speeches, Education Perfect challenges, and the Lions Youth Ambassador competition. We have also had a massive proportion of our students competing in sports pursuits, developing teamwork, social, and leadership skills, and physical development. These experiences are an integral part of a holistic education, and I am proud of our students for getting out there and giving it heaps!

The end of Term Three is just around the corner, with several key events still to pack in. Our senior students will complete their mock exams and consolidate their knowledge ahead of the external exams in Term Four. We will also see our junior speech representatives compete at the interschool event. On the last Sunday before we break for the term (17th Sept), we will hold our annual Market Day, which is the culmination of our students' product development and innovation, hopefully resulting in huge profits for our students and their chosen charities. Please invite your friends, family, and neighbours, and tell them to pack their wallets full of cash! And remember that Market Day is an official Springbank School day, so we take the following day off (Spring-break Monday).

Dates & Events to Note:

- **Interschool Junior Speeches** – Thursday 14th September
- **Springbank Market Day** – Sunday 17th September
- **Spring-break Monday** – Monday 18th September
- **Aloha Ball Volleyball Club** – Tuesday 19th September
- **Year 13 Farewell at 2:30pm** – Friday 22nd September
- **School Holidays** – Saturday 23rd September to Sunday 8th October
- **Term Four** – Monday 9th October to Thursday 7th December (9 weeks)



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Springbank School Science Fair

The Springbank School Science Fair was displayed in the gym on Wednesday 2nd August, showcasing science projects from Year 7-10. Parents and students had the opportunity to come and view all the projects, whilst Mr Broadwith and Mrs Joseph had the difficult task of choosing winners to move through to the regional competition.

Topics this year covered mould growth, water quality, biotoxins, music creation, to the effect of sugar on our teeth and much more.

The Science Fair gives students the opportunity to learn skills of research, how to think analytically, test theories, and examine results.



Top Energy Far North Science and Technology Fair

The Top Energy Far North Science and Technology Fair was held at the Turner Centre on Wednesday 23rd August, with 17 students from Year 7 – 10 representing Springbank School. Students attended the judging event at the Turner Centre on the Wednesday, speaking with judges and talking them through their projects. On the Thursday, the event was open to the public to view before the prize ceremony on the Friday night.



All of our students submitted a wide range of interesting and compelling projects, ranging from music questions, water theories, to biotoxins, and mind versus machine.

We would like to congratulate the following seven students who received awards at this year's competition.

Year 7

- Zeke Martin – Gold Award
- Finn Manson – Silver Award

Year 9

- Toni Warren – Gold Award and Outstanding Award
- Charlie Rowe – Special Award

Year 10

- Ronan Leung – Gold Award, Outstanding Award and Premier Award for Year 10
- Evie Trotter – Gold Award and Outstanding Award
- Clay Blakeman – Bronze Award



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Book Fair

On Wednesday 2nd August we ran our annual Book Fair in the gym to help raise money for our school's chosen charity - Bald Angels. We received lots of great donated books to sell, and sell we did! A total of \$450 was raised. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated books, and to those who came and supported the Book Fair.



Jump Jam for StarJam

Every year our Junior School students participate in the Jump Jam aerobic programme as part of their morning fitness sessions. It's a fun mix of dance and fitness movements to music.

On Friday 18th August, our students and parents came together to host a Jump Jam for StarJam event in the gym to help raise money for StarJam.

StarJam is a not-for-profit where young New Zealanders with disabilities unleash their full potential through the magic of music, dance and performance.

Thanks to all our Junior School students for a fun morning and for helping to raise \$145.00.



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Room 4 – Field Trips

On Friday 4th August, the students from Year 6 split off into two groups and undertook some field trips for the morning. One group went with Ms Rose to her family farm, and the other group went with Mr Warren to watch a boat being turned at Bluefix Boatworks. Both field trips and experiences will later become relatable when the Year 6 class covers forces in their upcoming Science unit.

Ms. Rose's Family Horse Farm

The students who attended were treated to a spectacular show by the cheeky and curious mustang foals, Shimmer, Viggo, and Vesper. Mustangs are a wild horse breed, with their bloodline imported all the way from America. The horses playfully jumped in the trough, putting their heads under to blow bubbles, before showing off their smiles. Amigo and Buddy also enjoyed their treats of carrots and apples. All students had the opportunity to lead and rein a horse, and they cherished the time spent with these majestic animals.



Bluefix Boatworks

A group of eight students headed over to Opuia to visit the Bluefix Boatworks yard to watch one of their new boats, the NorthCape 43, being turned. While the boat was being guided very carefully out of the shed, Charlotte Rowe (co-owner of Bluefix) showed the students around the yard. The students learnt about the various components to building a boat, including design, ordering parts, engine requirements, sanding and painting, and building the boat itself. Once the boat was in position outside it was time to watch the crane driver use his skills to slowly turn the 3500-ton foam core composite hull to its upright position. The students were really impressed with the precision of the crane driver, and the huge amount of equipment required to make each boat comfortable and fast for their owners.



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NZ Black Sticks Meet and Greet

On Tuesday 8th August, members of the Kiwi Sticks team (Year 5 & 6) and two players from the intermediate team (Year 7 & 8) had the opportunity to meet and have a few hits around the Kaikohe hockey turf with members from the Vantage Black Sticks teams. Malachi Buschl (Midfielder) and George Enersen (Goalie) from the men's team, and Stephanie Dickins (Defender), Alia Jaques (Forward), and Hope Ralph (Forward) from the women's team spent an hour with students from various local Far North schools, running through some basic hockey skills, before having a quick game of hockey.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet professional hockey players, ask them some questions, and grab some autographs. Eddie Warren, Year 6 asked a great question to the players: "How much do you train each week?" They told the students they train up to three times a week, go to the gym three times and play one game a week – just a little bit more training than our teams!

The three women Black Sticks players have an impressive 134 caps between them, and it was amazing to watch Alia and Hope dart around the turf so easily amongst the intermediate and collegiate players. After meeting the players and attending the international matches played down in Whangarei, several of our students are quite keen on becoming a Black Stick themselves, so watch this space!



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Lions International Young Ambassador Competition

In mid-August, the 2023 Lions International Young Ambassador Zone 1 competition was held. The ambassador program is looking for leaders of the future, with an emphasis on community service.

Jaluka Clarke, Katija Zivkovich, and Youssef Awad attended the event, which requires them to complete three stages: submitting an application, being interviewed by a panel of three judges, and giving a speech about what they are passionate about.

Jaluka, Katija, and Youssef spoke at assembly on the Monday after the competition, and all agreed it was an amazing opportunity to be part of, and highly recommended their fellow students to step out of their comfort zone and give competitions like this a go.

Special congratulations goes to Youssef who won 3rd place on the evening.



Whangarei Rotary Speech Contest

We would like also congratulate Raffy McAngus (Prefect) who took part in the Whangarei Rotary Speech Contest on 19th August, winning Runner Up and \$500 prize money.

The aim of the contest is to inspire and encourage confidence in public speaking in schools. This is a prestigious event which has been running for 61 years. Raffy had to deliver a topical speech of at least 7 minutes in length. His speech was on *The Distractive Illusion of "Greatness"*, all about human ambition for historic fame and achievement rather than focusing on appreciating and looking after the present.

Raffy was then required to give an impromptu speech on an unknown topic that was given to them on the night. This year's topic was about 'the banning of mobile phone use on school grounds.'

This is a tough and very formal competition and Raffy presented exceptionally well, against mostly Year 13 students, resulting in his well-deserved Runner Up placing.



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The Bay of Islands Beast

Two vans of students from Year 7 to 13, parents, and staff (Taryn Lynn and Jo Warren) made their way over to Puketona Road on Friday 25th August to take part in The Bay of Islands Beast run.

The course covers 7km of hills, mud, uneven terrain, mud, waterways, and mud! The course is designed to be tough, but lots of fun. Approximately 600 competitors took part in the school event on the Friday, and although on their return many students said it was freezing, they all agreed they had heaps of fun and would go back again next year.

Thanks to Hunter Blakeman and Oliver Sizer for organising the event and helping cook up some hot sausages for everyone at the end.



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Education Perfect English Competition

Our Middle School competed in the Education Perfect English Competition. This is the first time we have participated in this competition, and we are thrilled with the results.

- 1st in New Zealand out of 68 schools in our category of 101-250 students.
- 8th overall in New Zealand out of 450 schools
- 18th overall globally out of 1,761 schools

Our students also received 2x Gold (top 2%), 6x Silver (top 5%), 19x Bronze (top 10%) and 3x Credit placings out of nearly 13,500 participants. What an outstanding effort; we are so proud of all the students who participated.

Education Perfect English Competition 2023

<u>GOLD (top 2%)</u>	<u>SILVER (top 5%)</u>	<u>BRONZE (top 10%)</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
Finn Manson	Sebastian Mottl	Taisei Epley	Gaby Morrison
Ramneet Randhawa	Shanika Edgecombe	Jared Morris	Clay Blakeman
	Mikayla Edgecombe	Corin Hayward	Vesta McCaughan
	Harry Bramall	Liam Parker	
	Harry Roberston	Sidhesh	
	Jaden Van Dalen	Andrianna Willoughby	
		Naiya Patel	
		Matilda Clementson	
		Patrick Kell	
		Jacob Gray	
		Amber Warren	
		Josh Kunz	
		Raidon Reich	
		Harry Evers	
		Peyton Shaw	
		Warren Cadogan	
		Anika Beren	
		Gabi Yates	
		Tess Pearson	




Education Perfect Science Competition



Our Year 7 – 10 students have also taken part in the Education Perfect Science Competition. Students were required to answer a series of questions based on their scientific knowledge. We are delighted to share that our Springbank School students have excelled again:

- 1st in New Zealand out of 67 schools in our category of 101-250 students.
- 4th overall in New Zealand out of 374 schools
- 13th overall globally out of 1,395 schools

Our students also received 4x Emerald (top 1.5%), 4x Gold (top 2%), 5x Silver (top 5%), 18x Bronze (top 10%) and 25x Credit placings. Another superb effort by all our students.

Education Perfect Science Competition 2023

<u>EMERALD (top 1.5%)</u>	<u>GOLD (top 2%)</u>	<u>SILVER (top 5%)</u>	<u>BRONZE (top 10%)</u>
Aysha Legler Klaui	Jared Morris	Kadee Butterworth	Iola Koukourakis
Anika Beren	Isla Gordon	Hana Baker	Harry Robertson
Ramneet Randhawa	Shanika Edgecombe	Ronan Leung	Clay Blakeman
Finn Manson	Patrick Finch	Jaden Van Dalen	Mikayla Edgecombe
		Harry Bramall	Jesse Salmond
			Laurits Hvam
			Fynn Dalzell
			George Murray
			Taisei Epley
			Marco Moore
			Elijah Welling
			Amelie Gilliver-Dittrich
			Addie Kunz
			Liam Parker
			Raidon Reich
			Campbell Faircliff
			Alvin Hvam
			KK Jirawatroongruang


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Basketball

The Springbank School Senior Basketball team of Oliver Sizer, Ruben Kistemaker, Hunter Blakeman, Oscar Murray and Youssef Awad have been having an excellent season on the court every Tuesday night at Waipapa. They have been winning every week except one game so far, against other teams from Whangaroa, Okaihau, and Kerikeri High. Congratulations and well done on a superb season.

We are excited to mention the exciting opportunity coming up for three of the team's players; Hunter Blakeman, Ruben Kistemaker, and Oscar Murray, who will be heading to the USA soon to play for the Mid North United Sports Association as part of the Under 17s Boys team.

First stop for the team, San Francisco for a week, where they will compete in their first tournament "King of the Town". Next, they will travel to Los Angeles where they compete in two different tournaments, "Fall Kick Out" and "The Launch".

After 12 days in Los Angeles the team will travel to Hawaii for the last 10 days, competing against local schools. Throughout the trip in between training and games, the boys will be able to explore the areas, famous landmarks, have some fun at Disneyland and of course, do some shopping.

The different tournaments are a chance for the team to test their skills and level of game at an international level, with each tournament having some of the best teams from the area competing.

We asked the boys "What are they looking forward to about the tournament / trip?"

- Hunter: *"I am looking forward to playing in a country where the basketball culture is huge, and where we can compete at an international level."*
- Ruben: *"I am looking forward to spending the time overseas with my team and growing and exceeding my basketball skill and level."*
- Oscar: *"I'm looking forward to playing against diverse teams which will further my skills on the court, and obviously getting to experience California and Hawaii."*

This is an amazing opportunity for Hunter, Ruben, and Oscar, and we wish them all the very best for the trip and look forward to hearing all about it when they get back.



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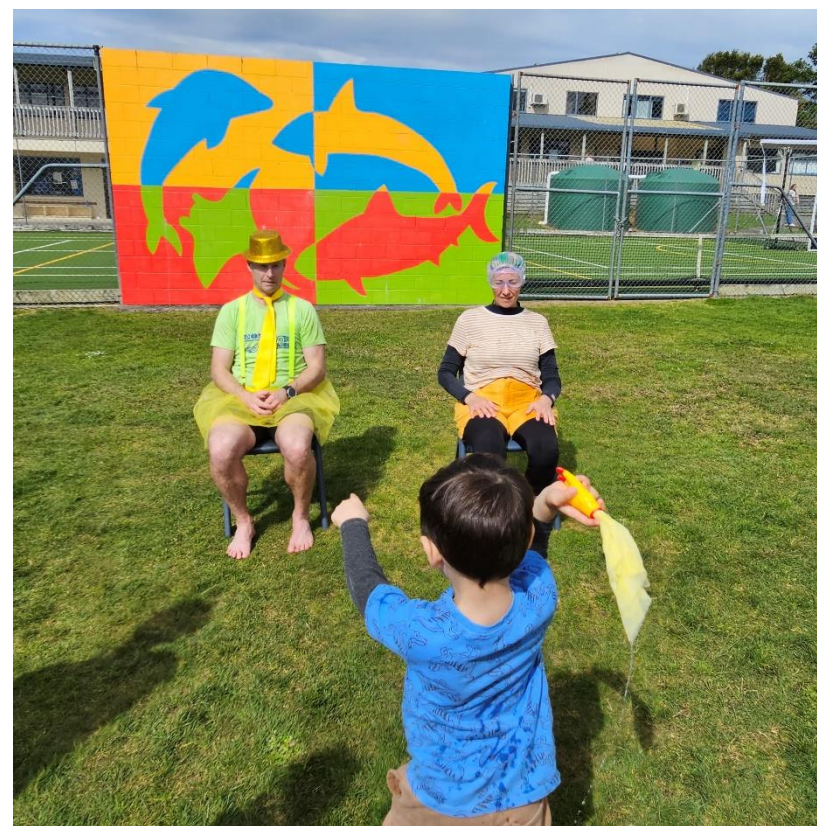
Daffodil Day

Springbank School was proud to support Daffodil Day during the month of August. Our students from Headstart to Year 5 created some beautiful daffodil artworks that were displayed in shops and businesses around the Kerikeri township.

At school on Wednesday 30th August, a variety of fundraising activities took place, in which students could participate for gold coin donations, as well as donate online.

Students were encouraged to wear yellow, there was a treasure hunt and colouring competition for the Junior School, a delicious bake sale outside the gym, and a quirky chicken sponge throwing event where Mr Warren and Mrs Druery put themselves on the line to get hit and wet.

Thank you to everyone who supported Daffodil Day at school and helped raise **\$1,208.00**. Also, a big thanks to the Year 10 class for organising the day's activities.



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New Zealand Playhouse

NZ Playhouse visited school on Wednesday 30th August to entertain students from Preschool to Year 8 with their adventure of Treasure Island. With scheming pirates, a mysterious map, and catchy sea-shanties, the hunt for the treasure was on.

Every year NZ Playhouse tour around the country with their plays, and we are fortunate to have them visit us every Term Three. Their plays are funny, entertaining, and interactive; and it's another wonderful way to introduce theatre and acting to our students.



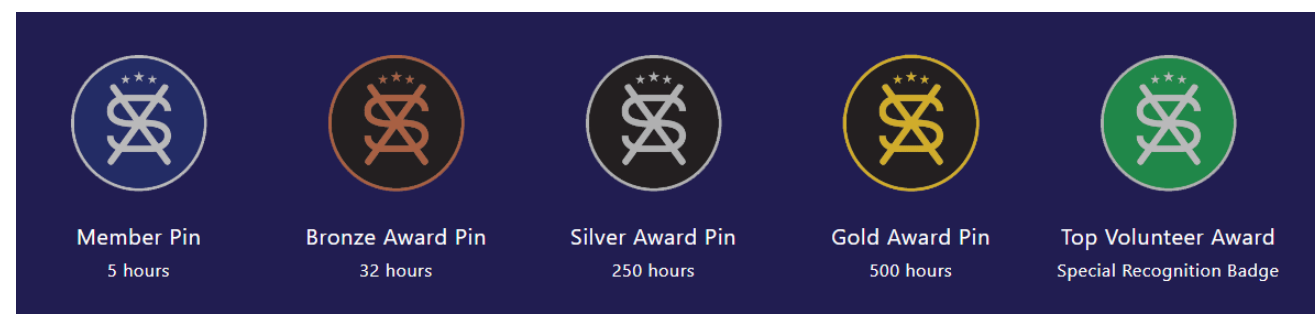
Student Volunteer Army (SVA)

Springbank School Prefect, Youssef Awad introduced the Student Volunteer Army to our students this term. SVA was started back in 2010 during the Christchurch earthquakes, when 11,000 students mobilised to help with the clean-up. The movement has continued to grow with their mission to encourage people to get out into their communities and volunteer.

Springbank School is signed up to be part of The SVA Service Award programme, whereby students can log their volunteer hours and earn service badges.

Volunteering is an excellent way to connect with your local community, build confidence, make new friends, and learn new skills. Springbank School is proud to have been a supporter of numerous charities and community projects over the years, and the establishment of a Student Volunteer Army through school is another great way to demonstrate our students' strengths of capability, character, and confidence.

It has been fantastic to see Youssef awarding several students already this term at Monday assemblies with their service badges, and we are extremely proud of everyone.



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Friends of Springbank

The Friends of Springbank committee are ramping up their planning for the annual Fireworks Extravaganza. The date has been set for Saturday 4th November, so note that down on your calendars now.

The Friends of Springbank committee has been hosting the Fireworks Extravaganza since 2011, with only one cancellation in that time. The main purpose of the event has been to offer the wider Bay of Islands community a family-friendly large-scale professional fireworks show timed with music. The event is also a fundraising opportunity for the Friends committee to raise money for the school.

Each year the committee asks for support from our school community to help make the event run smoothly and to create a wonderful experience for the 2500+ people who come together for the night at Springbank School.

With the event just two months away, the committee will be putting out calls for help with various jobs including event setup, food stall assistance, banking, rubbish duty, bouncy castle support, gate sales, runners, tidying up, and packing down of the event. If you can help for one hour to three hours or the whole night, every pair of hands is greatly appreciated.

Please keep a lookout for emails and more information out soon from the committee on how you can help.

Upcoming meetings:

- Wednesday 13th September
- Wednesday 20th September

All parents and caregivers from Preschool, Headstart, and school are welcome to attend the meetings. They start at 2.00pm in the school staff room. There is no commitment to be a full-time committee member; the group is made up of parent volunteers who are passionate about the Springbank community, and by coming along and getting involved you can have your say on how funds are spent for the students.



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Headstart Report

Sunny afternoons and our new outdoor deck roof have provided us with the perfect setting for clay creativity! We would like to say a huge thank you to Kortne Sneddon (Headstart parent and teacher at Springbank School), who has loaned us her time and skills as a potter for our Market Day projects. We are in the midst of creating pinch pots, clay necklaces, and large wall bead garlands – all of which will be for sale at our stall. In the process of creating, we are learning all about clay and firing, and how to produce a product to sell at market.



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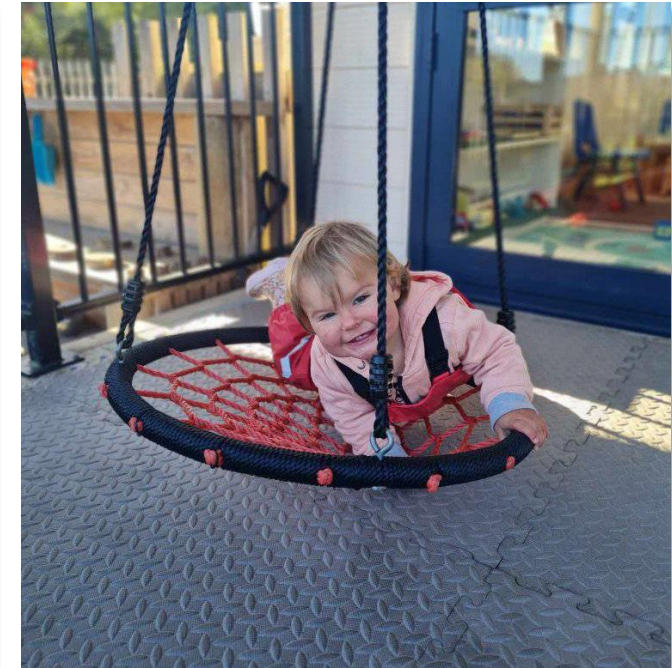
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Preschool Update

Kia ora,

This month at Preschool we have been very lucky to welcome two new members to our Preschool whanau, Chocolate and Dragon. Our tamariki have loved feeding and caring for our calves, and we have loved seeing the caring moments shared with them. For our tamariki who don't get to experience calves, this has been a huge learning experience for everyone involved.

We have also enjoyed our daily group times, weekly dancing and swimming, and of course everything else in between. Kayla and Paula attended a conference down in Wellington last week and have brought lots of new and exciting information back to share with the team.



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Community News



BALD ANGELS

Bald Angels Annual Christmas Toy Drive 2023 is on now.

We LOVE the following for newborn to 18-years.

- ♥balls
- ♥sporty stuff
- ♥family games
- ♥beach towels
- ♥tactile toys
- ♥arty activity stuff
- ♥any of the latest rage toys for young ones (it changes every year)
- ♥Teen hygiene stuff -body washes, shampoos, hair styling stuff, body spray, deodorants etc

✓ Drop off at Springbank School

We really don't want (please and thank you)

- ✗Any used soft toys
- ✗Electrical items (too expensive for families to run)
- ✗Battery operated items (unless you can supply more batteries)
- ✗Anything used, broken, scuffed

OR you can Sponsor a Gift at our ANGEL SHOP ONLINE

<https://www.baldangels.org.nz/product/shop-christmas>.

We also have ideas for groups and business sponsorship so if your organisation would like to make a difference, please email us at angels@baldangels.org.nz



JOIN OUR CLUB

The Bay of Islands Swimming Club has been swimming in the 25 meter, heated indoor Te Papawai community swimming pool in Kawakawa for over 40 years.

Whether you require Beginner Classes or would like to join one of our Development Squad, you will be warmly welcomed.

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AFTER SCHOOL MOUNTAIN BIKE COACHING



Gear up for the coolest after-school adventure at the Waitangi Mountain Bike Park!

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Term 4 | 8 Weeks

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\$300 per child

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8 Weeks from 11th, 12th and 13th October 2023



Free Family Fun Violin Concert

You are invited to come along and support our Springbank violin students who will be making their debut performances on the stage at the Baptist Church hall on **Saturday 16th September @ 3pm.**

The concert is being organised by local violin teachers in conjunction with the Northland branch of the NZ Suzuki Institute. The programme includes ensemble and solo violin as well as piano and guitar performances.

You are invited to stay for afternoon tea and bring a plate of food to share.

We look forward to seeing you there!

For more details, please contact Sophie Foster, violin teacher, mb 0212640619



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Kids' Pickleball at Kerikeri Tennis Club

Want your kids to play one of the world's fastest growing sports? Pickleball is fun, easy to learn and a great racket sport for all the family! Kerikeri Tennis Club in Waipapa is looking for the next generation of Pickleballers and will be offering kids' Pickleball lessons starting in term 4 of 2023 for ages 9+. Please email clare.redward@gmail.com to register interest by the end of term 3, or for more information and pricing. Visit www.kerikeritennisclub.org.nz for more details about our fantastic facilities, membership and coaching for grown ups – both Pickleball and Tennis.



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Market Day 2023

Our annual Market Day billboard is up on Homestead Road for the two weeks leading into our school event. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, G.J. Gardner have kindly donated us this billboard space since 2016, and it is with their generous support each year, that we can showcase and promote our Market Day to the thousands of cars that drive in town every week.



Springbank School Market Day
17 September 2023, 11am-2pm

The billboard displays a collage of images from the market day event, including a 'TREAT TRAIN' stall, a girl selling earrings, potted plants for sale, a chalkboard sign for 'POPS OF COLOUR', and a display of donuts. At the bottom, it lists the school's address: **SPRINGBANK SCHOOL 78 Waimate North Road, Kerikeri**. It also mentions sponsors: 'Proudly supported by: G.J. Gardner. HOMES' and 'HALVO SIGNS'.

I hope you enjoy the warmer spring weather that is now upon us. We will be certainly making the most of it, getting out and about to experience more rich learning around our wider school grounds and local community.

Regards,



Mike Warren
Principal

Thoughts for the Week 2023:

Term 3, Week 4:

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can."

- Arthur Ashe

Courtesy of Mrs Druery

Term 3, Week 5:

"Fish don't know they are in water"

- David Foster Wallace

Courtesy of Mrs Hulse

Term 3, Week 6:

"I don't stop when I'm tired. I stop when I'm done."

- David Goggins

Courtesy of Mrs Haden

Term 3, Week 7:

"The best people to surround yourself with are the people that bring out the best in you."

- Jay Shetty

Courtesy of Mrs Joseph



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