



# SPRINGBANK SCHOOL

*Capability – Character – Confidence*



Newsletter No. 9 | September 2023

## Dear Springbank Family

This newsletter is a great way for us to reflect on a September that was brimming with academic challenges and fun-filled activities. It also showcases the accolades that our students have achieved in endeavours such as speeches, sport, and our annual Market Day.

Speaking of Market Day, what a brilliant event we had this year! Of course it certainly helped that the weather was spectacular, but what stood out for me was the bright, inviting atmosphere created by our students' creatively constructed stalls and their professional manner as salespeople. All of our students were such positive ambassadors for Springbank, and I could not be prouder of the effort and energy that they put into Market Day. I also acknowledge the support of many parents and teachers, as it really is a team effort to bring it all together, and our students are fortunate to have passionate parents and teachers behind them, helping them to put their best foot forward in the marketplace. It was a truly successful Market Day in terms of profit too, with the vast majority of our students turning a healthy profit. As a result, they were able to share 25% of their financial success with the charity of their choice, which at the latest count exceeds \$3000.

And just like that, we are now heading into our final term of the year! Term Four is always a busy term and a crucial one for our students who will be sitting their final Cambridge exams. There are several events and activities in store for our students, in addition to our usual bustling classroom environments as they round out their learning for the academic year.

All the very best to our students sitting exams, especially our students taking external Cambridge exams, as there is added pressure of gaining their best results possible. Our Year 6 and 9 students sit their Cambridge Checkpoint examinations through Week 2, and our Year 11 – 13 students sit their final IGCSE and A Level exams throughout this term.

## Dates & Events to Note:

- **Term 4** – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December (9 weeks)
- **Checkpoint Exams** – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October
- **World of Maths** – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October
- **Labour Day** – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (Springbank closed)
- **Agri Day** – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October
- **Junior Swimming Sports** – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October



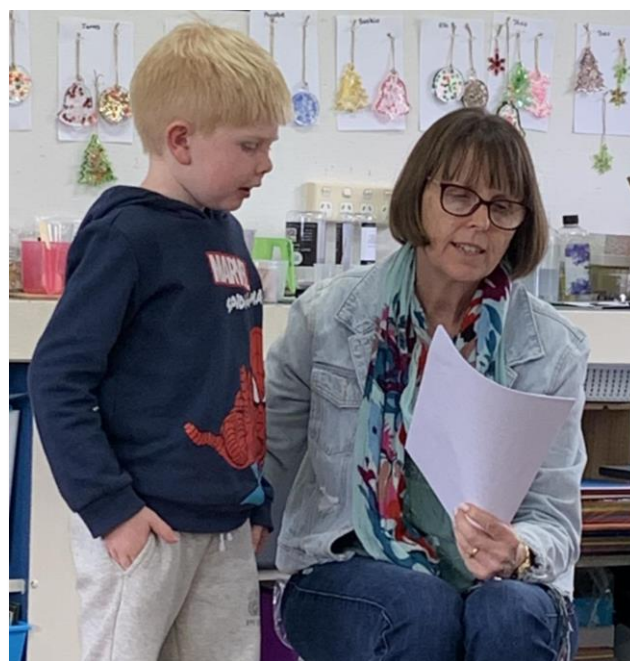
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## Junior School Poems and Speeches

Every year our students from Room 1 to 4 present poems and speeches to their peers and families. Year 1-3 students read out a poem, before progressing to a 3-minute speech from Years 4 to 6. The art of public speaking allows students to build on their communication skills, self-confidence, memory and focus, presentation, and ability to engage an audience.

Standing up in front of others to speak is not a comfortable situation for everyone. However, each year our students display great strength and character as they step up and present their poems or speeches. We would like to congratulate everyone on a successful 2023 Poem and Speech Day.



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## McLeods Junior Speech Competition

On the evening of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September, Springbank School hosted the McLeods Junior Speech Competition for Year 5 and 6 students.

Congratulations to Ruby and Austin from Year 5, and Lindi and Holly from Year 6 for making it through to the finals and representing Springbank School.

Twelve students presented a wide variety of speeches; from why you shouldn't be afraid of bugs, importance of sleep, learning about the Dodo bird, anxiety, to facts about fat and keeping healthy.

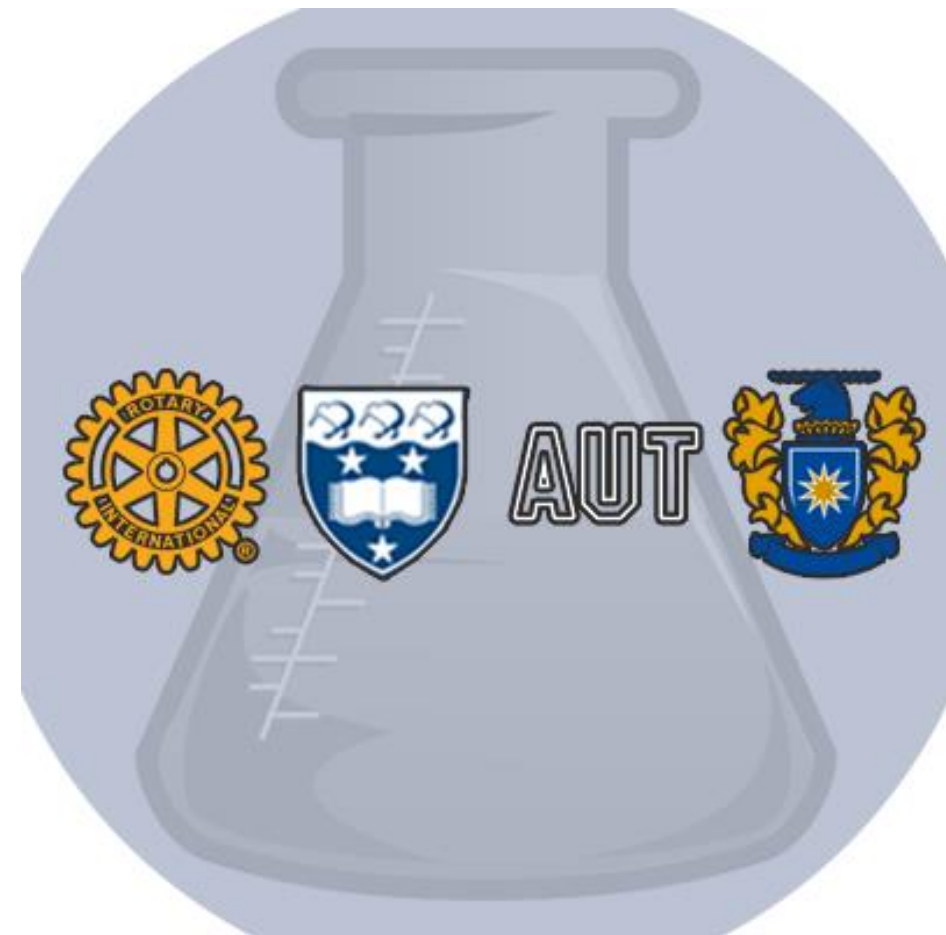
It was a great evening, and all the students both entertained and informed the audience. We'd like to give a special congratulations to Holly who placed 2nd for Year 6.



## Rotary Science and Tech Forum 2024

Raffy McAngus in Year 12 is one of three Northland students in the running for a spot at the NZ Rotary Science Forum at University of Auckland. He was interviewed by Presidents of Kerikeri, Waipapa and Kaitaia Rotary and has been considered the outstanding candidate.

Rotary have offered to sponsor Raffy \$1500 of total costs if he is chosen by the national selectors. To get this far is an amazing achievement, and Raffy will find out at the end of October if he has been successful. We wish him all the best.



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## Netball 2023

Springbank School has represented strongly in netball this year, with four teams playing every Saturday morning. Many of the players in our Junior and Intermediate teams hadn't played netball before this season, and it was great watching them playing together confidently as teams, with lots of energy on the courts. Our two senior teams continued to dominate on the court, with Awha quickly being promoted up a grade to A1.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September, our teams and their coaches and families gathered for an end of season prize giving and celebration of a wonderful netball year. Well done to all the players this year on your amazing netball skills, sportsmanship, and love for the game. Watch out for the 2024 season, as Mrs Haden has her eye on more netball teams and further success! Trophy winners on the next page.



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## Netball 2023 continues

### Touarangi – Year 5 and 6

Coach's Player	Susanna Robertson
Most Improved	Macy Lynn
Leadership	Ruby Booth
Dedication Medal	Ruby Blackler

### Whaitiri – Year 7 and 8

Coach's Player	Iola Koukourakis
Most Improved	Gaby Morrison
Players' Player	Isla Gordon
Leadership	Gabi Yeates
Manahitanga	Gabi Yeates

### Uira – Senior B2

Coach's Player	Gemma Harrison
Most Improved	Amelia Morris
Players' Player	India Clarke
Leadership	India Clarke
Dedication Medal	Jade Martin
Manahitanga	Jaasmeet Randhawa



### Awaha – Senior A1

Coach's Player	Sophie Hunia
Most Improved	Grace Cadogan
Players' Player	Sophie Hunia
Leadership	Briar Booth
Dedication Medal	Alexis Blakeman



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## Junior Hockey 2023

It has been another successful season on the hockey turf over in Kaikohe this year, for both our Mini and Kiwis Sticks teams.

The Mini Sticks (Year 3-4) coached by Jo Warren and our Kiwi Sticks (Year 5-6) coached by Ben Warren have dominated this year, with fast goals, quick feet, and excellent teamwork. Our Mini Sticks players also played in a combined team with three players from other schools to form the “Tigers” in the next grade up, giving them extra time on the turf to hone their skills and score more goals.

Amber Warren and Peyton Shaw also combined with another school this year to get some time on the turf in the intermediate grade. It has been an amazing season, and our teams were recognised for their excellent skills, sweeping up many of the 2023 trophy titles. Congratulations to everyone, and we can't wait to see what the 2024 season will bring!



Mini Sticks: Jimmy, Cooper, Olive, Esther, Charlotte, and Lochie.  
Absent: Cohen

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place Trophies and Certificates for:

- Opening Day Tournament
- Bev Beverwick Trophy
- Major Round Tournament
- Closing Day Tournament
  
- Cooper – Most Outstanding Male Player
- Esther – 100% Effort & Improvement in Skills
- Olive – Most Improved Female Player



Kiwi Sticks: Andrew, Mason, Ethan, Eddie, Maddison, Addi, Daniel, Frank, and Holly.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place Trophies and Certificates for:

- Open Round Tournament
- Bev Beverwick Trophy
- Major Round Tournament
  
- Addi – Most Outstanding Female Player
- Mason – Excellent Sportsmanship & All Round Player



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## Senior Hockey 2023

The Collegiate (Years 9-13) and Open Grade teams play over in Kaikohe mid-week, and this year they were hit with a handful of cancellations due to bad weather. But when they got out on the turf, they played hard, scored lots of goals and had lots of fun playing the “best sport in the world!”



Collegiate: Cooper, Daniel, Raffy, Alexis, Ruben, Portia, Alvin, Charlie, Harry, Clay, Sean, and Briar  
Absent: Toni, Hunter, Oliver, Ben

### Trophies and Certificates for:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Major Round Tournament
- Harry Robertson – Rising Star



### Open Grade

### Trophies and Certificates for:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Closing Tournament Trophy
- Simone Kistemaker – Excellent Sportsmanship & All Round Player
- Team Sportsmanship Award



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## Under 10s Football

Robert, Austin, and William (all from Year 5) were part of the Kerikeri Whalers Under 10s Football Team this year, coached by Luz Fisher, Robert's Mum, who has been involved with Kerikeri Football for several years. The season started in Term 2 and finished just at the end of Term 3. Due to the wet weather, the season had to be extended, so all the teams played all their games.

The team has been training at Springbank School once a week and their games took place on Saturday mornings. The team performed exceptionally well, unbeaten for the season!

The team had a mix of 9 and 10 years old, playing on a 7v7 format. The team developed incredibly each week, showcasing amazing teamwork, which was the focus of their coach, "You can have amazing individual players, but if they don't work as a team with their mates, the team doesn't perform, also the individual doesn't perform well. This happens even in the big clubs, and it was very visible on the win of Argentina in the World Cup, where their team integration was the key to their success. It was also seen in the prior World Cup for the winners, France. Funny that these two teams ended up in the final!" The expression "teamwork makes the dream work" is so applicable to the Whalers.

At their end of year prizegiving, coach Luz named each player after a famous football player, due to the way they played.

**ROBERT:** Luka Modric: a player with exceptional technical skills and tactical intelligence. He is known for his ability to control the game from midfield, using his vision and passing range to create opportunities for his team. He has vision and ability to pick passes between the lines as he has moved positionally into a deeper area of the pitch. Robert is a very powerful player, thrives as a midfielder, creating a passing game and through balls that makes the game look so easy. He has the ability to scan the field to see where his teammates are and looks for the opportunities to put the perfect passes into a gap for a mate to score.

**AUSTIN:** Sergio Ramos - Ramos is regarded as one of the best defenders of his generation and is renowned for his aerial threat, interceptions, leadership, and physicality.

Austin is a very focused player who has developed so much through the season. A very versatile player in defending and attacking positions. His defending skills are incredible, it is very hard for any player to pass him, and if they do, Austin will catch up to them and recovers the ball.

**WILLIAM:** Jordi Alba: technically gifted, mobile, and rapid attacking player, who can be used as a left winger; he is known for his pace, link-up play, ball control, positioning, vision, movement, and his ability to time his attacking runs into space and get up the flank, as well as his ability to deliver crosses into the box, which allows him to provide assists for teammates.

William has developed incredibly throughout the season, getting to work in a team environment, William is a very focused and speedy player, who enjoyed the season and the fun with the team.



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## Market Day 2023

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September we held our annual Market Day, and it was fantastic!

There were so many innovative products created by our students and delicious food to purchase, along with plants, baking, photography, skincare products, a petting zoo, bouncy castles, and much more.

It was awesome to see the school grounds packed with people coming in to visit our Market Day, enjoying the lovely warm weather and busy atmosphere. Well done to all our students from Preschool, Headstart, and school who participated in Market Day with their stalls and helped make the day such a great success.

Each stall donates a minimum of 25% of their profits to a charity of their choice. We are tallying the final total of dollars raised for charity and will be able to announce that soon.

### Best Stall Presentation – Junior Stall

1 <sup>st</sup> – Clay Pots and Beads	Headstart
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Super Succulents	Ivy Lewis
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Add a Little Style	Addi Warren and Adrianna Taylor

### Best Stall Presentation – Middle and Senior School

1 <sup>st</sup> – A Glass of Nature	Anika Beren and Makayla Edgecombe
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Kawakawa Balm	Jett Mold and Sidhesh
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Cooper's Racketeering	Cooper Spice
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Tiff's Chips	Tiffany Skedgwell

### Most Innovative Product – Junior School

1 <sup>st</sup> – Wild Wacky Gardens	Room 2
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Flower Power Wreaths	Susanna Robertson and Ilha Carlyon
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Ocean Art	Austin Kell

### Most Innovative Product – Middle and Senior School

1 <sup>st</sup> – Hatchline Finger Puppets	Jess Brown
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Comfy Cuppa	Gabi Yeates and Amber Warren
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Rodent Repel	Campbell Faircliff and Harry Evers

### Overall Marketing Award

Wood Shack	Reef Kriz, Jared Morris, and Harry Bramall
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Market Day continues



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## Ski Trip

After a two year wait, the annual ski trip down to Mt Ruapehu was back on this year, and everyone who signed up to go was eager for some good snow. Setting off early on the morning of Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, everyone arrived safely to the two lodges and settled in, ready to wake up on Monday with some good weather... and blue skies and beautiful snow is what they got! The first day of the trip was excellent, with great conditions, and everyone made the most of it. The next couple of days the weather rolled in a bit, with Tuesday not providing the best conditions, but enough breaks in the weather for some skiing and boarding. By Wednesday the mountain weather gods weren't so happy limiting time on the snow, so one group headed across to Taupo for some fun and relaxation in the hot pools.

Unfortunately, the beautiful clear day from the start of the week didn't come back, and the last couple of days were average, but that didn't stop all the students, parents, and staff who went on the ski trip having a good time. Mr Warren was also tasked with a special delivery of transporting a box of eggs (6x trays of 36) to the lodge below. Rather than tramp them up to the lodge, Mr Warren boarded them down the hill from the top of the Sky Waka. Happily, all eggs (and Mr Warren) arrived unbroken!



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## Friends of Springbank

The Springbank Fireworks Extravaganza has been running since 2010 and allows family and friends of the school and the wider Bay of Islands community to enjoy a professional large-scale fireworks show.

The event is fully organised by the Friends of Springbank School Committee with help from school students, parents, and staff, and is our one key fundraising event of the year. Funds raised from this event allow students to access learning and development opportunities throughout the following year that fall outside the curriculum.

This year, instead of selling raffle tickets there will be some fantastic prize packages to be won on the night. The first 1000 families through the gate will receive a raffle ticket and go into the draw to win a chance to 'Pop a Prize' if their lucky number is drawn.

### How you can help:

- Come along to one of our planning meetings which are being held at 2pm in the staffroom on Wednesday 11th, 18th & 25th of October and Wednesday 1st November
- Add your name to the volunteer roster to help on the night or help with setup/pack down - an email will be coming out first week of term and weekly emails leading up to the event.
- Contribute to the Home Baking Stand - there will be recipes and containers distributed in the last week of October
- We are also seeking donations of two lambs for the Spit Roast stand
- We would be grateful to borrow gazebos, a small chest freezer, and crockpots



# **FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA**

**Saturday 4th November**

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

**Entry \$12 per person  
Under 5s Free**

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

**EFTPOS Cash-Out Facilities  
Available**

- Smoke and vape free
- Alcohol is strictly prohibited
- Bags will be searched on entry

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## Battle of the Ballroom

The 2023 Hospice Battle of the Ballroom was held over two nights at the Turner Centre in early September. Our very own Taryn Lynn with dance partner Craig Jordan took to the stage dancing the Tango, and they were fabulous!

Taryn and Craig looked amazing, they danced superbly, and both really stepped (or danced) out of their comfort zones to help raise money for Hospice Mid-Northland.

All their practices paid off, with Taryn and Craig winning "People's Choice" on the Friday night and placing 3rd on Saturday night.

Well done Taryn and Craig; we are so proud of you both, and we congratulate you both on an amazing dance and event!



## Year 13 Farewell

On the last day of Term Three, it is officially the last full school day for our Year 13 class. They will now head off on study leave to prepare for their end of year exams, before returning for their final prize giving and graduation ending their high school journey.

A few years ago, Springbank School started a new tradition of forming a farewell tunnel with students from Headstart to Year 12, along with staff standing together for the Year 13 class to run through to the school office, where they ring the final school bell. It is a special way for the school community to acknowledge, cheer on, and celebrate our Class of 2023.

We wish our Year 13 students Callum McIntyre, Magnus Grant, Yuki Hirayama, Eloise Drayton, Jaluka Clarke and Katija Zivkovich all the very best for their exams, and their future study and career journeys.



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## Headstart Report

### Headstart Market Day Magic

Right from the beginning of the morning we had a steady flow of customers and everyone who helped was able to flex their shopkeeping muscles! They helped customers choose items, stocked up the shop, took the money, wrapped and bagged the sales, and helped to give the change - it was a busy morning.

It was great to see the confidence the tamariki had when interacting with the customers (all that role playing paid off) and their ability to handle the money and find the right coins and notes was fantastic!

Participating in Market Day was the perfect conclusion to our inquiry into shops and how they work. It allowed our tamariki to make connections between people, places and things in their own world.

We had lots of lovely Headstart and Springbank whanau support us too – we think it's safe to say that many an aunty and grandmother is now the owner of a pinch pot or necklace - thanks for this support!



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## Preschool Update

Wow, what a month September has been! We have been so lucky with the weather, enjoying lots of water play and walks to feed the eels. We also love our big school library visits and listening to Ms Hatherly read us fabulous stories. Our Market Day stall was a huge success; thank you to all our amazing parents who donated baking, fruit and vegetables and your time; we really appreciate it.

Our swimming and dancing have come to an end for Term Three, and we have had some amazing comments from both instructors about how incredible our children here at Preschool are. We are looking forward to another fun-filled Term Four, with lots happening, including getting ready for the popular Agri Day.



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Community Notices



**TERM 4**

Swimming Sessions from October 11th to December 21st

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The Bay of Islands  
Pastoral & Industrial Association

NEW ZEALAND'S OLDEST A & P SHOW

**At Waimate North**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>, November 2023**

**School/Kura Information Booklet**

**Sections for Students to enter:**

- Art and Craft
- Baking
- Māori
- Flowers
- Native Tree
- Photography
- Sewing
- Woodwork, Stick making
- Pet lambs and Calves

**As well as any other sections in the schedule**

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## Springbank Clothing and Library Books

As we edge closer towards the end of the year, it's time to start looking around home for any Springbank sports t-shirts and school library books that need to be returned. All sports shirts need to be washed and returned to the school office, and library books can be dropped directly to Mrs Hatherly's desk in the library.



I look forward to seeing everybody next week, ready to crack into our final term!

Regards,



Mike Warren  
Principal

### Thoughts for the Week 2023:

**Term 3, Week 8:**

*“Be a booster, not a bug! Surround yourself with positive people to help cultivate your own positive attitude. Be that positive person to help encourage someone else’s positive attitude.”*

Courtesy of Headstart

**Term 3, Week 9:**

*"Ko toku reo toku ohooho."*

*"My language is my awakening."*

Courtesy of Mr Horgan

### Term 3, Week 10:

*“Even if is a bit edgy, a bit out of your comfort zone, saying yes means that you will do something new, meet someone new, and make a difference in your life, and likely in others’ lives as well ... Yes is a tiny word that can do big things. Say it often.”*

- Eric Schmidt

Courtesy of Year 13