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Dear Springbank Family

Term Four is living up to its reputation as the rocket term – it is certainly whizzing by, and we are already in Week Four!

Many of our students have already sat the majority of their Cambridge International exams, including our Year 11 – 13 students sitting IGCSE and A Levels, and Year 6s and 9s sitting their Checkpoint exams. At the time of writing, our Year 7, 8, and 10 students are in the midst of sitting their Progressive exams, which are internally assessed. I am inspired by those students who have dedicated a good proportion of their holidays and weekends to revising for their final exams, making sure that they are in the position to earn their best results possible. This epitomises personal excellence, students working to their full potential.

No doubt, the long-term reward will be discovering their grades and being super proud that they genuinely earned top results in a rigorous and well-respected global curriculum. However, there is also an immediate reward each time students step out of an exam room absolutely buzzing, celebrating with friends, and enjoying the relief that another exam is done and dusted and that “I nailed it!” In fact, there have been times that we have had to shoosh students after exiting an exam room as their noisy excitement disturbs students in a neighbouring room! What a great ‘problem’ to have!

The big news of the month is the Friends of Springbank Fireworks Extravaganza, just around the corner on Saturday 4th November. This is Springbank’s major community event, and a significant fundraiser for the Friends of Springbank Trust. I would like to say a massive thank you in advance to all of the families who will be volunteering in either the setup, the night itself, or Sunday’s pack up. We have filled the roster for duties, and I am blown away by your support. It is going to be an epic night, and I am really looking forward to the show. We have some new pyrotechnic effects, and it is going to be spectacular! I look forward to seeing you all there.

Dates & Events to Note:

- **Fireworks Extravaganza** – Saturday 4th November
- **Transition Morning** – Monday 6th November
- **Year 10 Boys Volleyball Competition** – Friday 10th November
- **Bike Ready Programme** – Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th November
- **Year 9-10 Volleyball Competition** – Thursday 16th November
- **Middle School Disco** – Friday 17th November
- **Graduation Dinner** – Tuesday 21st November



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Year 9 Community Projects

As part of the Year 9 Social Enterprise class, students throughout the year work individually or in groups to help raise funds or purchase products for local and national charities. Community service is important to our school, and we value the importance of connecting with our wider community and supporting others.

The 2023 Year 9 class have been working hard this year, raising thousands of dollars between them to support their chosen charities. We would like to commend all the Year 9 students for their successful fundraising efforts and their commitment and drive to completing their Community Projects.

- Ava, Amelie, and Naiya have raised \$1300 for St John Kerikeri. They have purchased an outdoor couch, painted fences, and created planter boxes for the St John staff communal area, so they have a relaxing space to enjoy in between all the emergency callouts and important work they do for the community.
- Toni, Brisa, Charlie, and Simon have raised over \$500 for Starship in Auckland. From their efforts with lunchtime fundraising BBQs, they have purchased infant cots and bedding for families to use when they are staying at Starship with a sick family member, making their stay more comfortable.
- Sophia and Jessica have been fundraising for Bay of Islands Animal Rescue and raised over \$700 via their movie fundraiser. They have been able to help purchase animal medicine and vaccines, bedding, and toys for the animals in care of the BOI Animal Rescue team.
- Imogen, Gina, and Cici are supporting Bald Angels, and have raised over \$700 by selling delicious dumplings at Market Day and helping with the Book Fair. They also received vouchers from both New World and The Warehouse to go towards purchasing underwear, toothpaste, body wash, soaps, deodorants, and more to make up some hygiene packs for families in need.
- Tiffany has been fundraising via sausage sizzles, sponsored walkathons, and selling hot chips at Market Day to raise over \$300 for Mid-North Hospice. With her fundraising, she has been able to create care packages for patients and their families.
- Josh, Patrick, and Morgan have been able to purchase a new Bic sail for the Bay of Islands Yacht Club based at Waitangi, with the \$400 they have raised. This new sail will benefit new sailors, along with being able to be used in club regattas and competitions.
- Corin has raised over \$300 for the R Tucker Thompson, based in the Bay of Islands. The crew will be using the money to go towards purchasing a safety guard to go around the motor on their dingy, that they use when transporting passengers to and from the ship.

Again, congratulations to all our Year 9 students for their outstanding community project fundraising.



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Welcome to Tina Hallowes

At our first assembly for Term Four, Mr Warren introduced Mrs Tina Hallowes who will be taking over the position of Springbank School Principal as of Term One, 2024.

Mr Warren announced to our Springbank community last term, that he has decided to step 'up' from his current role of Principal and focus on his other roles of Director of Springbank School, Headstart, and Preschool. It was a wonderful opportunity for Mrs Hallowes to speak with the school, introduce herself, and start making connections.

Mrs Hallowes will be in and out of school throughout Term Four, working alongside Mr Warren, getting to know everyone, and learning all about The Springbank Way.



Market Day 2023

Our annual Market Day was last month, but we wanted to highlight and celebrate one more time all the amazing fundraising our students raised via their various stalls. .

As part of Market Day, students are asked to donate a minimum of 25% of their profits. This year thirty charities have received donations from our students. Amazing!

MARKET DAY 2023 FUNDRAISING Together our students have raised just over **\$5,000** for these charities!

African Wildlife Foundation

Bald Angels

Bay Bush Action

BirdCare Aotearoa

Bistow Sisterhood

BOI Animal Rescue

Cancer Society

Cure Kids

Donna Dolittle's Animal Rescue

Forest and Bird NZ

Heart Foundation

Heart Kids NZ

Hospice Mid-North

I am Hope

Kids Can NZ

Little Miracles

Make a Wish

Morocco Earthquake Appeal

Project Island Song

R Tucker Thompson

Riding for the Disabled

Sea Cleaners

SPCA, Kerikeri

St John, Kerikeri

Starship Foundation

Upside Downs

Waitangi Bike Park

Westpac Helicopter

White Shark Conservation

Will to Live



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World of Maths Roadshow

Our students from Headstart to Year 9 participated in the World of Maths Roadshow on Thursday 19th October in the school gym. The interactive maths show has been visiting Springbank School for several years, with the aim to make mathematical learning fun with hands-on activities.

Multiple stations are set up around the gym, and students team up in groups of three to four, to work together to solve the maths problems. The activities encourage students to discuss their mathematical theories, test their knowledge, and have fun along the way.



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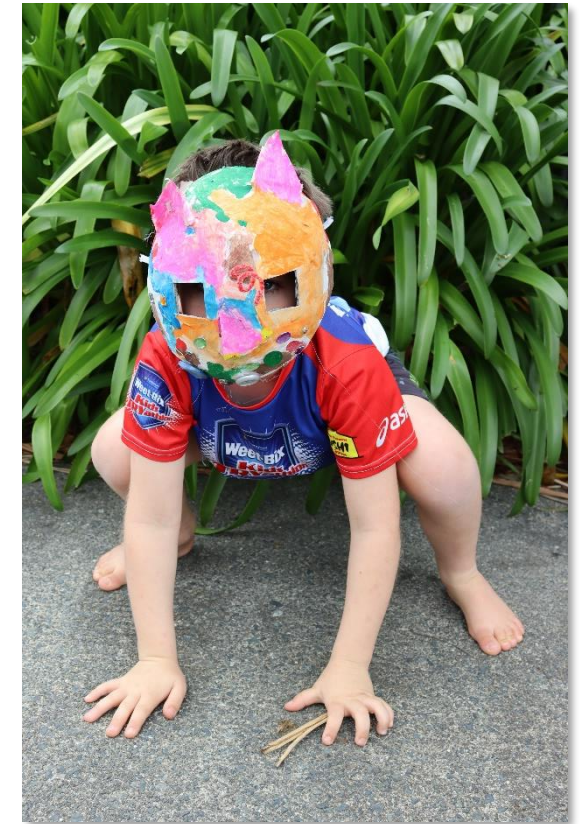
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Springbank Art

Year 7 have been creating beautiful pieces of art with Mrs Snedden inspired by Pat Steir, an American painter and printmaker who has had work exhibited in the Tate Gallery, London and the New Museum of Contemporary Art in New York.



Room 1 students recently morphed into fantastical creatures, with the help of paper mache masks! So creative!



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Volleyball

We had another excellent year of volleyball at Springbank with the leadership of The Three Amigos (our Year 13s – Jaluka, Callum & Magnus). This was the fourth year of the club and the third Aloha Ball which is our celebration of our departing seniors.

We had many exciting games this year highlighted by our senior boys taking 1st and 3rd at the Northland Cup with come from behind victories. Our Years 9 and 10 are gearing up for Term Four competitions and carrying on the traditions established since 2020.

Thank you, Friends of Springbank for supporting our pizza party for the Amigos, to Mr. Horgan for joining whenever he can, and to all of our players for creating such a positive environment.

- Mark Epley



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International Students

Our international students have been exploring the Bay of Islands with Jo Warren and Mr Horgan each Friday, while their class peers sit their Cambridge exams. So far, they have been surfing, visiting Matauri Bay, cruised over to Motuarohia and Urupukapuka Islands, as well as venturing over to the West Coast to visit Tane Mahuta and The Footprints of Kupe in Opononi.

At Springbank School we thoroughly enjoy hosting international students and welcoming them into our school community, and we have more students joining us next year. If you've thought about becoming a host family and would like more information, please pop in and see Jo in her office at school or email her at jo.warren@springbank.school.nz



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Agri Pet and Art Day 2023

Our annual Agri-Day was held on Wednesday 25th October, and what a fabulous event. We said it last year, but we'll have to say it again, that this is the most entries for the pet section we have had to date!

17 lambs and calves, 1 goat and 1 pig were entered into the pet section. Animals (and their owners) were judged on leading/bond, grooming, and costume. Each participating student led their animal around a small course and spoke to the judges about their animal from grooming routines, what they eat, where they sleep, and general wellbeing of the animal.

The last part of the competition is the popular costume category, and as always there were some fantastic costumes. This year included Barbie and Ken, a roadworker, a pirate, a Hawaiian-themed calf, and Preschool representing with a full squad of seven ice cream members walking alongside their calf, Sprinkles.

Congratulations to all our Agri Pet Day participants, and special mention to the top three winners this year:

🏆 Best Lamb – Fay Stirling with Ripper

🏆 Best Calf – Lexie Errington with Lucy

🏆 Overall Grand Champion – Alice Stirling with her lamb Twinkle

Across in the gym the art creations were on display with a colouring competition, vegetable/fruit sculpture, and vaseline flower saucer categories to enter. Again, the creative flare and ideas from our youngest friends at Preschool to our Middle School students were excellent. The top three winners from each year group and category will be awarded their certificates and prize at next week's assembly.

A huge thanks goes to Kortne Snedden who organised the event this year. There are a lot of extra hours put in behind the scenes organising ribbons, certificates, judges, and prizes. Today's event was a huge success thanks to Kortne's passion for farming, and we can't wait to bring back Agri Pet & Art Day next year.



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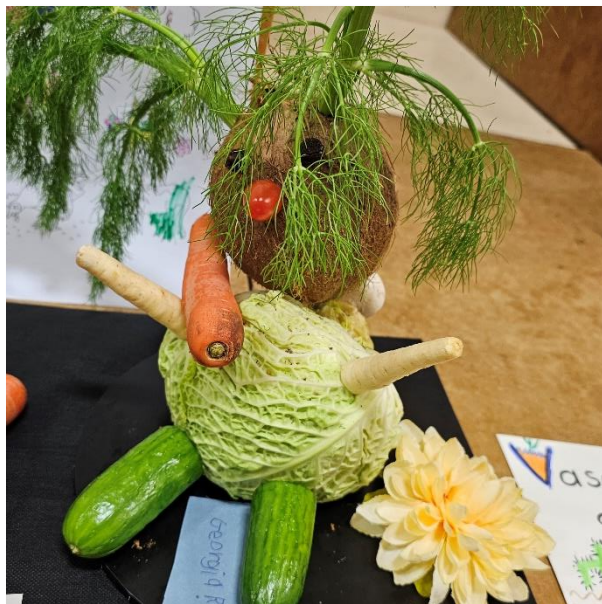
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Agri Pet and Art Day 2023 continues

Head along to our school Facebook page or Instagram page to see more photos from the day.

<https://www.facebook.com/springbankschool>

<https://www.instagram.com/springbankschoolkerikeri/>



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Swimming Sports

On Thursday 26th October, the Year 5 and 6 classes headed to the Kawakawa pools to take part in a Swimming Sports morning, with students from Years 4, 7, and 8 also invited if they wished to participate.

The Swimming Sports event saw students split into their age groups to compete in the stroke categories of freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly over 25 metres. The top two swimmers from each age/stroke will move onto the interschool swimming sports day on 23rd November.

Other races included a medley relay, 50 metre freestyle, a house relay, and noodle and flutter-board races.

It was a fantastic morning at the pool, with lots of energy, excitement, and great sportsmanship from the students, and it was great to see everyone giving it their best in the water. Students were able to select a minimum of two races to enter, and many wished they have entered more, once they realised how much fun it was!

A big thank you to all of the parents who supported the morning via help with transport, supervision, and timekeeping.



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Term Four Dates to Note

As we edge closer to the end of the school year, please take note of several important dates at school for students and operating times for Headstart and Preschool.

- Junior School Certificate Assembly, 8:40am – Friday 1st December
- Middle School Certificate Assembly, 10:20am – Friday 1st December
- Junior School Big Day Out – Monday 4th December
- Middle School Options Day – Tuesday 5th December
- Farewells to departing staff – Wednesday 6th December
- Gift Giving to Bald Angels – Wednesday 6th December
- School Prizegiving, 9:00am – Thursday 7th December
- Water Fight, 2:00pm – Thursday 7th December
- **SCHOOL IS OUT FOR 2023!**
- Teacher Only Day – Friday 8th December
- Headstart – will be operating their holiday programme until Friday 22nd December and restarting the holiday programme on Monday 15th January 2024
- Preschool – will be operating until Friday 22nd December and reopening on Monday 8th January 2024



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Friends of Springbank Fireworks Extravaganza

The Friends of Springbank Fireworks Extravaganza is getting closer, and the committee is immensely proud of this popular community event now in its 13th year!

- Dogfather, a local Kerikeri band is back on stage with our very own Mr Hittle and Suzie Oakley playing alongside their band members Philip Silich and Mike Gundry.
- Traditional fireworks food like hot chips, hot dogs, nachos, home baking, drinks, and the ever-popular spit roast are back, along with some external food vendors this year. The committee welcome Lil' Orbit Donuts, Karaage Chicken (Japanese Fired Chicken), Yantra (Indian), and Archies Burgers & Fries to the event.
- Springbucks (event money) will be used again. All food, drinks, and bouncy castle entry are paid using Springbucks. \$1 cash = \$1 Springbuck. These will be available at the entry gate and bank (school office) via cash or eftpos.
- This year a Pop A Prize draw with over \$6,500 worth of prizes will be held on the night, with two draws one at 7:30pm and 8:00pm. The first 1000 people through the gate will receive a FREE Pop A Prize raffle ticket. Twelve numbers will be drawn in total, and those lucky people will come on stage to Pop A Prize! (see the amazing prizes and sponsors on the next page).



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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<p><u>Prize One – value \$600</u> Great Escape Sailing School, \$250 voucher The Artisan Company, \$250 voucher Café @ Redwoods & Redwoods Garden Centre, \$50 voucher Makana, \$28 voucher Churchills, Venison Salami valued at \$22</p>	<p><u>Prize Five – value at \$566</u> The Fitness Lab, Voucher for 1 months membership valued at \$220 Ruru Tiny Homes, High Voltage Voucher \$100 Northland Technology, TUF Wallet valued at \$89 Cathay Cinema, 2x Movie Tickets valued at \$36 Exhale, 1 hour Relaxation Massage Treatment valued at \$80 Ella & Co, \$25 voucher Keri Berries, 2x Ice Cream vouchers valued at \$16</p>	<p><u>Prize Nine – valued at \$489</u> Paihia Mountain Bikes, Electric Mountain Bike Full Hire valued at \$149 Putts Florist, \$100 bouquet voucher includes delivery Morepork Digital – Prezzy Card valued at \$150 Latin Fit, 1 x 10 Class Pass valued at \$90</p>
<p><u>Prize Two – value at \$811</u> Freestyle Construction - \$750 voucher Ella & Co, \$25 voucher Superbowl, \$20 voucher Keri Berries, 2x Ice Cream vouchers valued at \$16</p>	<p><u>Prize Six – value at \$636</u> Waihou Valley Estate, Paintball session for a group of 10 valued at \$600 Keri Berries, 2x Ice Cream vouchers valued at \$16 Superbowl, \$20 voucher</p>	<p><u>Prize Ten – valued at \$597</u> Northland RV, 1 x 41L chilly bin & 1x stainless cup & 1x bottle valued at \$394 BOI Gas, 9kg BBQ swap cylinder valued at \$95 each Café @ Redwoods & Redwoods Garden Centre, \$50 voucher Makana, \$28 voucher Kerikeri Mini Golf, Family Pass valued at \$30</p>
<p><u>Prize Three – value at 480</u> NZ Petrol Refunds, \$200 Hunting & Fishing voucher Unichem, Hamper valued at \$100 Black Olive, \$50 voucher Keri Berries, 2x Ice Cream vouchers valued at \$16 Ella & Co, \$25 voucher</p>	<p><u>Prize Seven – valued at \$524</u> JMA Accountants, \$150 Gift Basket Paihia Mountain Bikes, Electric Mountain Bike Full Hire valued at \$149 BOI Gas, 9kg BBQ swap cylinder valued at \$95 each Black Olive, \$50 voucher Ruru Tiny Homes, Rebel Sport Voucher \$50 Kerikeri Mini Golf, Family Pass valued at \$30</p>	<p><u>Prize Eleven – valued at \$502</u> Northland RV, 1 x 22L chilly bin & 2x stainless steel bottles & 1x bottle valued at \$249 Te Hine Ruru Retreat, 1 hour treatment voucher valued at \$90 Manzone, \$75 voucher Hones Garden, \$50 voucher Churchills, Venison Salami valued at \$22 Keri Berries, 2x Ice Cream vouchers valued at \$16</p>
<p><u>Prize Four – value at \$550</u> Salt Air, Flight for one valued at \$280 Ruru Tiny Homes, High Voltage Voucher \$100 Northland Technology, TUF Wallet valued at \$89 Cathay Cinema, 2x Movie Tickets valued at \$36 Ella & Co, \$25 voucher Superbowl, \$20 voucher</p>	<p><u>Prize Eight – valued at \$564</u> Kerikeri Optometrists, Barkers Sunglasses valued at \$299 Latin Fit, 1 x 10 Class Pass valued at \$90 Exhale, 1 hour Relaxation Massage Treatment valued at \$80 Manzone, \$75 voucher Superbowl, \$20 voucher</p>	<p><u>Prize Twelve – valued at \$561</u> Plantzone, \$150 voucher OC Tenders, Prezzy Card valued at \$150 BOI Gas, 1 year free rental on 2x 45kg LPG cylinders for new customers worth \$125 or \$125 off your next home delivery for current customers Hones Garden, \$50 voucher Shoestyles, \$50 voucher Superbowl, \$20 voucher Keri Berries, 2x Ice Cream vouchers valued at \$16</p>



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Friends of Springbank Fireworks Extravaganza

The Friends of Springbank committee would like to give a huge shout out and thanks to all the valued sponsors of the 2023 event.



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Headstart Report

Swimming is back on this term, and every Thursday we take the bus to Little Dippers with our friends from Room 2. We are learning about water safety, swimming techniques, alongside promoting a life-long love and respect of the water.



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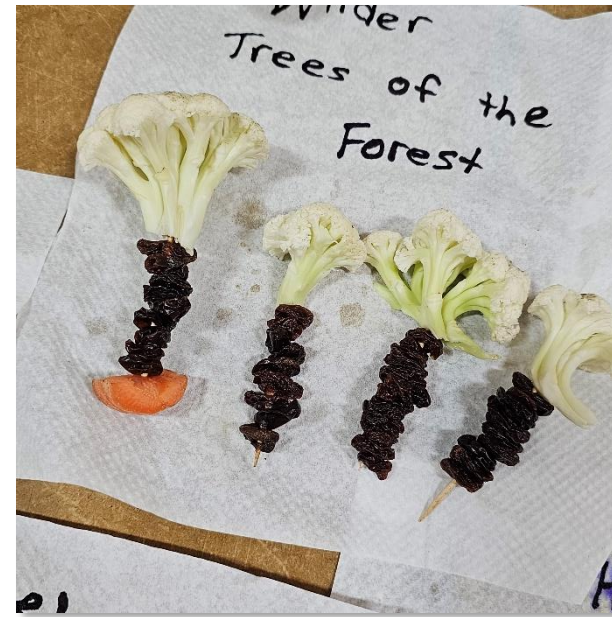
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Preschool Update

We were very excited to enter the Agri Pet Day competition this year. We always take part in the art section, but this year we decided to enter a calf. Our Preschool calf Sprinkles did amazingly, and our friend Mia led her beautifully. What a duo these two were!

Mia, Lucienne, and Alice, did a superb job at answering the judge's questions regarding rearing. Well done, girls! Our little ice cream/sprinkles crew; Peter, Leo, Alice, Emily, Luciene, Indie, and Mia, walked in the costume parade and did us proud coming in 2nd for Best Costume.



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Community Notices



Kerikeri Cricket Club

Junior Cricket 2023-24

- ✍ Friday night cricket starts October the 27th
- ✍ Ages: Years 1-6
- ✍ When : Fridays 4-5pm
- ✍ Where: Kerikeri High School

No experience or equipment necessary ! Our hubs are based off the NZC Smash Play junior tamariki programme which focuses on game play, values and enjoyment with lots of hits, catches, action and fun!

To register follow the link below. We play 7 weeks before Christmas and 7 weeks after. Please select Terms 4&1 (ignore the fact it says Monday; this is an administrative error that the club can't change). <https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/cea7d8>

Questions? Call/Text Becs 021 813528 or follow the Kerikeri Cricket Club Facebook Page



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Keeping Ourselves Safe

We've had Constable Rob visiting school this month to deliver talks about Keeping Ourselves Safe. He has been visiting individual classes to speak with the students about online safety, recognising the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships, and how to call for help in an emergency.

The program aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills to keep themselves safe from potential harm, both online and offline, by fostering understanding, critical thinking, and self-awareness.



We now look ahead to all of the end-of-year celebrations and events. Make sure to lock in the dates on Page 11 of this newsletter to ensure you don't miss out. We highly value families' involvement and support, and we wouldn't want to have too much fun without you!

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Warren'.

Mike Warren
Principal

Thoughts for the Week 2023:

Term 4, Week 1:

"Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself."

Courtesy of Mr Warren

Term 4, Week 2:

"Great leaders don't set out to be a leader, they set out to make a difference."

Courtesy of Mrs Robertson

Term 4, Week 3:

"Your habits will determine your future."

Courtesy of Mrs Stirling

Term 4, Week 4:

"Don't wish for it, work for it."

Courtesy of Room 3



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