



SPRINGBANK SCHOOL

Developing

Capability Character Confidence

in an exceptional educational environment.



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[Dear Springbank Family](#)

Happy New Year and welcome to 2024 at Springbank! I hope you and your families have been enjoying this lovely hot weather; a vast improvement on last Summer. The air conditioning at school has been working overtime in the last few weeks as we prepare our classrooms and planning for 2024.

Our 2023 Cambridge International Examination results are back and there are plenty of excellent results to celebrate. You can find the highlights on the next page of our newsletter.

I would like to welcome everyone back for another great year at Springbank School, and I warmly welcome our 41 new students and their families.

We welcome Gabriel Segerfröjd to the Springbank team, who is teaching AS & A2 Level Physics, Year 8 and Year 11 Science, and Year 9 Maths. With 2024 being my first year as Principal, I also have the pleasure of teaching AS Level Marine Science.

I am looking forward to getting to know all our students and families over the coming months. We are off to a busy start with our annual camps, leadership days, and Learning for Success programme for our Year 9 to 13 students. It is time to enjoy the remainder of this fantastic summer while we get back into school life and start setting some ambitious goals for 2024.

Regards,

Tina Hallows



2024 Dates to note

- **Term 1:** 30 January to 12 April (11 weeks)
- **Term 2:** 29 April to 5 July (10 weeks)
- **Term 3:** 22 July to 20 September (9 weeks)
- **Term 4:** 7 October to 5 December (9 weeks)
- Northland Anniversary : Monday 29th January
- Waitangi Day: Tuesday 6th February
- Good Friday: Friday 29th March
- Easter Monday: Monday 1st April
- Easter Tuesday: Tuesday 2nd April
- King's Birthday: Monday 3rd June
- Matariki: Friday 28th June
- Labour Day: Monday 28th October
- Teacher Only Day: Friday 6th December



Term One Events to note

- **Year 7 to 13 Orientation Day** – Tuesday 30th January
- **Year 12 and 13 Leadership Day** – Thursday 1st February
- **Middle/Senior Parent Camp Meeting** – Thursday 1st February at 6:00pm
- **Wayne Price Learning for Success** – Thursday 1st February at 6:30pm
- **Year 9 to 13 Learning for Success** – Friday 2nd February
- **Prefect Interviews** – Monday 5th February
- **Middle/Senior Camps** – Wednesday 7th February to Friday 9th February

NB: Year 7 to 13 students have already had their camp forms sent home at the end of last year, if you have NOT returned these, please do so ASAP as they are needed to organise sleeping and transport arrangements.

- **Room 3 & 4 Camp** – Wednesday 14th February to Friday 16th February
- **Room 1 & 2 Camp** – Thursday 15th February to Friday 16th February

NB: Room 1 & 2 camp forms will be sent out by Mrs Foster and Mrs Halliday at the beginning of Term One.

- **Victoria University Liaison** – Monday 26th February
- **Mid North Inzone Job Explore, Year 11 to 13** – Wednesday 28th February
- **Junior School Disco** – Friday 15th March
- **Preschool and siblings Photos** – Tuesday 19th March
- **Headstart, School and siblings Photos** – Wednesday 20th March

2023 Springbank School Exam Results!

Our 2023 Cambridge International examination results are in, and we have some excellent results to celebrate! Our teachers and students worked hard to achieve some great results and we are so proud of their successes. With its academic rigour, global standardisation, and development of key character strengths, the Cambridge International Curriculum prepares our students to achieve their best in tertiary study and the workforce. Here is a quick breakdown of our students' successes:

AS and A2 Level (University Entrance Papers)	IGSCE	Checkpoint
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 85% of all papers gained a pass grade. ❖ 19% of all papers were A Grade or above. ❖ The average mark across all papers was 60%. ❖ 100% of Year 13 students gained enough points for University Entrance. ❖ 53% of Year 12 students have already gained University Entrance. ❖ Business Studies was the standout subject, with an <u>average</u> mark of 76%! Outstanding! <p>Special mention to the following students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Oliver Gilliver-Dittrich – amazing results! Including 96% for AS Maths, and an average of 89.3% across all of his subjects. ❖ Raffy McAngus gained three As and a high B grade, with an average of 82.8% across his papers. ❖ William Stewart gained a Distinction in Speaking Award for French. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 94% of all papers were passed – a very good result. ❖ 32% of all papers were an A or A* grade – congratulations to those students who received these. ❖ The average mark across all papers was 71.8% <p>Special mention to the following students who gained some strong results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Louisa Joyce gained five A*s, and one A grade! Wow! ❖ Jaasmeet Randhawa gained three A*s, two As, and one B. ❖ Oscar Wells gained three A*s. ❖ Zoe Wells scored 95% in Business Studies, including two A*s, three As, and one B. ❖ Alexis Blakeman, gained two A*s, two As, and three Bs. ❖ Tiarna Andrew, gained one A*, four As, and one B. 	<p><u>Lower Secondary Checkpoint – Year 9</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ These results were <u>exceptional</u>, with average marks across all three subjects (English, Maths, and Science) <u>well above</u> the international average! ❖ The international average is a strong benchmark that we measure our success against, and to achieve well above it is a significant accomplishment. <p>Average grades across all of the Year 9 cohort (grading system is out of a total of 50):</p> <p>English: 39 (<u>well</u> above the intl. average of 33)</p> <p>Mathematics: 35 (easily above the intl. average of 31)</p> <p>Science: 40 (<u>WAY</u> above the intl. average of 31)</p> <p><u>Primary Checkpoint – Year 6</u></p> <p>English: 31 (below the intl. average of 34)</p> <p>Mathematics: 31 (slightly below the intl. average of 32)</p> <p>Science: 32 (slightly below the intl. average of 33)</p> <p>We aim to improve to ensure our 2024 Primary Checkpoint results are above the intl. average across the board.</p>

Springbank School Staff 2024

We would like to introduce all of our staff members for 2024. We have a brilliant team of teachers who are passionate about providing your children with the very best educational experience at Springbank School. If you wish to contact a member of staff, you can email them by using *firstname.surname@springbank.nz*

Mike Warren	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director / Finance / IT Admin
Tina Hallows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal • AS Marine Science

Middle and Senior School – Years 7 to 13

Michelle Chapman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Principal Middle and Senior School • Form Teacher Year 13 • Careers Counsellor • Young Enterprise – Year 12 and 13 • Social Enterprise – Year 7 and 9 • Business Studies – Year 10 • IGCSE Business Studies 	Vicky Binedell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IGCSE Mathematics • AS Mathematics • A2 Mathematics • AS Psychology
Andrea Druery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form Teacher Year 12 • English – Year 9 and 10 • IGCSE English • AS English Language 	Mark Epley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form Teacher Year 11 • Mathematics – Year 8 • Geography – Year 10 • Outdoor Adventure – Year 11 • IGCSE Geography • AS Geography
Sara Hittle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form Teacher Year 7 • Mathematics – Year 7 • English – Year 7 and 8 	Adam Horgan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form Teacher Year 10 • Fitness • PE – Year 10 • Outdoor Adventure – Years 10 to 13 • IGCSE PE • AS PE
Gwyneth Hulse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Years 7 to 10 • IGCSE Art (with Year 12 and 13) 	Samantha Joseph	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form Teacher Year 9 • Science – Year 7, 9, and 10 • AS Chemistry • AS Biology • A2 Biology
Belinda Robertson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitness • PE – Years 1 to 3 • PE and Health – Years 7 to 9 • Social Enterprise – Year 8 	Gabriel Segerfröjd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form Teacher Year 8 • Science Year 8 • Mathematics Year 9 • IGCSE Science • AS and A2 Physics



Middle and Senior School – Years 7 to 13

Kortne Snedden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICT – Years 7 and 8 • Music – Years 7 and 8 • Science – Year 7 	Corine Wils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japanese – Years 4 to 9 • IGCSE Core Mathematics • Mathematics – Year 10 • ICT – Years 9 to 11
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Junior School – Years 1 to 6

Bridget Foster	• Class Teacher Year 1 & 2 (<i>Monday to Thursday</i>)
Gwyneth Hulse	• Class Teacher Year 1 & 2 (<i>Friday</i>)
Justine Halliday	• Class Teacher Year 3 & 4
Elle Haden	• Junior School Deputy Principal and Class Teacher Year 4 & 5 (<i>Monday to Wednesday</i>)
Diana Stirling	• Class Teacher Year 4 & 5 (<i>Thursday and Friday</i>)
Renee Rose	• Class Teacher Year 6
Kortne Snedden	• Mathematics Year 4

Springbank Headstart Teaching Staff

Jenna Pille	• Headstart ECE Teacher	Robyn Parker	• Headstart Primary Teacher
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Springbank Preschool Teaching Staff

Kayla Gravatt & Paula Warren	• Centre Persons Responsible & Registered ECE Teachers		
Angela Miller Keryn Moffat Renee Tipene Anna Wilson	• Registered ECE Teachers	Trudy Black Emma Gerrard Peta Kell Katrina Peita Nevenka Zivkovich	• ECE Teachers

Springbank Ancillary Staff

Jill Hatherly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Librarian • Teacher Aide 	Taryn Lynn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Administrator • Principal's Assistant
Angela Warren	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Support • Marketing & Social Media Officer 	Jo Warren	• International Student Director



Introducing Gabriel Segerfröjd

It is with pleasure that we reintroduce Gabriel Segerfröjd, our new staff member in the Middle and Senior School. Gabriel is a science and mathematics teacher, with a specialisation in physics. Gabriel has a Masters and a PhD in Aeronautical Engineering, he is a very experienced teacher, and he has previously taught Cambridge International Science and Physics, which is a bonus for us. We believe Gabriel will be a real asset to Springbank, and we look forward to you meeting him this term.

Greetings Springbank Community,

Over the years, I have heard such wonderful things about you, your school and most importantly, your students – keen to learn, well behaved, and with a positive attitude! This is, in fact, Springbank's values, not on paper but lived out daily - well done! I surely look forward to joining you in Term 1, 2024.

My wife and I relocated to New Zealand some sixteen years ago together with our three secondary-aged children, and that was my first experience with the NZ school system and NCEA, as I assisted them with their learning in a new country and with polishing their skills in our second language. With an engineering background (mechanical and civil), TeachNZ guided me to become a Physics and Mathematics teacher, and after training at Bethlehem Tertiary Institute in Tauranga, I taught in Auckland for a few years. It was at Auckland Grammar that I was introduced to Cambridge International, which I really enjoyed together with my students. It provides a quality check on the learning that has taken place over the years, without any bias.

We moved up North in 2015, and I have taught Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, and Science from Whangarei to Kaitia during our time here. We live just south of Opuia on a bush block that we tried to convert to some grazing (a lot of work for just a few 1000 sqms) as we have horses. We brought two Haflinger mares when we moved from Sweden, which now have become 10+ individuals, so a couple of years ago we needed much more grazing and purchased a farmlet further up north, meaning that I can travel to work within an hour irrespective of where we stay! The farmlet is where we enjoy animals, hay making and country life, and Russell, Opuia and Paihia have got a nice tourist vibe that is enjoyable from time to time.

Again, thank you for inviting me to become part of your beautiful school.

Kind Regards,

Gabriel Segerfröjd



Springbank School Cafe

We are excited to announce that the Springbank School café is back for 2024. The new café operators are working in partnership with Hank from Hank's Sushi Kerikeri & Waipapa, and Hank's Little Asia in Waipapa.

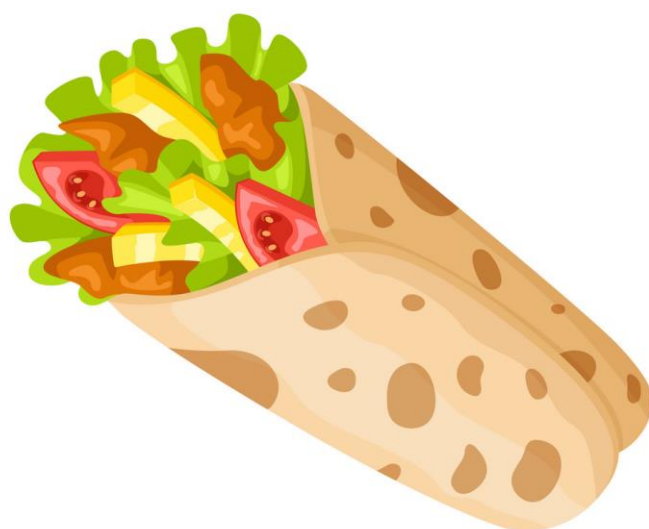
They have created a delicious starter menu for our students and staff to enjoy (which our teachers have already had the pleasure of sampling!).

As per the menu, some main dishes will need to be pre-ordered the day before, which can be done by visiting the school café. Otherwise, items from the daily menu can be ordered at or before morning tea time, to be ready for lunchtime.

Parents, feel free to order yourself a freshly brewed espresso coffee when you drop your children off before school.

Initially, the café will operate as cash only, but they do plan on introducing an EFTPOS facility.

The café operators are keen to add additional items to their menu, and they will be considering requests from staff and students over the coming weeks. We will let you know when the menu is updated.



Springbank Café Menu

• Coffees •

Flat White, Latte, Long Black, Hot Chocolate: \$5

• Daily Menu •

To be ordered by morning tea for lunchtime

Sushi pieces: \$2.20
 Chicken Pizza Slices: \$3
 Fish Cake: \$3
 Chicken Cake: \$3
 Chicken or Ham Wrap: \$5
 Crunchy Chicken roll: \$5
 Toasted Sandwiches: \$6
 Waffles or Pancakes: \$7 (toppings \$1 each)
 Chicken Burger: \$8

• Pre-Ordered Hot dishes •

To be ordered the day prior

Mac & Cheese: \$10
 Spaghetti Bolognese: \$10
 Chicken Kottu: \$10
 Asian Chicken: \$10
 Asian Black Pepper Beef: \$10

• Milkshakes •

Vanilla or Chocolate \$5

Chosen Charity 2024/2025

Springbank School is proud to announce that Sea Cleaners will be our school-wide Chosen Charity for 2024 and 2025.

Every two years we choose a local charity as our “Chosen Charity Champion”. We raise money at school and donate to the charity across the two-year period, in addition to working with the charity on whatever projects they require assistance with, and to raise awareness.



Springbank School appreciates the vision and commitment that Sea Cleaners has towards protecting the New Zealand coastline. Living in the Bay of the Islands, we understand how fortunate we are to have access to some of the most beautiful coastlines and marine life in New Zealand.

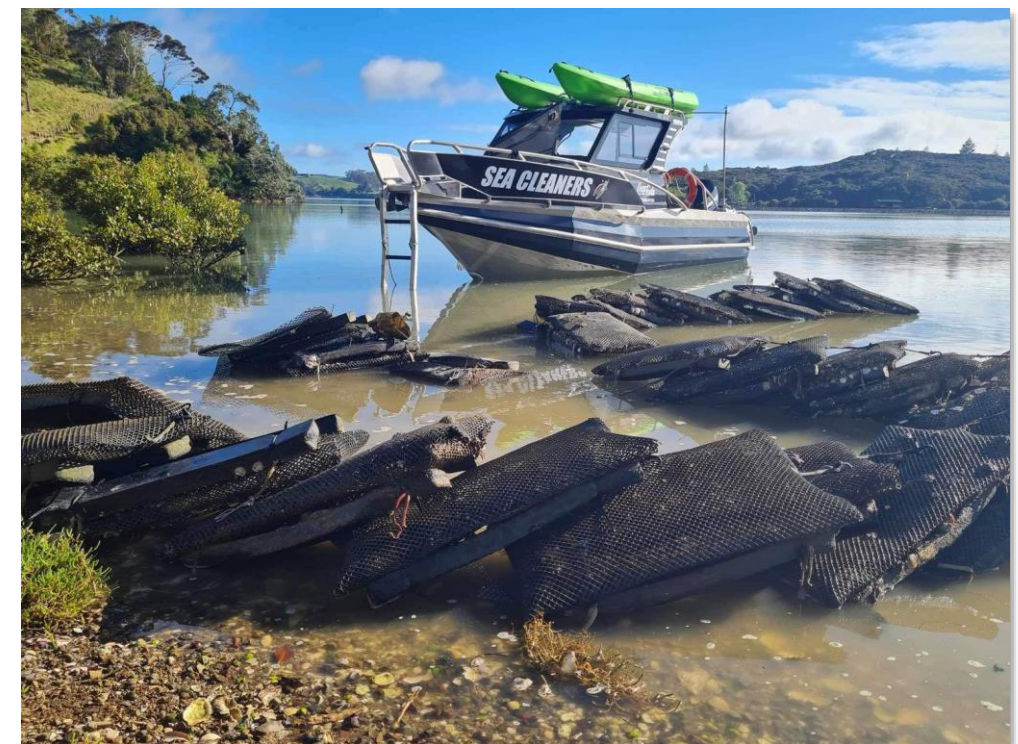
Sea Cleaners is an ambitious non-profit organisation with a big vision. They are committed to safely eliminating rubbish from New Zealand's waterways and coastlines, while inspiring global behavioural change to stop waste from entering our oceans. The Sea Cleaners Trust team has removed over 14.6 million litres of waste from our waterways since 2002.

Sea Cleaners is passionate about educating people on responsible waste disposal practices such as recycling, and understanding the dire consequences of littering and how trash can infiltrate and contaminate our precious waterways.

Through focused education and outreach, Sea Cleaners are not just cleaning but preventing – creating a ripple effect of individual and collective responsibility that stops waste from reaching our waterways in the first place, so that our marine environment can thrive for generations to come.

Springbank School is proud to be supporting Sea Cleaners with their projects campaigns across 2024 and 2025.

“Our vision is straightforward and inspiring: we're committed to preserving New Zealand's stunning coastline for the benefit of marine life and for the enjoyment of all.”



Friends of Springbank

The Friends of Springbank committee is looking forward to another exciting year of supporting the students of Springbank School, Headstart, and Preschool. You will find more information below about the committee, what they do, and how you can be part of Friends. Across 2023, the Friends of Springbank committee were able to support several events, including:

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| - Junior School Disco | - Cross Country BBQ | - LitQuiz | - MUNA |
| - Writers in Schools | - Life Skills | - Senior Ball | - Science Roadshow for Year 6 |
| - Tennis Competitions | - Netball Auckland Trip | - Careers Trip | - Art Trip |

The committee also held their hugely popular annual community Fireworks Extravaganza on Saturday 4th November. It was one of the biggest spectator turnouts to date, with an estimated 3,700 coming through the gates to enjoy the evening and watch the fireworks display.

All parents and caregivers from Preschool, Headstart, and school are welcome to attend the monthly meetings. The first meeting for 2024 is on **Wednesday 28th February at 2:00pm** in the school staff room.



WHO WE ARE

We are an Incorporated Society registered with the Charities Commission, run by parents of Springbank School students.

Our 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.

COMMITMENT

- There is no set commitment to join Friends
- Monthly meetings are not compulsory
- We can send meeting minutes 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, discos, or at our community fireworks

MEETING LOCATION

Springbank School staff room
Last Wednesday of every month
2:00pm - 3:00pm
NB: Meeting times may vary

CONTACT US

friendsofspringbank@gmail.com



THE SPRINGBANK FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

Our major fundraising event each year is The Springbank Fireworks Extravaganza.

Each November we host a community fireworks show, with 2500+ people in attendance. Food, drinks and entertainment are available, making our event one of the most popular in the area.

All money raised from this event goes directly to further the educational experience of Springbank School students.

WHAT WE FUND

SCHOOL EVENTS

Senior School Ball
Cross Country BBQ
Leadership Days
Discos and Camps
Speech Competitions

COMPETITIONS

EPRO8 Challenge
AIMS Games
Lit Quiz
Mathex
NSSA Sports Competitions

EXCURSIONS

EOTC Field Trips
Rock Quest
Preschool Excursions
Pop Up Globe

COFFEE SQUAD

Friends of Springbank are proud to support the Coffee Squad, in which senior students are able to gain their Barista Certificate and provide coffee for visitors to school.

And much more...

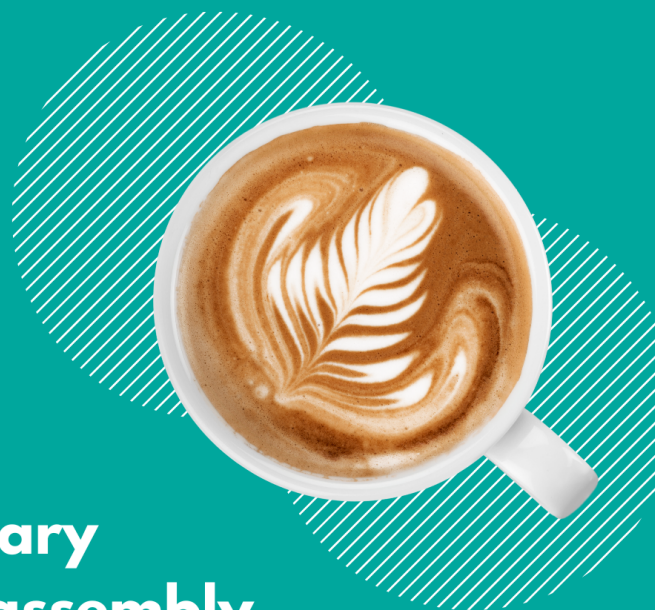


Complimentary Coffee

Welcome Back & Welcome to New Parents

Let's celebrate being back for Term One 2024!

Come and join us for a delicious brewed coffee and catch up after Week Two's assembly.



Monday 5th February
School Gym after assembly



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Springbank 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. But it is also a great resource for our families as well.

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 ensure you sign in at 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.



Springbank School Clothing

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

There are currently six items available:

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

The clothing samples are available to view inside the school office, with order forms including pricing and payment instructions.



Springbank School House T-Shirts

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

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

The t-shirts are 100% cotton and will be available in kids' sizes 6 – 16 and in a men's S to 3XL.



[How to keep up to date with Springbank School](#)

There are several ways you can keep up to date with everything that is happening at school during the year:

Website: On our school website you can find our monthly calendar, enrolment information, history about the school, staff details, and more:

www.springbank.school.nz

Instagram: Springbank School has an active Instagram account that follows the students and school through their various events, activities, and classes:

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

Facebook: Our Facebook page is updated regularly with sports news, upcoming events, student achievements, community notices, photos, and other celebrations from around the school campus. Our Headstart and Preschool centres also have Facebook pages which highlight the learning and fun they experience each week.

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

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

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

Absences: It is very important that if for any reason your child is away from school, that we are notified. The easiest way to notify us, is by using the Edge App (please see instructions on how to upload this app on the next page). If you have any trouble, pop into the office and Taryn Lynn can help you set it up. Another way of notifying us is by emailing the school office first thing in the morning to let Taryn know so she can update the attendance records for teachers.

Weekly Assemblies: Assemblies are held every Monday at 8:35am in the school gym (or Tuesdays if public holidays fall on Monday). Parents are welcome to attend.

Noticeboards: There are noticeboards outside the school office, Rooms 1 & 2, and by the gym where news and notices will be shared.

Email: All Springbank School staff can be contacted via email by using *firstname.surname@springbank.nz*

Office: Taryn Lynn is our Office Administrator, and she can be reached by email at reception@springbank.nz or phone 09 407 5236.



Springbank School – Edge App

Setting up the Edge app on your cellphone



- In the Apple/Play store, select the FREE app “Musac Edge”
- Once downloaded, you will be asked to enter a 4 digit pin, this will create your pin to access the app. You will then 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 we contact you on normally, from school.
- You will then receive an email confirming your password change, if you click on the link this will open up 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, view their class timetable, see attendance reports for your child and see any any school announcements.
- We currently do not have the report function on this app, so you will see that the reports tab is empty. There is also a payments function that does not work, and we cannot “hide” from the view in your screen, but please disregard this as it is not attached to our invoicing system.
- And lastly, there is a function of a “record name” if you wish to record your child’s name to help with pronunciation.

My child is going to be away from school. What should I do?

To save calling, you can easily log into the app and click “notify school of absence” and follow the prompts. This also has the function to call school if you would prefer to speak to us.



Car Park Safety

As we start a new school year, it is important that as a school community we work together to ensure the safety of everyone in the carpark. The safety of our students is a top priority for us.

Safety measures include:

- Driving slowly at or below the 10km limit.
- Slowing down and stopping at the pedestrian crossing.
- Looking out for the judder bars and slowing down.
- Giving way to buses.
- No use of cell phones while driving.
- Holding your child's hand in the carpark.
- No parking in areas with the NP sign, non-designated car parks, or the bus bay.

If you notice unsafe driver behaviour in our school carpark, please contact us immediately with a description of the vehicle (and ideally a licence plate number), and we will follow up with the driver concerned.



Springbank Sharing Shed

The Sharing Shed is ready and waiting for any excess summer produce, seedlings or flowers for our families to enjoy.

The Sharing Shed can be found at the top of the carpark and is a school community space for sharing. Our families can leave excess produce, eggs, flowers or preserves and possibly more as we go along, from home, to share with everyone.

- There is no charge. It is purely just sharing with other families.
- No baking please, as it is too hard to keep ants away.
- Please label and put on a use by date if applicable.

In order for the Sharing Shed to be effective, families must also take the shared goods. They are free to Springbank families, and there is no expectation that you must share anything in return. Of course, if you would like to, then it also helps the Sharing Shed!

