



Newsletter No. 7 | July 2021

Dear Students and Parents

Last Friday lunchtime, I was manning the BBQ for Headstart's sausage sizzle fundraiser. During this time it was evident that the vast majority of our students were either outside playing on the playgrounds, playing sport, or watching their peers compete. The gym was buzzing with the first session of Mr Epley's volleyball competition; it was completely packed with players and spectators! Outside the gym we had students playing table tennis, basketball on the outdoor hoops (thanks again to Mr Epley!), and on the playground. I wandered towards the sports fields and gazed out. There was an intense game of football on the turf, several students playing on the Roktopus and the swings, and a great game of Gaga in our very own Gaga Pit. It seemed that the whole school was out, enjoying one another's company, being active, and having a wonderful time.

In an age in which physical activity and social interaction during break times in schools are the exception rather than the norm (of digital device use), I am so proud of our students making the most of our environment. They are developing character, social and physical capabilities, and confidence. Most of all though, our students are simply enjoying themselves. They are having fun, enjoying one another's company, and they are making memories to cherish.

Dates & Events to Note:

- **Auckland University Volcanologist Visit – Monday 2nd August to the 4th**
- **Nano Girl Visit – Monday 9th August**
- **Weta Workshop Trip to Auckland – Tuesday 10th August**
- **Springbank School Science Fair – Wednesday 11th August to the 12th**
- **Middle/Senior Speeches – Thursday 12th August**
- **Jump Jam for StarJam – Friday 13th August**
- **Victoria University Trip – Thursday 19th August to the 21st**
- **Auckland University Trip – Friday 27th August to the 29th**
- **BOI Beast Event – Friday 27th August**
- **Daffodil Day – Friday 27th August**



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Northland Secondary Schools (NSS) Cross Country

To wrap up the interschool cross country events for 2021, Springbank athletes travelled to Barge Park in Whangarei at the beginning on 1st July for the Northland Secondary Schools Cross Country (NSSCC). This event is open to students in Years 7 – 10. We had the following 12 students represent the school and they all did us proud: Issy Welling, Brisa Carlyon, Alana Kell, Eva Whyman, Drew Mikkelsen, Aysha Klaui, Patrick Kell, Charlie Rowe, Ronan Leung, Vlad Misescu, Charlie Robertson, and Isaac Welling.

The conditions were great, with solid ground and clear blue skies. Our team demonstrated some gusty performances and ran extremely well against some solid competition from the other Northland schools.

We are thrilled for both Vlad and Brisa who gained a podium finish on the day.

Year 7 & 8 Boys

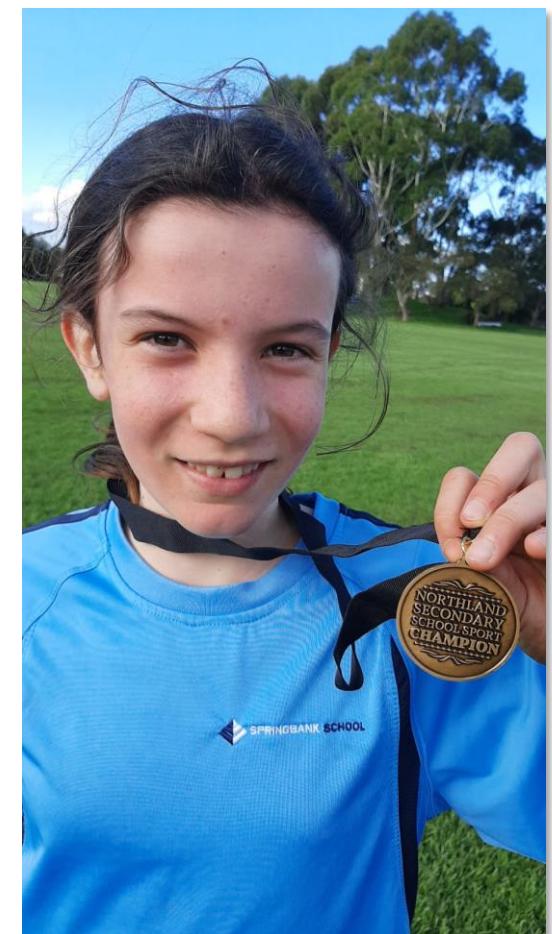
- Vlad Misescu took the 3rd place bronze medal out of 60 runners!
- The rest of the Springbank boys all placed within the top 30.

Year 7 & 8 Girls

- Brisa Carlyon won the gold, achieving 1st place by a decent margin! Brisa ran the hilly 3.5km course in 12:40!
- Aysha Klaui placed 6th
- Eva Whyman and Alana Kell placed in the top 20

Year 9 & 10 Girls

- Issy Welling gained 10th place out of 38 runners
- Drew Mikkelsen gained 12th place



A big thank you to Mr Horgan for leading the team on the day, and thank you to our parents who could attend the event, help with transport, and for their enthusiastic cheering. We are exceptionally proud of how well our students have done overall. Go Springbank!

We would like to wish Brisa the best of luck as she heads to the AIMS Games in Tauranga this September to represent Springbank in Cross Country.



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Springbank School Basketball Champions

Springbank School had two basketball teams, one Junior and one Senior, playing in the Far North Interschools Basketball Championship across Terms 1 and 2.

They had been putting up some fantastic scores and wins, which resulted in an exciting night on Tuesday 6th July for the competition finals.

We are thrilled to share and celebrate the news again that both the Junior and Senior teams walked away as champions of the competition, both winning by ONE POINT! Ben Colbatz (Year 10) played for both teams and shot the game-winning point on the buzzer for the Junior team! What a thriller!

The boys have been practising hard, and all the extra basketball practice and play before school, during lunch, and after school has really paid off. Congratulations to both teams; a superb result and well deserved!

Junior Boys team; Youssef Awad, Ben Colbatz, Ruben Kistemaker, Oscar Clementson, Oliver Sizer, Ted Houry and Hunter Blakeman.

Senior Boys team: Josh Traas, Jack Hittle, Naaman Boxer, Ben Colbatz (Springbank Students), Jordan Wojtulewicz (Springbank Graduate), Nate Te-Hira, Aydon Heap and Sebastian Botkin (Team Imports).



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40 Hour Famine 2021

Our fundraising for the 40 Hour Famine was held on Friday 25th June. Students were encouraged to dress up in orange for the day (the signature colour for World Vision) and bring in a gold coin donation. Students were also able to purchase a orange flavoured ice cream spider drinks for \$2.00.

All money fundraised for World Vision is going to protect families in sub-Saharan Africa against the oncoming hunger pandemic. This is as a result from Covid, climate change, and decades of conflict. It was a great day, with lots of students dressing up and a fantastic total of \$275.00 was raised on the day.



40 Hour Famine Sleepover

Along with the Orange Day at school, we held our annual 40 Hour Famine Sleepover in the school gym on the Friday night as well. Students arrived full of enthusiasm and energy to bunk down in beds and houses made from cardboard boxes. Plenty of blankets and warm PJs were required, as it was a particularly cold night. We played various games in the gym to keep us entertained, and surprisingly we all had a good night's sleep!

For those who couldn't stay for the sleepover, students were encouraged to challenge themselves to various 20 or 40 hour challenges at home and get donations from family and friends. As a school we raised just under **\$6,000**, which is an amazing contribution to this very important charity.

A huge thank you to Shaelyn Whitehead (Prefect) for organising the event.



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Endometriosis Seminar

One of my Prefect initiatives for 2021 was to host a seminar about endometriosis. I was so happy when my idea got off the ground, and I was able to host the seminar on Tuesday 29th June. As someone who has had endometriosis for a while now, it was really heart-warming to see how open-minded everyone was and how involved they became in the programme.

I was floating around, seeing how everyone was getting on, and as I was walking around I witnessed some of the groups actively discussing the programme and the content they were learning. This honesty made my day. I can understand that for some people the confronting content could potentially be uncomfortable. However, everyone was sensitive and mature about it.

One of our speakers on the day was Gillian. She is a naturopath at Hardy's in town, and she became a naturopath because of her own journey with endometriosis. It was just really kind of her to give up her time to come and speak about how the illness has impacted her life, and the way that she opened up about some of her experiences, particularly with infertility, was incredibly moving.

Malindi also spoke about her experiences with a similar condition, and I can't properly express my gratitude towards her for being vulnerable in front of the group as well. I also opened up about how endometriosis impacted my life in ways I consider most important e.g. my mental health and having to stop dance. I did become emotional when telling my story and yet everyone listened, was patient, and empathetic to what I was saying. I am really thankful for this response, as it can be extremely difficult to be open and emotional with people.

The feedback that I have had so far has all been really positive, not just from students but from teachers as well, and even from a couple of parents who came along. Overall, the entire morning went fabulously. I am beyond grateful to everyone who contributed to this initiative, especially Deborah Bush at Endometriosis NZ who created the programme and helped me with this process, as well as Friends of Springbank and Mr Warren, who helped towards costs for the morning. Lastly, a huge thanks goes to my peers who participated so positively.

- Charli Conner, Prefect



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Friends of Springbank

The year is whizzing by already, and as we move into the second half of the school year, our attentions begin to turn towards our big fundraising event of the year, our Fireworks Extravaganza! The date for our community event will be on **Saturday 6th November**, so lock that date into your diaries now.

Fireworks Raffle

As per previous years, we will be running a fireworks raffle. All funds raised from this go back into the Friends of Springbank Trust, where the Friends of Springbank committee can financially support students' extra-curricular activities throughout the school year. In early September, students will receive one raffle book containing five tickets to sell for \$5 each. We rely on our Springbank families to sell tickets as part of our fundraising effort, and we thank you in advance for your enthusiasm.

Our raffle could not be possible without our generous sponsors and prize donations. This year we are looking for prizes for our famous raffle and would like to invite families and businesses to donate products or services. All donations big or small are gratefully received to help make our raffle a success. Donations over \$100 will receive individual recognition in all our marketing.

For more information or if you would like to donate, please email the details of your product/service and value to Louise Blackler by Friday 6th August to: lblackler@nutrilink.co.nz

Fireworks Sponsorship

A big part of the success of our Fireworks Extravaganza event is the supply of various food, drink and entertainment stalls on the night. If your family or business would like to sponsor one of our stalls (eg bouncy castle, hot chips) and promote your business to the Bay of Islands community and beyond, please contact Erica Wells to find out what is available and discuss this opportunity.

Email enquiries@anointskincare.co.nz

We are excited about hosting another fun family-friendly event to our community, so keep looking out for more details as we get closer to the night.



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COFFEE SQUAD

Monday Coffee \$3

Support the Coffee Squad and
buy your Monday morning
coffee at school for only \$3!

Nanogirl at Springbank School

Friends of Springbank are thrilled to be bringing Nanogirl to school this term! Friends of Springbank helped sponsor this fun and interactive science show in 2019.

Through a \$5 contribution charged in each student's Term Three activity fees and approximately \$10 per student kindly paid for by the Friends of Springbank, we will be hosting Michelle Dickenson, the original NanoGirl (www.nanogirl.co) on Monday 9th August:

1. 9:15 – 10:15 – Headstart to Year 8 – Science Superhero Assembly – A live, exciting, interactive science show
2. 10:45 – 11:45 – Year 9 to 13 – A keynote presentation by Michelle Dickenson, discussing the wonder of science and careers in science and technology.

The Friends of Springbank would like to extend an invitation to all Springbank parents and caregivers to attend the 9:15am Science Superhero Assembly, free of charge (it will commence immediately after the weekly school assembly). We look forward to seeing you there on Monday 9th August!



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Meghshyam Prakash - Young Enterprise Success

Earlier this month on Facebook, we shared the news that Springbank School 2019 graduate, Meghshyam Prakash, was one of four finalists in The Young Enterprise Alumni Awards “One to Watch” category.

We shared a link to the Young Enterprise page, where you were able to vote for Meghshyam.

We are thrilled and so proud to announce that Meghshyam won the award!

Meghshyam was also a national finalist for the Supreme Alumni of the Year Award, which consisted of Forbes 30 Under 30 Ezeiki Raui (who won), along with founders and managers of multi-million dollar companies such as Pyper Vision and Skilitics! A very impressive and elite group of individuals for Meghshyam to share the stage with.

A recap for those who may have missed it: Meghshyam started participating in the Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) in 2018 whilst at Springbank School and has since been a YES mentor for the Auckland region for two years, as well as being part of the YES alumni advisory board. Whilst completing his degree in Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Management at the University of Auckland, Meghshyam founded Haast Law and is the CEO. Haast Law is a legal tech start-up, founded with the mission to create better legal kiwis.

Meghshaym wanted to give his thanks to everyone for their votes and support to help him win this award.

We congratulate him for this terrific success. Well done!



The hills are alive, with the sound of music

During the last week of Term Two, William Blake (Year 12) was leading a double life as he took to the stage to play the role of Friedrich, the eldest son of the famous Von Trapp family in the Kerikeri Theatre Company’s production of The Sound of Music.

Several of our students were fortunate to attend the opening matinée show, and we know many of our families headed along to the Turner Centre to watch this superb production.

We would like to congratulate William on a fine performance and commitment to the show. In addition to his academic commitments, Willian had been rehearsing for several months, perfecting his role over many hours each week leading up to the opening night.

It was a fantastic production and showcased many wonderfully talented members of our local community.

We can't wait to see what the next show will be!



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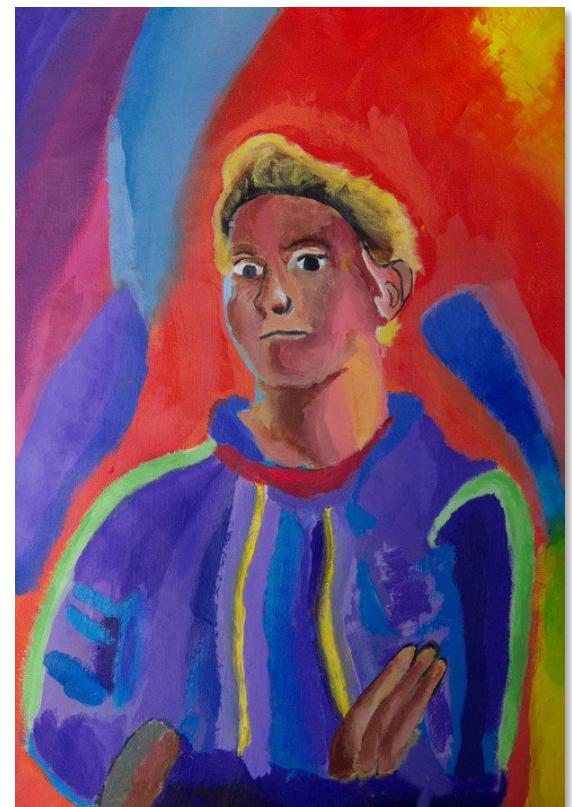
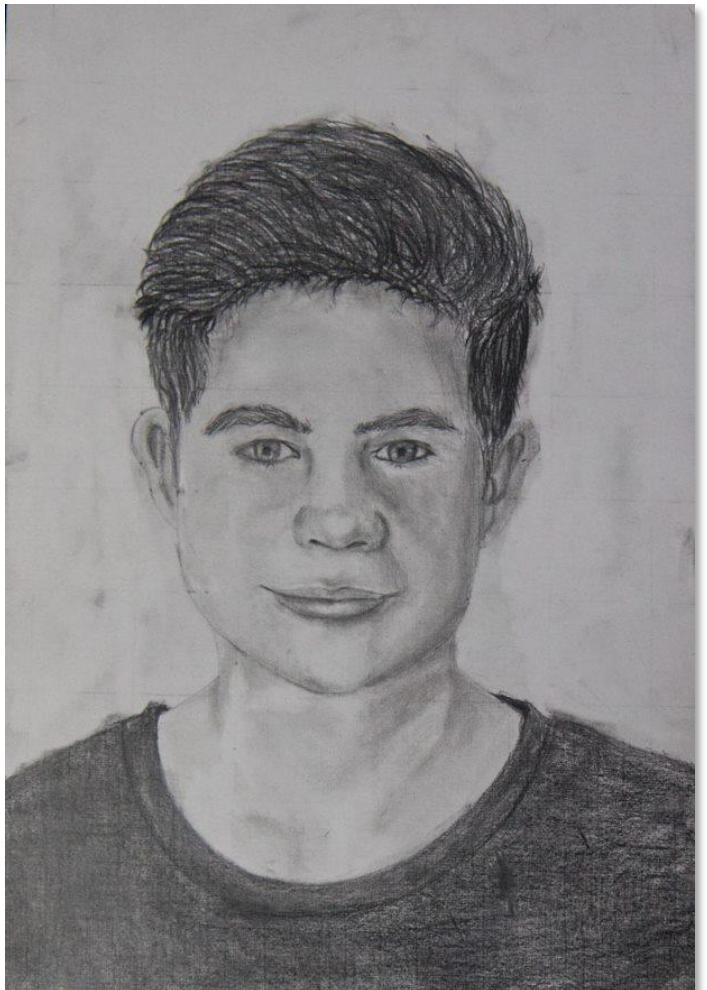
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ART News 1

Our Year 10 and 11 students have been exploring the world of portraits in class with Mrs Hulse and have been creating some outstanding artworks. The students each chose a fellow classmate to draw.

They have been taking their inspiration from Anette Tjaerby, a modern visual artist from Jutland in Denmark.

The students have started with perfecting their use of the basic art pencil, working up to adding colour.

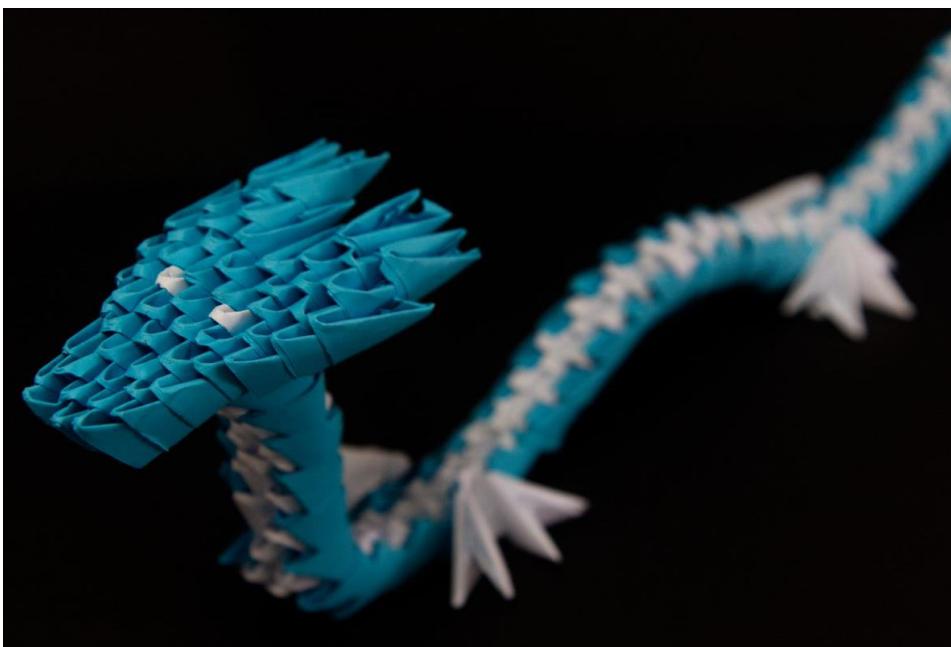
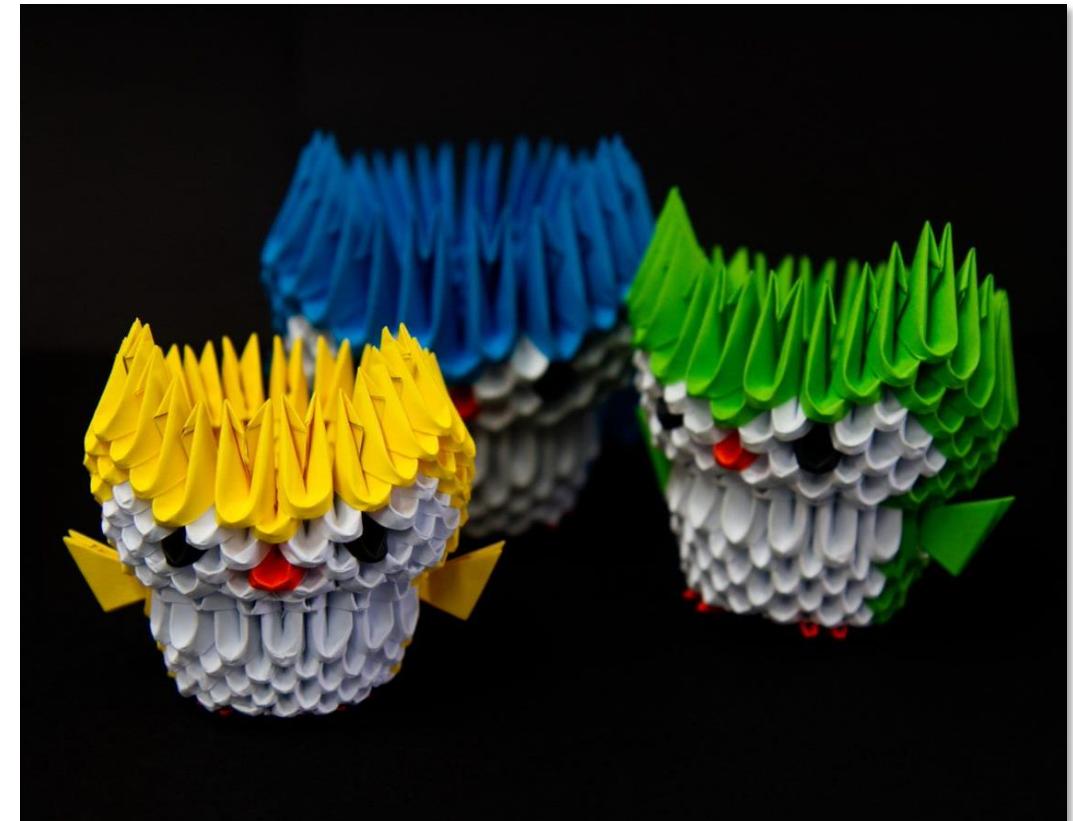


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ART News 2

In Mr Wallace's class, the Year 8 and 9 students have been learning about 3D printed artworks and the amazing technique of origami. The art of paper folding goes far beyond the basic boxes, leaping frogs, and aeroplanes that some of us may be used to. The detail and depth of the creations is quite amazing. Here are just a few examples of our students' work:



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ART News 3

To wrap up our art news for this July newsletter, here are some photos from our students in Room 1. Last term they were looking at sculpture with Mrs Hulse and thinking about how art can be more than just two dimensional drawings and paintings. Working three dimensionally challenged them to think differently and use new art-making techniques.

The students had a great time making their own Hei Tiki with clay and painting them.



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Character Day

To celebrate the end of Term 2, the prefects ran Character Day: a fun opportunity for students and teachers alike to come to school dressed up as their favourite character from a book, movie, or TV show. People certainly dressed to impress! Costumes ranged from the classic and simple, to extravagant and complicated. Thank you for the effort that you put in! Some were instantly recognisable, while others took a bit of figuring out. We saw everything from the Power Puff Girls to the umpire from the award-winning 90's movie, The Umpire.

Congratulations to Harry Evers, Tiffany Skedgwell, and Ethan Williams for winning best dressed Junior, Middle, and Senior student, respectively.

- Bethany Flanagan, Prefect



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Book Club

The Book Club was an initiative started by Bethany Flanagan, one of our Year 12 Prefects. The group was created so students can meet weekly with their fellow peers and dive into the world of literature.

The Book Club initiative is phenomenal. It has opened me up to a series of new books and allowed me to meet new people. Every week we discuss, argue, and question the book we are currently reading. Just like I would rate any book, I give Book Club 5 Stars!

- Louisa Joyce, Year 9

Each new book that we start in Book Club is in a different genre to all the others that we've read previously. In my opinion, this is great since I usually tend to stick to Sci-Fi books, and Book Club had helped me go outside of my comfort zone and read books that I normally wouldn't. In fact, before we had read 'Running Girl', I had never read a murder mystery in my life! (I actually really loved it)

- Ethan Williams, Year 12



Love Books!



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Headstart Report

We didn't let the end of Term Two slow us down before the school holiday break. We set off on two exciting ventures into our community, starting with our trip to Waitangi to commemorate Matariki in Week 9. We participated in a variety of Matariki activities and gained a lot of new knowledge about what Matariki means for us as kiwis. After a bite to eat, we continued our trip round to Kawakawa to visit T Hononga. This was an inspirational activity - a visual symphony of colour and shape which definitely sparked zest and appreciation of beauty! If you haven't visited the new space inspired by the artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser, it is worth a stop.

As a group, the students have been talking about science and how the earth can naturally heat itself. We experienced with trying to heat water and create our own warm baths outside. Then a light-bulb moment: why don't we go and enjoy some natural hot pools in our neighbourhood?! So, in the last week of Term Two we went to Ngawha Springs! What a lovely experience for everyone. The pools were super warm and we all had a great time. Thank you much to all our parent help on the day.

We can't wait to see what Term Three brings, and we are ready to learn, experiment, and keep our brains and bodies active.



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Preschool Update

"Walk the land. Come to know one small patch of earth intimately. Stand on that ground until it becomes dear to you and then open your arms to the whole wide world" - Ann Pelo

This is something we do regularly at Preschool; we spend time fostering our relationship with Papatuanuku and the creatures who live here with us. No matter the weather, we head outside the gates to feed the eels, walk the track, pick flowers, search for the dragon, sing songs, say hello to the fairies, jump in puddles, hop fences, visit the cows, or just wander. Spending time out in nature has endless benefits for tamariki and kaiako alike, so we treat our outdoor environment as an extension to our classroom. There are always opportunities to learn, explore, experiment, discover, play, and have fun.



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Fitness with a twist

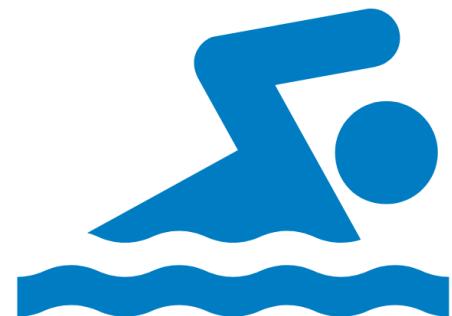
Across Term Two, our students were given the opportunity to try yoga as part of their daily fitness programme. One of our families who runs a local business, Your Prana, specialising in yoga, kindly came and shared some sessions on physical posture, stretching, balance, and breathing. Physical fitness is a key element of our daily school life, and it's great for our students to try new varieties of fitness routines.



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Community Notices

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ROLLER DERBY

Sundays

Beginners 4-5 pm
Advanced 5-6 pm

No skating ability required ~ Loan gear available for use

Baysport Waipapa

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This poster features a black and white photograph of several roller derby skaters in action. The text is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

Mid Winter Christmas

Skate Party

SATURDAY, 7TH AUGUST

BaySport Waipapa
6 - 8 PM
ENTRY \$6
SKATE HIRE \$2
FANCY DRESS
CASH ONLY

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This poster has a blue background with snowflakes and a reindeer. It features cartoon reindeer and Santa Claus figures at the bottom.



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Springbank School's Annual Market Day

Our popular Market Day is back again this year. Mark the date of **Sunday 19th September** (Week 8 of Term Three) in your diaries to come along for a fantastic day. Our students from Preschool to Year 13 make, create, and bake some amazing products for you to all to buy.

Market Day is a great opportunity for our students to learn and embrace the skills of enterprise, along with supporting local and national charities by donating 25 % of their profits from the day.



In our latest newsletters, we showcased some awesome sporting achievements by our students: 1st and 2nd place in the girls' and boys' respective Northland Secondary Schools Volleyball Champs, a range of medals in the Northland Secondary Schools Orienteering Champs (hosted on our school grounds), a range of medals in the Junior Interschool Cross Country and the KK Districts Interschool Cross Country, and wide participation in our school Athletics Day, Duathlon, and Cross Country. Our students have also been having great success in football, futsal, netball (2 Springbank teams), hockey (5 Springbank teams), and plenty of top performances in individual sports such as swimming, sailing, and tennis – and I am sure there are more.

In this newsletter we showcased further success: Brisa Carlyon winning a gold medal in the Year 7 & 8 Girls NSSA Cross Country. With such terrific success, we managed to secure a late entry for Brisa into the national AIMS Games, in which our Year 7 & 8 boys futsal team will also be competing. Also, as you will have read on Page 3, our two boys' basketball teams have just won their respective local competitions, with thrilling finals. Our latest team is a senior girls' basketball team, coached by Josh Trass and Jack Hittle (Year 13). They are already looking sharp, and we look forward to witnessing their progression.

Who knows, maybe one day we will be cheering on a Springbank Olympian athlete?!

Kind regards,

Mike Warren, Principal



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Thoughts for the Week 2021:

Term 2, Week 9:

"Add care, love, and humour; blend well and you have a friendship smoothie ... Groovy!"

- Rebecca Nugteren, Prefect

- Courtesy of Mr Webb & the AS Chemistry Class

Term 2, Week 10:

"Aroha is love, and if you give it away, it will come right back to you"

- Courtesy of Headstart

Term 3, Week 1:

"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more"

- H. Jackson Brown Jnr

- Courtesy of Mr Warren

Term 3, Week 2:

"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others."

- Audrey Hepburn

- Courtesy of Mr Haydock