



# SPRINGBANK SCHOOL

*Capability – Character – Confidence*



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## [Dear Springbank Family](#)

Our school-wide focus this year is on our “Three Cs”; Capability, Character, and Confidence. Last term, for the Thought for the Week in assemblies we unpacked Capability; what it means to be capable, and it was wonderful to explore it in so much depth. There were some amazingly insightful and inspiration thoughts from our teachers, and even one from our prefects.

This term we focus on Character. Our character makes up who we are as individuals, and we are all unique with different combinations of character strengths. However, we all have aspects of our character that we can improve upon. At Springbank, we learn about 24 key character strengths and how to cultivate them. Having strong character undoubtedly leads to living a happier, more fulfilling life, and we all want to make the most of the one life that we are gifted. Working on character strengths such as kindness, fairness, and social intelligence will help us to make friends and develop strong relationships. It will also help our students in their future workplaces. Working on character strengths such as perseverance, curiosity, and love of learning will ensure that our students are more likely to succeed academically, in tertiary study, and in the workplace. And strengths such as humour and zest remind us all that, where possible, life is to be enjoyed.

These are but a few character strengths, and I am really looking forward to our teachers and prefects exploring character in more depth throughout this term; what it means to have strong character, and what traits they think are most important for us to be the best versions of ourselves.

## Dates & Events to Note:

- **Term Two** – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July (10 weeks)
- **NSSC SUP Paddleboard Competition** – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May
- **Volleyball Competition** – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May
- **Far North Careers Roadshow** – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May



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## Little Heart Day

Little Heart Day was held on 1<sup>st</sup> April this year. It was the first time our school has held a Heart Day since I started in 2016, and wow, what an awesome day it was.

So many people supported our NZ Heart Kids by wearing red and bringing in donations. We also held a Middle and Senior School Kahoot (quiz) in form classes, which was so much fun and winners received a prize. This was accompanied by a short video from Charlie Rowe, a Heart Kid who is a student at Springbank. He came forward and put up his hand to help without being asked; what a legend!

We also sold iced heart-shaped cookies at morning tea, which all sold out. What an amazing effort! Thank you to everyone who bought a cookie; you are making a difference. A huge thank you to our awesome senior leaders who volunteered to bake and donate the cookies; Katija, Sapphire, Aliana, and Bethany. I also organised a colouring competition for Junior School, and students paid a gold coin to enter. We had such amazing entries which made judging so hard, but Ethan and I came to some decisions, and the lucky winner from each class got a chocolate prize.

We also set up a fundraising page online which raised alone over \$900. Overall we raised over \$1,400. What an incredible effort, guys! Thank you to each and every person who so generously donated.

- Rebecca Nugteren, Deputy Head Prefect



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## [End of Term BBQ](#)

What a wonderful way to celebrate the last week of Term One on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April, with a school BBQ, games, an Easter Egg Hunt, and all surrounded by our Springbank staff, students, and families.

With restrictions on numbers for outdoor events lifted, we jumped at the chance to celebrate an excellent first term with everyone and take the opportunity to enjoy one another's company outside.

It was fantastic to see so many families stop in and join us, from Preschool right up to our Year 13 students. There were multiple games of volleyball, ultimate frisbee, and football going on, along with lots of fun in the gaga pit, swings, and some epic giant Jenga building happening.

Everyone got their belly filled with a yummy BBQ of hot chips and sausages, with some chocolate Easter Egg treats to follow. We also enjoyed some great tunes from The Dogfather, an awesome local band, featuring our very own Mr Hittle and Suzie our drums and keyboard tutor.

The hosting of the BBQ was a team effort, and we'd like to give a huge thanks to all our staff and Ben & Jo Warren for helping man the BBQs and fryers, setting up games, mingling with our families, ordering food, tidying up, and all the other jobs in between.

Thanks to our Year 9 class and many senior students for helping to set up the BBQ area and tables, and thanks to Toni and Charlie from Year 8 who organised and ran the Easter Egg Hunt. The End of Term BBQ was a superb way to celebrate the last week of the term.



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End of Term Two BBQ continues



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**Community Project – Russell Playcentre**

The Russell Playcentre put out a call recently for any artists to help design and paint some of their rooms. Evie Trotter and Lilly Hulse (Year 9) put their hands up and volunteered their time to help, as part of their Year 9 enterprise community project work.

Over a few weekends, the girls created the most delightful and beautiful designs for the playcentre rooms, and we think you'll agree with us that they both have great artistic talent. We know The Russell Playcentre will enjoy their artwork for a really long time.

Thank you to Bunnings, Placemakers, and Kerikeri Colour Centre for donating paint and brushes to Evie and Lilly to use. Congratulations girls on your enchanting murals.



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## [A look inside the Art Room](#)

Across Term One, the Art students have been learning observational drawing skills, such as using a variety of line strengths, composition, creating the illusion of depth, proportion and shape. Here they are in action with charcoal...

- Gwyneth Hulse



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## [International Students Making Friendships for Life](#)

Ms Chapman, our Enterprise teacher, has opened up her home to international students studying at Springbank School and other local schools for many years now, as a host parent. The connections and life-long friendships made between both students and host families is really warming, and the experiences shared can be life-changing.

Mrs Chapman recently heard from three of her international students who lived with her five years ago. They all met up again in late February in Italy for their 5-year reunion of their New Zealand experience.

The text message read: *“Five years ago we were just three kids from different parts of the world who didn’t expect to have such an amazing life-changing experience in NZ and to create a family for LIFE. We hope that next reunion will be in NZ with all the Chapman family. We love you xx”*



*First photo taken in Waipapa, with the once famous Highway 10 ice creams. Second photo: Old friends catching up in Italy, five years later. Tim Strobel from Germany, Giulia Guarrera Zanetti from Brazil, and Giorgia Muraro from Italy.*

Hosting an international student can be a wonderful experience, which several of our Springbank School families and staff can attest too. As with Mrs Chapman’s experience above, not only can you make life-long friends, you can learn so much about another person’s culture, introduce them to the wonder of New Zealand, and give an international student a wonderful and exciting learning opportunity in the beautiful Bay of Islands. With borders starting to reopen and international students returning to learn in New Zealand, Springbank School is excited to welcome back new students to our school and community.

If you’ve thought about becoming a host family and would like more information about what it entails, please speak with or email our International Student Director, Jill Grimshaw at [jill.grimshaw@springbank.school.nz](mailto:jill.grimshaw@springbank.school.nz), and she can pass you on all the information.



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## Room 2 Science

During Term One, students from Room 2 were investigating how our heart rates can change. We were lucky enough to have a stethoscope to listen our heart beats and note any differences with our friends.

The curiosity of this medical equipment and wonder of how our hearts beat and change has been a valuable learning experience. We also learnt about our breathing and making our own interactive diaphragms.

Science education gives students the opportunity to learn about the world around them and gain a better knowledge of how and why things function. Children are naturally curious, and science discussions allow them to ask questions and develop skills to find the answers they need.

- Renee Rose



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## Friends of Springbank

The Friends of Springbank is a committee run by 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.

We hold monthly meetings in the school staffroom, and parents/caregivers from Preschool, Headstart, and school are all welcome to attend. There is no set commitment to join, we can send meeting minutes via email, and as a committee member you can have your say on how funds raised are spent.

Our key objective is to **“Further the educational experience of the Springbank School students”**

Past sponsorship from Friends has included:

- Senior Ball
- Volleyball Competition Entry Fees
- Nano Girl Assembly
- Preschool Kawakawa Train Trip
- Headstart trip to Whangarei
- Lit Quiz
- Junior Swimming – subsidy towards costs
- Senior Leadership Day
- MUNA
- Ugly Shakespeare Trip
- Jump Jam
- Blake Inspire and many more initiatives, competitions and trips.

Upcoming meetings at 2pm in the school staff room:

- **AGM Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May** - we will be voting in the roles of Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July



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## Springbank Clothing

Whilst we don't have a formal uniform at Springbank School, we do have six items of clothing on offer to purchase. These clothing items 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

We are also looking into the option of a pair of sports shorts in navy. These have yet to arrive, and we will forward details once they are here.

The clothing samples will be available to view outside the school office during **Week Two of Term Two**, and order forms with pricing and payment instructions will be in the office to collect at the same time.



## Springbank House T-Shirts

You may have noticed some new house t-shirts being worn around school at our recent Junior Duathlon and Athletics Day.

Shannon (a Springbank parent) has helped create some t-shirt designs for our house groups, and they look fantastic!

The t-shirts are 100% cotton, are available in kids sizes 2 – 16 and also in adult sizes from XS to 3XL. The t-shirts are available to purchase for only \$25.00 each.

Samples of the house t-shirts will also be on display during **Week Two of Term Two**, along with order forms.



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## Headstart Report

Term One has just whizzed by, and we are so proud of all the achievements, discovery, learning, and fun that our children have experienced this term. Firstly we'd like to give a huge thanks and round of high fives to Ms Alexander and Mrs Stirling for coming into Headstart for Term One to teach and learn with the children. You slotted into our Headstart community so quickly and easily, and we have just loved spending time with you both.

We also had to say farewell and good luck to Anna at the end of this term, as she heads off on maternity leave to get ready for the arrival of her baby. We are super excited for Anna, TJ and Fern to become a family of four and look forward to hearing of the arrival of their wee babe very soon.

It has been a very busy term, and we've been so grateful for the warm weather enabling us to get out onto the track regularly, visit the library, take part in the Junior Duathlon, and experience lots of wonderful learning in class.



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## Headstart Report continues

As we move forward into Term Two, we would like to welcome two new teachers to the Headstart and wider Springbank community. We know both Jackie and Jenna are going to have a fabulous time at Headstart and we look forward to our children and families getting to know them and having lots of great fun and learning together.

Kia ora tātou

I have the honour of joining the Springbank team in Term 2. I have a real passion for teaching younger children so I am looking forward to being part of the unique Headstart programme.

I have been teaching for a number of years with a dedication and passion for working with children in their early experiences of school life. All children learn from a wide range of experiences, with excitement, challenges, fun, friendships and more. I relish being part of that rich time in a child's life where play is work and work is play; and to develop their readiness for the more formal parts of learning that encompass the development of lifelong learners. I look forward to learning and growing together.



My husband and I are looking forward to our move to Kerikeri for a more relaxed life, away from the hustle and bustle of Auckland. My son; and my step-daughter with her 5 children will remain in Auckland but no doubt will be visiting and are already envious of the nature that surrounds the beautiful area.

My husband has family in Kerikeri and Whangarei while I have family in Coopers Beach with generational links in Ahipara and Te Hapua. We are looking forward to spending valuable time with whanau, making new friendships and exploring the local beaches and rivers. I have always been an active sportswoman so will enjoy walking the trails in the area.

Continue to be safe in these challenging times.

Jackie Marriner

# Jenna Pille



Kia Ora everyone,  
 Ko Les Wasson toku matua  
 Ko Deanna Ashby toku whaea  
 Ko Jenna Pille toku ingoa  
 Ko Cohen rava ko Arlo toku tamatane  
 Ko Maungataniwha te maunga,  
 Ko Waiaruke te moana,  
 Ko Ngati Kawa toku hapu.  
 Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena tatou katoa.  
 My father is Les Wasson.  
 My mother is Deanna Ashby.  
 My name is Jenna Pille.  
 My sons are Cohen and Arlo.  
 Maungataniwha is my mountain,  
 Waiaruke is my river,  
 Ngati Kawa is my tribe.

My name is Jenna and I am VERY excited to be re-joining the Springbank School family once again! We have recently moved back to Kerikeri from Waipu, with my two precious boys Cohen and Arlo. During our spare time, we enjoy spending time together with family and friends, going to the beach and out for walks and bike rides.

I have been working in Early childhood education since 2005 and am passionate about the RIE (Resources for Infant Educators) and Magda Gerber philosophy. I gained my Diploma in Early Childhood education in 2009 and have since done a Diploma in Child and Adolescent Psychology.

I consider myself VERY lucky to be a part of your child's world and cherish ALL the lifelong relationships made along the way! I look forward to working together with you and your family to provide the best possible care and education pathways for your child! 😊



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## Preschool Update

Our preschoolers have been busy, busy, busy this month! We started the month by investigating leaves and the way they change colours as the seasons change. This inspired some beautifully creative artwork!

We also celebrated Easter this month and spent time decorating eggs using paint, dye, glitter, pompoms, and other beautiful materials. We were even visited by the Easter Bunny this month! We spotted hidden eggs in the back garden and raced to find as many as we could!

Over the school holidays, the Preschool tamariki had fun exploring the school grounds. We went for long walks, visited the big school playground, and played in the gym. Finally, we acknowledged ANZAC Day and created beautiful poppies to display in Preschool. There is lots of amazing work on display at the moment, and we invite you to pop down to see what we've been up to!



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## Edge Learning – Student Management System

We have replaced our parent portal application “Skool Loop” with a new app, called Edge, which is what we use here at school for our student management system. The parent portal has now been activated. As a parent / caregiver you’ll be able to see your child’s timetable, attendance records, and submit absences quickly and easily.

Below are some simple instructions of how to add the Edge app to your phone. Please note we do not have the report or payment functions operational at this stage, but we are in conversations with the developers to “hide” these, so not to confuse anyone.

If you have any trouble uploading the Edge app to your phone or have any queries, please speak with Taryn Lynn in the school office or email [reception@springbank.nz](mailto:reception@springbank.nz).

### 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.



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## 2023 Term Dates

|               |                                    |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Term 1</b> | 31 January to 6 April (10 weeks)   |
| <b>Term 2</b> | 24 April to 30 June (10 weeks)     |
| <b>Term 3</b> | 17 July to 22 September (10 weeks) |
| <b>Term 4</b> | 9 October to 7 December (9 weeks)  |

## Public and School Holidays

|                       |                                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Teacher Only Day      | Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January |
| Northland Anniversary | Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January |
| Waitangi Day          | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February |
| Mid-Term Monday       | Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March   |
| Good Friday           | Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April    |
| ANZAC Day             | Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April  |
| Queen's Birthday      | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June     |
| Matariki              | Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July    |
| Labour Day            | Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October |
| Teacher Only Day      | Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December |



I hope that you've all had a fun-filled holiday, and that you are recharged and raring to go for Term Two. I look forward to all the fun and learning that this term will bring. Let's get stuck in and make some memories!

Regards,

Mike Warren  
Principal

## **Thoughts for the Week 2022:**

### **Term 1, Week 9:**

*"The one who falls and gets up is stronger than the one who never tried. Do not fear failure but rather fear not trying."*

- Roy T. Bennett

Courtesy of Mrs Simonotti

### **Term 1, Week 10:**

*"Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious. And however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up."*

- Stephen Hawking

Courtesy of Mrs Grimwood

### **Term 1, Week 11:**

*"Even if you don't think it, you are capable of achieving great things by being your authentic self and building on your strengths that make you who you are."*

Courtesy of Whaea Soph



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