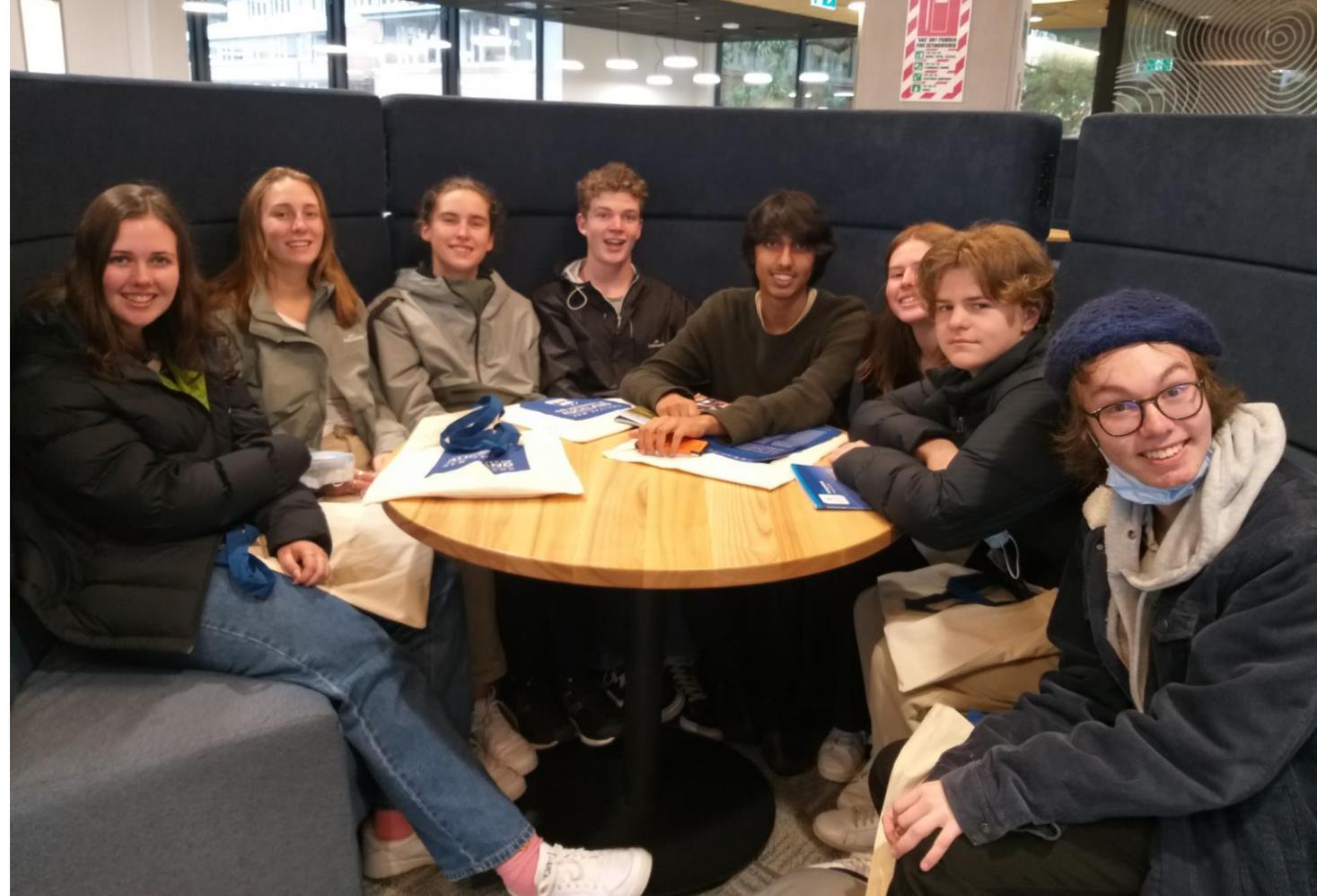




# SPRINGBANK SCHOOL

*Capability – Character – Confidence*



Newsletter No. 7 | July 2022

## [Dear Springbank Family](#)

Some concerning education statistics have been highlighted in the media this year:

- More than 40% of school students in New Zealand are not attending school regularly (defined by 90%+).
- Only 60% of 15-year-olds in New Zealand are achieving above the most basic level of reading; meaning 40% are struggling to read and write.

I find these statistics alarming for the future of our country. Covid-19 is not to blame, as these statistics have been trending downwards over some time now (as have New Zealand's international PISA results). There will be a range of factors that contribute to these poor statistics, and our country's leaders have some complex issues to address. I certainly cannot claim to have a magic-bullet answer.

However, what gives me confidence is that, in opposition to these woeful statistics, our students continue to perform exceptionally well. Over the last few years, our Cambridge results have been some of the best our students (and their hard-working teachers!) have achieved. And one advantage of the Cambridge International curriculum is that it is easy for us to benchmark our results against students and schools around the world – so we know when we are performing well.

Naturally, our attendance rates should be high, given that you are paying tuition fees for your children to attend! However, I argue that, in addition, our students have a genuine desire to attend school because they have an enjoyable experience, positive social interactions (and actual human ones – not smartphones), and are free from most stresses and challenges of typical school environments.

At times like these, it is a reminder that we are fortunate. For us to have a community of families who value education so highly, such that you are willing to invest in private schooling, helps to build and nurture a culture of ambition, hard work, and diligence within our student body. Add to the mix our passionate, dedicated teachers who want the absolute best for their students, and we've got a darn good recipe for success.

So, whilst we may not have the solutions to our country's challenges in education, at least we are doing our bit for the future of New Zealand by giving our own children the best possible start.

## Dates & Events to Note:

- **Middle / Senior Speeches – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**
- **Tough Guy + Gal Challenge – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August**
- **Friends of Springbank Quiz Night – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August**
- **Springbank Open Day – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August**
- **School Science Fair (Year 7-10) – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August**
- **Book & Games Fair – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August**



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## Senior School Career Trip to Auckland

Over the last few weeks of Term Two, our Year 11 - 13 students had the opportunity to participate in several career-based activities. Deciding what tertiary course to take or career path to follow post high school can seem daunting when there are so many options and locations to choose from.

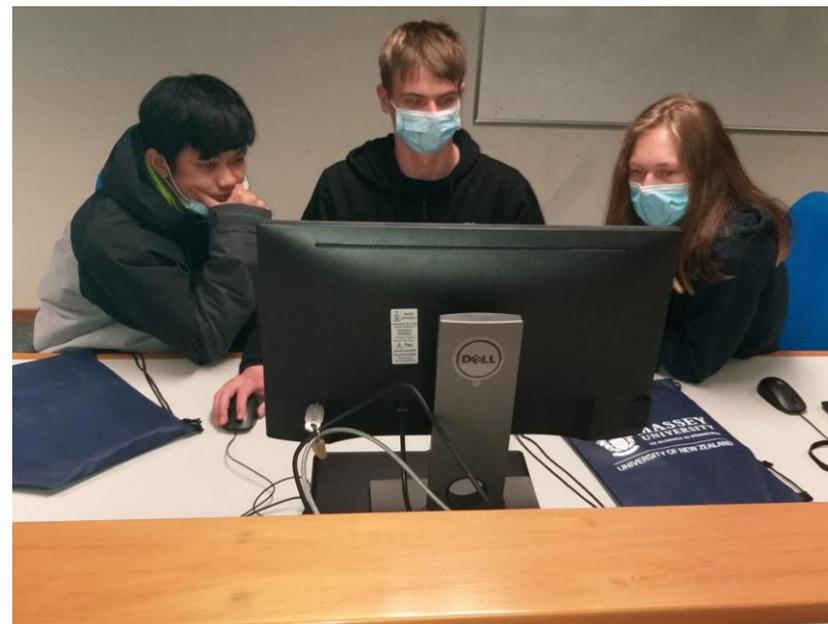
Giving our students the chance to visit tertiary campuses, speak with course lecturers, and listen to experts in their field, can help guide students towards making those future study plans and career choices that little bit easier.

During the last week of June, our full Senior School went down to Auckland for a two-day Careers Trip. This included visiting Massey University (Albany), Auckland University of Technology (AUT), and the University of Auckland.

While in Auckland, our students attended the Careers Expo hosted in the Cloud on the waterfront, where they could talk face to face with a wide range of employers, industry departments, and training providers. A small group also visited the Auckland Police Headquarters for an insight into the role of policing. On the way home heading north, the students made one final stop at North Tec in Whangarei, to have a look at what courses and study options were available.

It was a really informative two days for all the students, with a little fun thrown in with a trip to the movies and attempting the Escapade escape rooms. We'd like to give a huge thanks to Mrs Chapman who organised the trip and thanks also to Mrs Binedell, Mrs Druery, and Mr Warren for joining the students.

On the next page, read student views from the trip...



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## Senior School Career Trip to Auckland – Student Views

*The careers trip was awesome, looking at future universities and potential lives we could all be having there, especially being able to talk to students and teachers who are part of faculties of interest like engineering or science.*

*It was also like a mini holiday, staying in a hotel, solving the escape rooms and Jurassic Park movie, which was all fun. Being able to have a bit of 'freedom' as well, to choose what to eat and having our own hotel rooms gave us all a bit more independence.*

*As a Year 11, the careers trip really helped bring a bit more 'direction' to where I want to be heading in life and in my learning. Being Year 11, it also gives me time to meet those standards. This also clarified a few things regarding what subjects I should be taking.*

- Portia Blakeman, Year 11

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*The careers trip for me was a great experience. As someone keen to go to uni after Year 12 it was especially useful to be able to talk one on one with people who know exactly what I need to achieve to reach my goals.*

*My favourite parts were looking around the halls to get an idea of how I might be living in the future, though it was closely matched with the escape room.*

*The whole experience was fun and enlightening. I only wish it was longer with more time to see more of the facilities.*

*I am grateful for the opportunity to have participated in the 2022 careers trip.*

- Anna Kidman, Year 12

*I had the fantastic opportunity to join my fellow senior students to get a chance to experience and get more information of life at university.*

*At the bustling careers expo held on the viaduct, we all had the opportunity to explore and discover different career options and have any questions answered in careers of interest, as well as participate in fun little competitions held by some of the stalls. I was very fortunate, because I got to find a passion for chiropractics that was sparked when having a conversation with a recruitment officer from the College of Chiropractics.*

*The day before the careers expo we got to have a look around the 3 main universities in Auckland: Massey University, Auckland University, and my favourite, AUT (Auckland University of Technology). AUT has open and welcoming layouts in its buildings, with a fresh feeling that can only come with one of the younger, but top universities in New Zealand. We were taken into one of these buildings and were presented with more information on the ins and outs of university life, clearing up any confusion as to what all the uni lingo means. We then had time to go and check out the Wellesley student accommodation. To live there you would be sharing an apartment between 3 to 4 other students from different study areas. The apartments themselves had a mature feel to them; foreign, but welcoming.*

*Between our informative visits, we had the joy to partake in an escape room experience, as well as go to the cinemas with incredible seating, and view a movie which definitely initiated some discussion.*

*But I have to say, all the universities smelled amazing, whether it was in the campus buildings or the student accommodation, everywhere smelled good!*

*Thank you to Ms Chapman, Mr Warren, Mrs Druery and Mrs Binedell for organising and accompanying us on this experience.*

- Lana Pistorius, Year 13



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## 40 Hour Famine / Orange Day

Over the first weekend of July, a small group of students took part in the 40 Hour Famine and spent a night in the school gym.

With only cardboard boxes and a few gym mats as added comfort, our students and teacher Mrs Simonotti spent the afternoon and evening making cardboard houses, playing games, and raising money for World Vision.

Following the weekend on the Monday back at school, students were encouraged to wear orange and bring in a donation, to also go to World Vision.

The aim was to raise \$1,000 this year, and we are really proud of our students as they reached this target, plus a little bit more, raising a total of \$1,376.00

Thank you to Rebecca Nugteren, Deputy Head Prefect, for organising the event.



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## [Girls in Infrastructure](#)

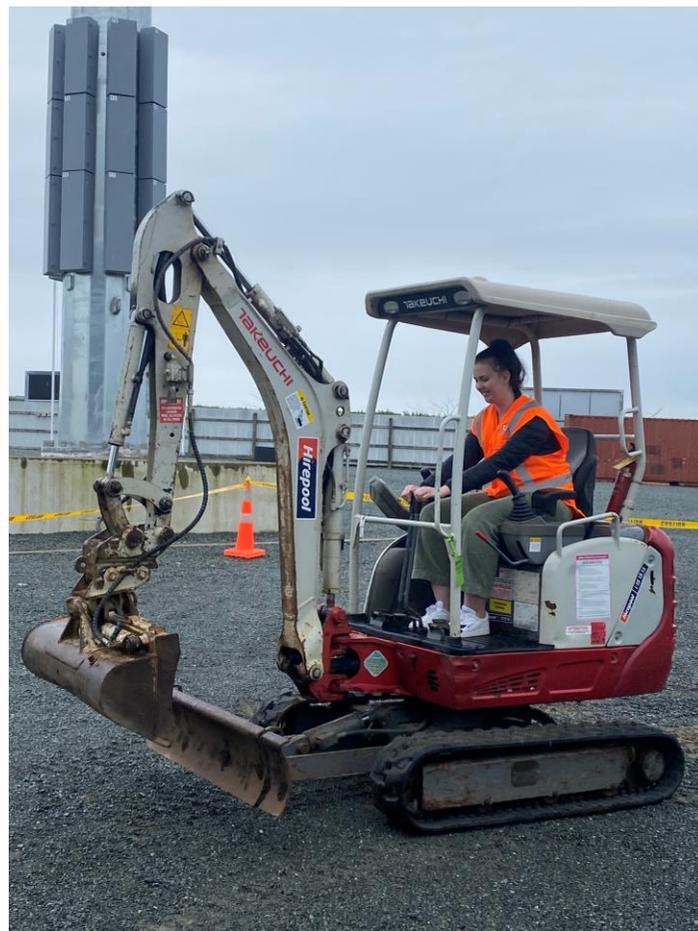
Ellie, Rebecca, Eloise, Amy, Jorja, Katija, and I had an awesome time at the Girls in Infrastructure conference in Whangarei on 5<sup>th</sup> July.

It was a great opportunity to learn about different career paths while also getting a hands-on experience. We had the opportunity to go in a scissor lift and drive a small excavator, as well as visit Donovan's steel factory, all of which were very interesting.

We also had the chance to visit different booths with various businesses and universities to talk about career options in infrastructure from concreting to engineering.

Overall, the day was so much fun, and we all learnt a lot. I recommend that if any girls get the opportunity to go in the future, they should take it.

- Bethany Flanagan, Year 13



## [University Talks – experience from past Springbank students](#)

To wrap up Term Two career talks, our senior students were invited to listen to presentations from inspirational Springbank School graduates about their respective tertiary education journeys.

First up, our students listened to our 2021 Head Boy and Head Girl, Jack Hittle and Malindi Reihana-Ruka, who were both visiting home during their university holidays. Both are in their first year of tertiary study at Auckland University and Otago University respectively.

Jack and Malindi shared their experiences thus far living in hostel accommodation, their study regime, expectations of workload, and how they've found the exam process so far.

Following their talk, Keegan Jones, a Springbank School graduate of 2015, spoke to our senior students about his journey studying a conjoint degree in Law and Commerce in Christchurch, to working at WRMK Law Firm in Whangarei. Keegan's key messages to our students were to embrace all that study after school offers.

- "use your networks"
- "make connections with others" and
- "be passionate about what you want to do"

Keegan's visit also included promoting a \$10,000 scholarship and internship with WRMK, which is a really exciting opportunity for several of our students to consider.

It was a really informative morning and helpful for our senior students to hear from their fellow Springbank peers, of what life beyond high school is like.



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## Junior Interschool Cross Country

Springbank School was pleased to host the 2022 Junior Interschool Cross Country at school on Tuesday 5th July. The junior races are for students aged 4 to 7 years (on 1st Jan), who placed in the top three-four students at their school cross country.

We welcomed Kerikeri Primary, Bay of Islands International Academy, and Harvest Christian School to the event this year. Conditions were a mixed bag with some rain showers for the most part, but it wasn't cold and all the students participating didn't seem to mind a bit of rain.

This year the races started off at a cracking pace, with the students firing off from the start line with some great speed. The courses range from 600m for the 4-year-olds, up to 1200m for the 7-year-olds.

Springbank School had 14 students representing us this year, and we are proud of their determination, speed, and sportsmanship on the day. Runner of the day goes to Susanna Robertson, Year 4, who ran in the 7-year-olds girls' race. She powered it to the finish line on the home stretch, finding that last burst of energy to pass another schoolgirl in front of her within the final metres, to take top honours. It was an epic finish and a well-deserved first place medal.

We would like to congratulate all our students from Preschool, Headstart, and School on their excellent running.

Thank you to Mr Warren, Elle Haden, Jo Warren and Angela Warren for setting up the gazebos, chairs, and tables in the morning.

Lastly, a big thank you to the following Year 10 students: Lucy, Drew, Sam, Sophie, Marcus, Matthew, Oscar W, Oscar M, Ozan, Nicki, Ben, Jaasmeet, and Alexis, who came down for the morning to help with race warm ups, medal presentations, running as our hare and tortoise for the races, marshalling, and packing down in the afternoon.

Your help was much appreciated and made the whole event run smoothly.



4-year old Boys	4-year old Girls	5-year old Boys	5-year old Girls
Johnny – 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ava – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lachlan – 1 <sup>st</sup> Jacob – 8 <sup>th</sup> Marcello – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ella – 4 <sup>th</sup>

6-year old Boys	7-year old Boys	7-year old Girls
Jimmy – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cohen – 4 <sup>th</sup> Andoni – 8 <sup>th</sup>	Frank – 4 <sup>th</sup> Krishi – 6 <sup>th</sup> Cooper – 9 <sup>th</sup>	Susanna – 1 <sup>st</sup> Charlotte – 4 <sup>th</sup>



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## Waitangi Visit

Our Year 7-9 students have been studying Early NZ History, and what better place to learn and extend on their knowledge than within our own back door, with a trip to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds.

### Amber Warren, Year 7

*"One of my favourite parts of the trip was when we went inside the whare and some really nice people did a Māori performance for us that was cool, and I enjoyed it heaps. Another awesome part was when the lady who was taking us for a tour let us sign a "treaty" (it wasn't real) with our own symbols and a feather with ink. That was fun. Overall I had a really fun time and I would go there again."*

### Tabitha Ryan, Year 8

*"I really enjoyed the Waitangi trip. Even though it was raining and a bit damp, the tour guides did a great job of keeping us entertained and telling us loads of information. I really enjoyed seeing the waka and looking around James Busby's house. The trip was really good all round and I had a good time with my mates."*

### Cooper Spice, Year 9

*"In Week 10, the Middle School visited Waitangi Treaty Grounds. In Term One and Two we had learnt about NZ history, and the Treaty Grounds helped to give us more knowledge and other perspectives of the topics we had already learnt. When we got to the treaty grounds, we split up into two groups (Dolphins & Stingrays, Sharks & Orcas); one group went into the museum, while the other went through the forest and to the waka. The two groups met up at the cultural performance which we all found entertaining.*

*The two groups swapped over after the performance. At the museum we all got earpieces so we could hear everything our tour guide said, then split up into smaller groups of 2-3 and were given a phone to do tasks and get points for our answers. All in all, the trip was awesome, and a big thanks to the teachers and parents who organised and helped on the trip."*



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## [The New Zealand Dance Company](#)

We welcomed The New Zealand Dance Company to school on Thursday 7th July. They came to perform the show 'Matariki for Tamariki', which followed a group of friends who journey throughout Aotearoa during the Matariki season.

It was a beautiful show of contemporary dance, and it was a joy to watch the performers glide, weave, jump, and move across the stage.



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### [Students Against Dangerous Driving \(SADD\)](#)

On 9<sup>th</sup> June, Ella and I had the opportunity of representing Springbank School at a Northland SADD workshop.

This was an amazing experience to learn more about dangerous driving and ways to prevent harm and spread awareness to our students and community. The workshop followed with our local police attending to give their input on the consequences and what they've witnessed from dangerous driving.

This was an exciting opportunity, and I can't wait to share the information with Springbank School.

- Katija Zivkovich, Prefect



The poster for 'Springbank's Got Talent' has a yellow background. At the top, a crown is positioned above the text 'Springbank's' in a large, blue, cursive font. Below this, 'GOT' is written in white, block letters, and 'TALENT' is written in large, bold, black, block letters. To the left of the text is a black silhouette of a dancer, and to the right is a black silhouette of a singer. A white banner with red text reads 'OPEN TO ALL AGES'. Below this, a white box contains the text 'DO YOU HAVE A HIDDEN TALENT THAT NEEDS TO BE UNLEASHED?' in bold, black, uppercase letters. Underneath, a smaller white box contains the text 'Whether it is singing, instruments, dancing, stand up comedy or a magic trick, you could be the next winner of Springbank's Got Talent, to be crowned the most talented of them all.' in a smaller, black font. At the bottom left, a red ribbon with a gold center contains the text 'PRIZES TBC' in bold, black, uppercase letters. To the right of the ribbon, the text 'Term 3' is written in bold, black, uppercase letters, followed by 'Registrations open - Wednesday, Week 1', 'Sign ups are in the office', 'Registrations close - Friday, Week 2', 'Auditions - Weeks 3-5', and 'Finals - Week 9 - The BIG event'. At the bottom right, there is a blue logo and the email address 'renee.rose@springbank.school.nz'.



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## Springbank Netball

We have two fantastic netball teams representing Springbank School this year, and the girls are not only looking sharp on the courts, they are looking very smart off the court with their team hoodies.

Six generous businesses have kindly sponsored the girls' hoodies this year, to keep them warm during the winter season. We must say, the teams look really professional and well-dressed at the Kerikeri netball courts each Saturday.



We would like to give a huge thanks to all our sponsors for their support:

- Anoint Skincare
- Better Pest Management
- Nytram Plumbing Ltd
- Studio 15 Boutique Salon
- Building Safer Communities
- Bay of Islands Pest Management

Thanks also to Katija Zivkovich, Year 12, and Mrs Elle Haden for organising the hoodies.



**Team Uira:** Amelia, Tiarna, Cerys, Jaymie, Zoe, Jaasmeet, Alexis.  
Absent from photo: Evie and India.



**Team Awaha:** Grace, Bella, Addison, Sophie, Portia, Bethany, Briar.  
Absent from photo: Katija, Lucy and Georgia



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## Friends of Springbank

Welcome back to Term Three. It was wonderful to host the Welcome Back Coffees for the first assembly of the term, and despite the torrential rain outside, it was great to see so many parents joining us for a coffee and catch up after the holidays. Thank you to Shanny and our Coffee Squad for your help.

### Hollywood Glam Quiz Night

The committee is excited to be hosting their Hollywood Glam Quiz Night on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August. This is a fantastic way to meet other parents outside of the school carpark and have a great night out.

Tickets are available from the school reception this week for \$15 per person, which includes supper. The event is BYO.

So get your best frocks and suits on, and put together a team of 8/10 people, or put in your single/double entries and we will form a team for you!

### Fireworks Extravaganza Raffle 2022 – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November

The Friends of Springbank annual Fireworks Extravaganza is back for 2022, and they are excited to be hosting this popular community event. Along with the fireworks show, they run a raffle prize draw with some fabulous prizes up for grabs.

The committee would like to invite Springbank family businesses to donate prizes. If you have a prize you'd like to donate or want to discuss prize donations, please contact Louise on [lblackler@nutrilink.co.nz](mailto:lblackler@nutrilink.co.nz) by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August.

### Upcoming meetings at 2pm in the school staff room:

- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August



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Springbank Open Day

# Springbank School Open Day Preschool to Year 13

8:30am - 12pm  
Monday, 15th August 2022



Prospective students and their families are welcome to come and learn more about Springbank School, see us in action and what we have to offer!



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Books & Game Fair

Our annual Books & Games Fair is having a change of date and will now be on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August**, Week Four of Term Three. This is the same day as our annual Science Fair, so while you're grabbing yourself some great book deals, you can check out the fantastic scientific work by our Year 7 – 10 students.

Please keep looking around home for any unwanted books and games, and these can be dropped off to the school reception for the fair.

## Springbank School Books & Games Fair

Wednesday 17th August  
In the school gym

Sale Times:

8:00am - 10:20 am

2:30pm - 3:30pm

**Books \$2.00 each**

**Games \$4.00**

**Cash Only**



All money raised will be donated to our 2022 Chosen Charity - Bald Angels



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## Preschool Round Up

“Children need the freedom and time to play. Play is not a luxury, play is a necessity.” -Kay Redfield Jamison

We truly feel we have the best jobs being teachers at Springbank Preschool. Every day is so different, so much fun. We keep learning from our children every day and their smiles and hugs are just the best. We admire all our children’s Capability, Character and Confidence that they display and develop every day, and it’s a pleasure to be part of their early stages of learning.



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## [Walking Superstar](#)

We would like to celebrate and congratulate Corinne Smith, who teaches at our Preschool. Corinne is a competitive speed walker and has recently competed at The World Masters Athletics in Tampere, Finland.

This is a world championship event for male and female athletes aged 35 years and over.

Corinne raced in three race walks, representing New Zealand and won them all!

1<sup>st</sup> Place = Women's 55 – 5000m

1<sup>st</sup> Place = Women's 55 – 10km and was a NZ Masters Record!

1<sup>st</sup> Place = Women's 55 – 20km

This is an outstanding achievement, and we are so thrilled for Corinne on her success!



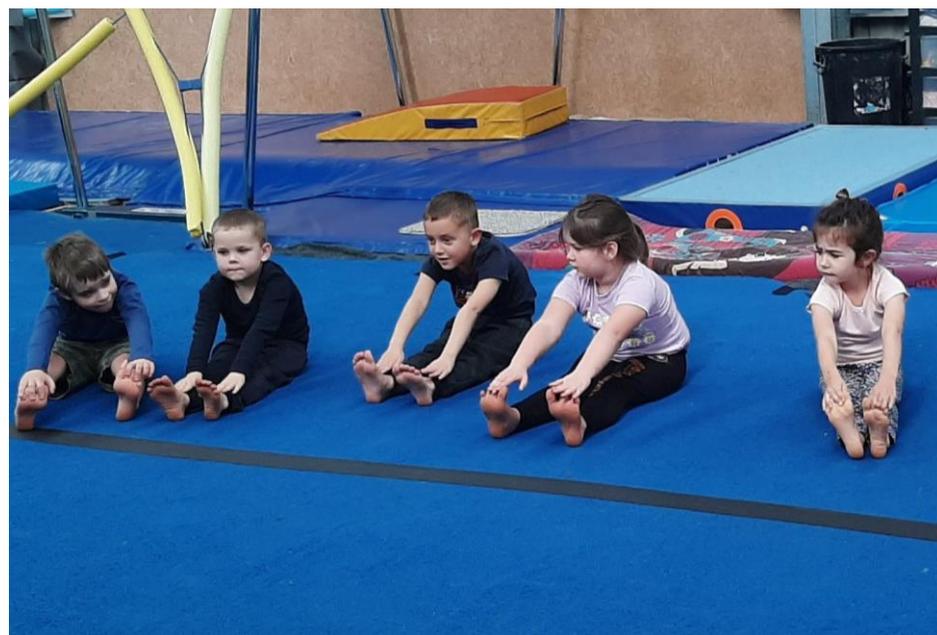
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## Headstart Report

Early morning fitness sessions have proved to be very successful, as the children have built their confidence with skipping and coordinating their movements. Its great to see them practice their new-found skills, and we just love joining the Junior School at fitness time.

We are also excited about the new term ahead, as we participate in weekly gymnastics classes based in Waipapa, and Jump Jam later this month. All these wonderful opportunities work in well with our active movement focus for the term.



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**TERM 3** (Starting 25th July)

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ADULT 16YRS+ 5.30PM - 6.30PM

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JUNIOR 7YRS+ 3.15PM - 4PM

INTERMEDIATE 10YRS+ 4PM - 5PM

**WEDNESDAY'S**

TEEN 12YRS+ 4PM - 5PM

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### Other Important Dates & Events to Note

- **ICAS English** – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August, **ICAS Science** – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, **ICAS Maths** – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August
- **Jump Jam for StarJam** – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August
- **Daffodil Day** – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August
- **Year 9 Mock Exams** – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August
- **Year 11-13 Mock Exams** – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September
- **School Ski Trip** – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September
- **NZ Playhouse Visit** – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September
- **Otago University Liaison Visit** – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September
- **OPC, Year 13 Trip** – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September
- **School Market Day** – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 11am – 2pm
- **Springbreak Monday** – Day off, school closed
- **Young Ambassadors Competition** – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September
- **Springbank's Got Talent** – Finals, Week 9
- **End of Term Three** – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

And that's only some of the happenings going on outside of the classroom! What a jam-packed term we have in store. We hope you can join us for some of these enriching extra-curricular events.

Regards,



Mike Warren  
Principal

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

#### **Term 2, Week 10:**

*"One kind word can change someone's entire day."*

Courtesy of Mrs Angela Warren

#### **Term 3, Week 1:**

*"If you stand for nothing you fall for everything."*

Courtesy of Mr Warren

Term 3's school-wide focus is Confidence.

To begin the new term, Mr Warren spoke at the first assembly of Term Three about how confidence underpins everything, and it is key to living a happy, fulfilling life.

Confidence is about having a can-do attitude – "If I think I can, I can." If you want something, confidence is believing in your abilities and going out and getting it. There will always be challenges in life, but having self-belief, having confidence, will give you the willpower to persevere in the face of adversity.

Another aspect of confidence that is important especially for young people is being comfortable with yourself. It is about knowing yourself, standing up for your own values, and not being influenced by others.



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