



# SPRINGBANK SCHOOL

*Developing*

# Capability Character Confidence

*in an exceptional educational environment.*



## Newsletter No. 8 | August 2025

Dear Springbank families,

It is hard to believe August is already drawing to a close. It has been a busy and exciting month, filled with highlights such as our Art Competition, Mathex both at school and the Northland competition, junior speeches and poems, the thought-provoking presentation from Rob Cope on internet safety, mock exams for Years 6 and 9–13, and Daffodil Day. As you will read later in this newsletter, our students also achieved fantastic results at the Regional Mathex and Science Fair competitions. Congratulations to everyone who took part. We are very proud of you all.

The internet safety presentation by Rob Cope, Founder and Director of Our Kids Online, was incredibly well received (<https://www.ourkidsonline.info/>). If you missed the evening, another community event is being planned for 2026 (date to be confirmed). In the meantime, Rob's video is available on YouTube, [Our Kids Online: Porn, Predators, and How to Keep Them Safe](#) along with other helpful resources.

A couple of key takeaways stood out to me:

**The proposed NZ Child Internet Safety Act.** Rob is advocating for change that could be a real game-changer for children in New Zealand. In brief, the proposal looks like this:

- Kid-Safe Routers in every home (filtered internet for children, unfiltered for adults)
- Smart SIMs (18+ and Under 18 SIMs for all devices)
- Manufacturers required to provide devices with built-in filtering for minors
- Parents and guardians legally responsible for ensuring minors can only access filtered internet

You can read more about the proposal here: [NZ Child Internet Safety Act | Our Kids Online](#)

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Principal Welcome continues ...

**Practical steps for families.** Rob reminded us that protecting our kids means setting healthy boundaries around device use, following through with consequences, having the hard conversations, and being mindful of our own screen time. His message of creating “low-tech homes” and taking time to disconnect in order to reconnect as a family really resonated.

From conversations I have had since the presentation, I know many parents here at Springbank are considering holding off on smartphones and social media for their children until age of 16. As a small and supportive community, I believe we have a real opportunity to help one another with this. A group of parents are already exploring how to support families who share this goal. If you would like to be involved, please let me know and I will be happy to connect you. More details will follow soon.

Kind Regards,

Tina Hallows

**Filtering Options at Home**

**The Good Source** – Internet filtering for devices connected to your home wi-fi

<https://www.thegoodsource.net/>

**SafeSurfer** – Wi-fi router with parental controls for all devices in the home

<https://safesurfer.io/>

**Filtering Options out and about**

**Qustodio** – Software to protect devices that leave the home

<https://www.qustodio.com/>

**Google family Link** – Step by step guide to setting up parental controls for Android devices and Chromebooks

<https://families.google/familylink/>

**Safe Surfer Kid-Safe Smartphone**

<https://kidsafephone.nz/>

## Cambridge Examinations

Cambridge requires us to share information about how Cambridge Assessment uses your child's personal data. The latest information is below. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs Hallowes or Taryn.

### Updated Important Information About Your Child's Data

#### Data Protection Notice for Cambridge Examinations

Cambridge requires that we inform you about how Cambridge Assessment uses your child's personal information, as part of their commitment to transparency and data protection laws.

#### What data is used?

Cambridge will use your child's personal details (such as name, candidate number, and exam performance evidence) to deliver their qualifications. This includes processing exam entries, marking scripts, issuing certificates, and handling any queries about results.

#### Where might this data be shared?

Your child's information may be shared with:

- UCAS and universities for application purposes
- Government and regulatory authorities to evidence educational outcomes
- Other parts of the Cambridge organisation and their approved contractors
- Legal authorities if required by law

#### Special circumstances

If your child requires access arrangements or special consideration, we will need your consent to process sensitive personal data for these applications. We will ask for your written consent when needed. Students that fall into this category will bring a permission form home.

#### Research purposes

Cambridge may also use anonymous data (that cannot identify your child) for educational research to improve their qualifications.

#### Your rights

You have rights regarding your child's personal data under UK data protection laws. If you have any questions or concerns about how this data is used, please contact the school office.

*This notice ensures we meet our legal obligations under the UK General Data Protection*

Thanks again to our wonderful team at Springbank for what has been a busy and productive term. Now it is time for exam marking, report writing (for our Middle and Senior students) and revision before the final exams start on 25<sup>th</sup> September (Week 1 of our holidays) with the first IGCSE ICT Practical exam.





### Dates & Events to Note:

- **Mock Exams continue** – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September
- **AIMS Games, Tauranga** – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September
- **Internationals Trip** – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September
- **Room 3 Speeches** – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September
- **McLeod's Year 5&6 Speech Competition** – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September
- **Otago University Visit** – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> & Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September
- **Netball Prize-giving** – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September
- **Life Education Trust** – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September
- **Headstart Poetry Recital** – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September
- **Mrs Druery Farewell, 8:30am** – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September
- **Year 13 Farewell Tunnel, 2:00pm** – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September
- **School Holidays** – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October

#### **TERM FOUR 2025**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December (9 weeks)

- Labour Day – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October
- Teachers Only Day – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December



### Springbank Sports Tees & Netball Dresses

As winter sports for hockey and netball have ended, if you haven't already, please return your sports t-shirt or netball dress to the office, so a stock take can be done.

Thank you.



# Farewells



**Help us farewell & say thanks to Mrs Druery.**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept at 8:30am in the gym.**

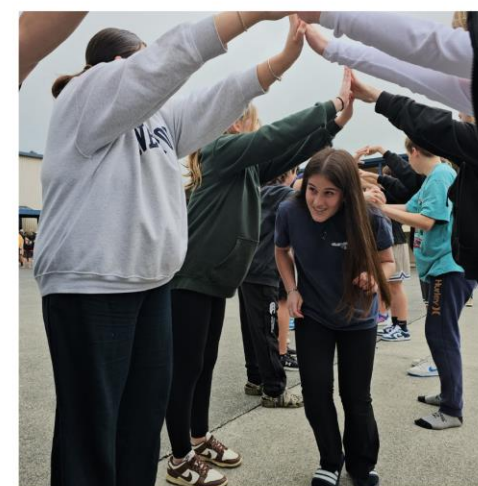


Photo 2024

**Help us farewell our Year 13 students on their final full day at school, before exam leave.**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 2:45pm**



## Springbank School Mathex

Prior to the Northland Mathex competition, a fun practice event was held in the school gym on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August. Students from Year 5 to 10 were placed into teams, and had to race against the clock, and their peers, to answer as many correct questions out of 20 as they could. It was fantastic to watch the students using their maths skills as teams and having fun.

Thanks to

- Our Head Girl, Jaasmeet with support from Mrs Binedell for organising the questions and event.
- Year 12 & 13 students for acting as question markers.
- The Friends of Springbank for their donation of prizes.





## Young Lions Ambassadors Final

Well done to Elizabeth Esscher, Leo Fisher and Jaasmeet Randhawa who competed at the Young Lions Ambassadors final on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August.

This competition involves submitting an application, CV, and participating in a 10-minute interview, and at the final give a speech. These are all great life skills to develop, as our seniors move towards tertiary education and work-life situations with job interviews.

Congratulations to Jaasmeet who was awarded 2nd place and won \$300.00



## Young Artists Show & Competition

Several of our Springbank School students have produced paintings for the upcoming Young Artists Show and competition *Te Whenua Tapu*. The entries look fabulous, and the students should be proud!

The show opens Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 5pm-7pm. Voting for the people's choice award is between 5-6pm. Winners will be announced at 6.30pm.

## Te Whenua Tapu The Sacred Land Young Artists Show & Competition

Opens Tue, 2 September 2025, 5-7pm  
Turner Centre - Kerikeri - through September  
9 to 2, M-F - Please call 09 407 0260 before your visit to assure the Bar is accessible.



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PERFORMING ARTS &  
CONFERENCE VENUE  
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KERIKERI



Lions Young Ambassador





## Year 7-13 Art Competition

Ronan and Evie, both Year 12 helped set up an art competition to be displayed in the school gym during Week 5 of the term. Students from Years 7 to 13 could submit their work, with Mrs Hulse helping with judging.

Art can look and feel so different for people which makes it so special, as whether you are painting still life objects, or painting from your experiences, each piece is unique to that artist. We have some wonderful talent within the school, and it was wonderful to see their artworks on display.

As per the previous slide, we have students entered in an art competition at the Turner Centre. Please head along and support them.




**Year 7  
1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Alessa Giorgetti**




Honourable Mention  
Andrew Shaw




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**Year 8  
1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Mikayla Salmond**




Honourable Mention  
Eddie Warren




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**Year 9  
1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Isla Gordon**




Honourable Mention  
Zeke Martin



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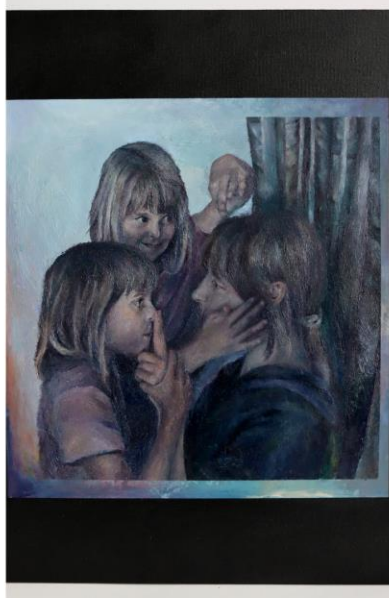
**IGCSE Art  
1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Gina E**



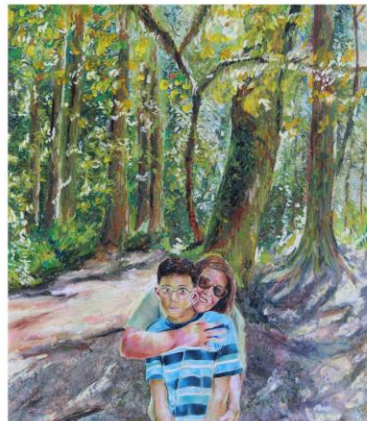
Honourable Mention  
Toni Warren




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**AS Art  
1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Elizabeth Esscher**



Honourable Mention  
Ronan Leung



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## Northland Secondary School Sports – Futsal Festival

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, eight students attended the Northland Secondary Schools Year 7&8 Mixed Futsal Festival in Whangarei.

It was a friendly day of matches with no official scores being taken, but our Springbank team played exceptionally well together, winning 3 out of their 4 games. It was fantastic to see their great teamwork, subbing on/off so each player had an equal amount of play time, and thanking their opponents at the end of each match.



Left to Right: Frank (Year 7), Mason (Year 8), Austin K (Year 7), Beau, Fay, Addi, Madi and Nelson (Year 8)



## Northland Mathex Competition

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August, four teams from Springbank School competed in the Northland Mathex competition, held in Whangarei.

Our students had their maths skills and running speed put to the test. After each question is answered, students have to run up to the markers, and see if their answer is correct. If yes, they move onto the next question, if no, they get two more attempts before passing.

We'd like to congratulate our students on an outstanding competition, and are delighted with their results.

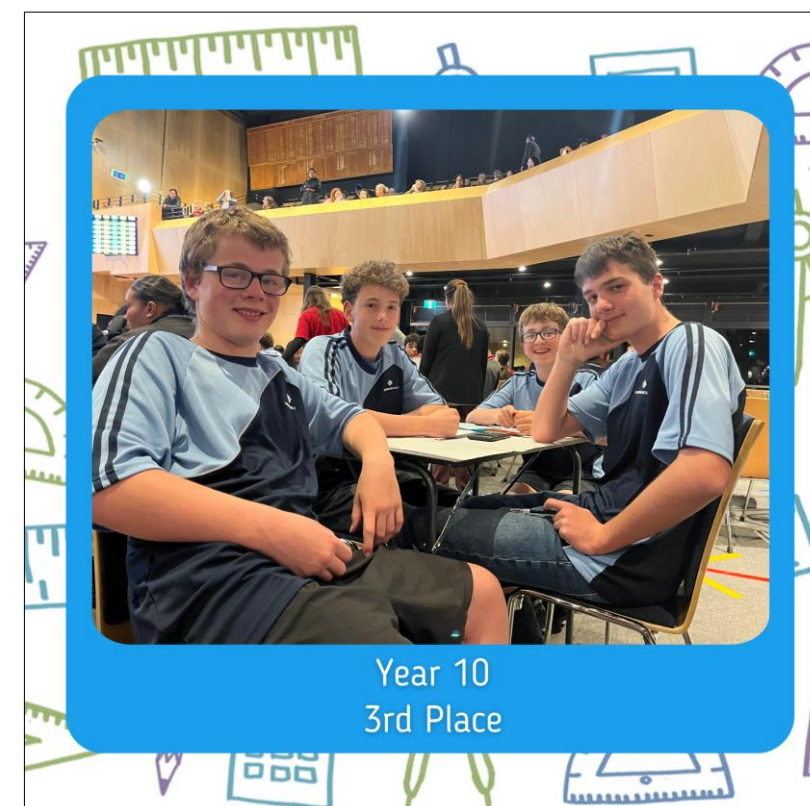
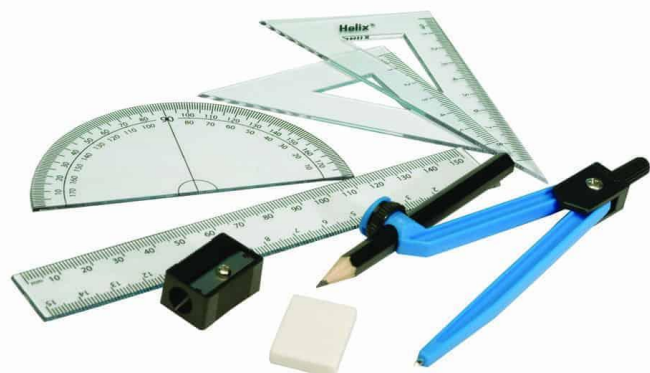
🏆 Year 7 - top 5 finish

🥉 Year 8 - 3rd Place

🥇 Year 9 - 1st Place

🥉 Year 10 - 3rd Place

Some year levels had over 50 teams competing, so the above results are exceptional. Congratulations. Thanks to Jo Warren, Ms Wils, and Mr Dryburgh for transporting and supporting the students.





## Football Fun Festival

Seventeen of our Year 3-6 students had a great time at the Fun Football Festival at the Waipapa football fields on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

It was a bare feet, no goalies, no scores taken event, just a day of having fun playing football with their peers. Congratulations to all our players on a fabulous day. You all showed some great football skills and fantastic teamwork.

Thanks to Craig & Corinne for the parent support and thanks James from [Northern Region Football](#) for organising the day.





## Blake Inspire NZ-VR

India Clarke, Year 13 Prefect helped organise the Blake Inspire NZ-VR experience to come to school so our Year 5-8 students could take part in a VR session.

Wearing a VR headset, students experienced a number of underwater experiences through 360° videos that compare and contrast different marine environments. They learn what causes ocean damage and what actions can be taken to protect the marine environment.



**BLAKE**  
NZ-VR

## Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) Trade Fair

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August, the YES Trade Fair was held at the Old Packhouse Market.

Approximately 90 YES teams representing 18 schools from throughout Northland attended with products including hand made jewellery, children's cookbook, fishing experience packages, unique barbeque rubs to dye dipping surfer apparel.

Congratulations to Leo Fisher from The Anglers El Dorado who won the Customers Choice award.





## NZ Playhouse

During Week Six we were delighted to welcome back NZ Playhouse to school. Every year they visit to perform an entertaining play to our Year 1-8 students.

This year the story was 'The Boy who Cried Wolf'. This hilarious and interactive adaptation of Aesop's classic fable had both our students and teachers laughing throughout the whole play.

The NZ Playhouse sets and costumes are simple, yet delightfully colourful and the cast of three are full of energy, making the viewing experience one to remember.





## Top Energy Far North Science and Technology Fair

Springbank School is thrilled to share that our students received several awards at the Top Energy Far North Science and Technology Fair awards ceremony for 2025.

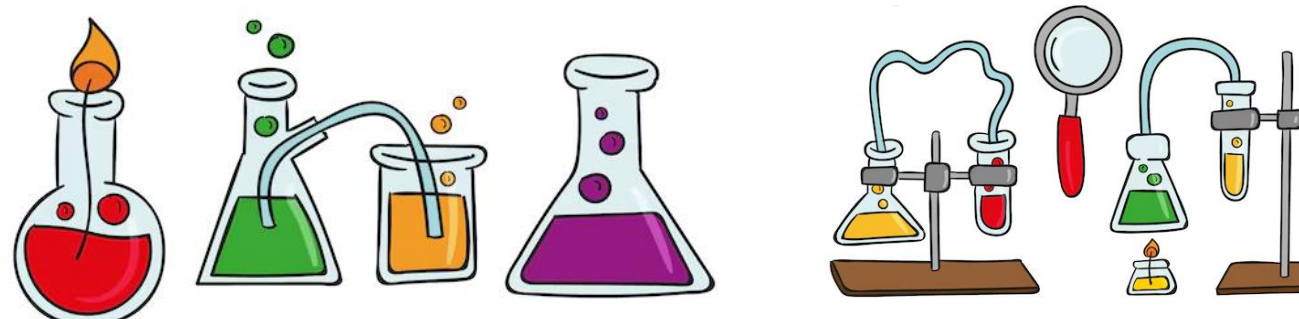
Our Year 5-9 students worked hard on creating their science fair projects, which covered a wide range of topics and show-cased their scientific knowledge and research.

A big thank you to Mrs Joseph and Mrs Pretorius who have helped guide the students with their projects and supported them at both the school and regional fair.

Congratulations to all our students who entered this year's regional fair. Well done. You should be very proud of your efforts.

Please help us congratulate our winning students. We'd like to give an extra special mention to Iola, Year 9 who received two Outstanding Awards along with the Premier Award for the Year 9&10 section. Superb!!

<b>Bronze Award</b>	Camilla, Year 6 – The Warmer the Better
<b>Special Award</b>	Ethan, Year 6 – Which AI Knows Best Andrew, Year 7 – Biteworthy Bait Stations
<b>Silver Award</b>	Olive, Year 6 – Sweet as Bro Reuben, Year 7 – Fantastic Fruit Ruby B, Year 7 – Water vs Wood
<b>Gold Award</b>	Ethan, Year 6 – Which AI Knows Best Mia & Alessa, Year 7 – CLYDE
<b>Outstanding Award</b>	Finn, Year 9 – Ready Set Rot Zeke, Year 9 – eDNA and AI: Smarter Water Testing Iola, Year 9 – Mighty Mangroves
<b>Premier Award – Junior Year 9&amp;10</b>	Iola, Year 9 – Mighty Mangroves





## NZ Secondary Schools Snowsports Championships

Kadee, Year 10 competed in the NZ Secondary Schools Snowsports Championships held at Snowplanet in Auckland on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

Kadee raced in the Girls Ski Slopestyle and had an excellent race resulting in a 3<sup>rd</sup> place podium finish!

This is super cool, and it's exciting that our students can enter snow-based events all year round. If you are eager to find out more, please speak with Angela Warren.



## Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

Ava, Year 3 and Ezra, Headstart have had another successful Jiu-Jitsu competition. This time they competed in the Oceania Kids Competition and came away with two podium finishes each.

**Ava:**

Silver: Girls Gi - 8-year-old <33.4kg

Silver: Girls No Gi - 8-year-old <28.8kg

**Ezra:**

Gold: Boys Gi - 5-year-old <20.2kg

Silver: Boys No Gi - 5-year-old <19.7kg





## AIMS Games 2025

As this newsletter goes out to our families, we are excited that 20 of Year 7&8 students have competed or are competing at the AIMS Games 2025 in Tauranga. This annual event is open to students in Year 7&8. This year 430+ schools and 14,000+ athletes are competing in 35 different sporting codes from Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

This is an exciting opportunity for our students to compete at a national level, meet lots of other students from around New Zealand, and just enjoy the experience of a nationwide event. A huge thanks to our AIMS Games parents, many of whom have travelled down to Tauranga to support and cheer on our students.



Nelson – Cross Country & Tennis



Austin – Mt Biking



Susanna, Hannah & Ayla - Gymnastics



Madison - Swimming



Fraser – Mt Biking



Fay – Cross Country



Year 7&8 Mixed Netball



## Daffodil Day

Thank you to everyone who dressed up in yellow and donated money to our Daffodil Day fundraiser on Friday. We raised **\$304.40** which is brilliant! There is still time to donate by visiting the online school page <https://fundraise.daffodilday.org.nz/t/springbank-school>





## Friends of Springbank

The Springbank Fireworks Extravaganza is a much-loved annual community event that attracts over 3,000 locals. Funds raised go directly toward supporting Springbank students' learning. The success of this event relies on our whole school community coming together - students, parents, and teachers alike. **2025 Date – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

### How You Can Help

#### **Raffle Prizes**

Does your business have a prize you could donate? Your business name and prize will be printed on 1,500 raffle tickets, and your full-colour logo will feature on our large sponsor banner, displayed in the school car park for a month prior to the event and the entrance of the event on the night. Your business will also be acknowledged by our MC during the evening, in the school newsletter, and in a thank you post on the school's Facebook and Instagram pages. Please let us know if you can help as soon as possible - the tickets will be going to the Printers in the first week of September.

#### **Raffle Tickets**

During the last week of term, the eldest child in each family in Y1 to Y10 will be bringing home a raffle book of five tickets to sell for \$5 ea. Please treat these raffle books as though they are money - each book is valued at \$25 and is registered against the student's name. More information will follow regarding the raffle tickets. Any students Year 11-13 are very welcome to collect a book of tickets to sell from the office if they wish.

#### **Spit Roast Lamb Donation**

We are hoping to have a spit roast at this year's Fireworks Extravaganza and are looking for the donation of x2 lambs. If you are able to help, please get in touch - your support would be hugely appreciated and will make a real difference to the success of the night.

#### **Ice Cream Containers**

To run our popular home baking stand again this year, we need plenty of ice cream containers. Please drop donations into the tub outside the office.

#### **Volunteer Roster**

Please start thinking about where you might be able to help on the night. Many hands make light work, and it's always a fun evening to be part of.

Kind regards,

Heather Sorensen

*Chairperson, Friends of Springbank*





## Headstart Report

Check out our inspirational Daffodil Day creations!! Same flower but VERY different designs! 😊





## Preschool Update

One of our amazing staff members did a full day's training last term for us to be able to use the climbing wall in the gym. This amazing resource is found up at the school, so what a bonus that we can use it without leaving the school grounds.

The children loved exploring their bravery, challenging their abilities and giving something new a go. Some children made it to the top, while others loved letting go and flying down to the bottom. We have already been requested by our children to do it again very soon!







# RUN JUMP THROW™

## COACHING COURSE

### Kerikeri

14th September 2025

### UP SKILL AHEAD OF TRACK & FIELD SEASON

Run Jump Throw focuses on building athletics-specific skills in a fun and inclusive environment that inspires Kiwi kids to get involved. We'll also explore each discipline briefly, covering the key fundamentals along the way.

**Location: Kerikeri Sports Complex**  
**Address: Remarie Kapa Dr**  
**Time: 1pm-2.30pm**

[kirsty@athletics.org.nz](mailto:kirsty@athletics.org.nz)



# CAD LEVEL 1

## SPRINT COACHING COURSE

### Kerikeri

14th September 2025

### WANT TO UP SKILL AS A COACH?

Join us for the CAD Level 1 Sprint Coach Education Session to enhance your skills in coaching young athletes. You'll explore sprinting technique, key training principles, rules, and how to design effective, age-appropriate sprint programs.

**Location: Kerikeri Sports Complex**  
**Address: Remarie Kapa Dr**  
**Time: 2.30pm-4pm**

**For enquiries contact**  
 Kirsty Halliday  
[Kirsty@athletics.org.nz](mailto:Kirsty@athletics.org.nz)





## MUDROOM KERIKERI

**KIDS POTTERY  
HOLIDAY CLASSES**

Unleash your creativity and immerse yourself in the world of pottery at the Mudroom. This pottery workshop offers the perfect opportunity to learn, create, and find your inner artist. Adults and Children can book in to spend time together creating.

**WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS:**

- CREATIVE EXPRESSION
- BASIC SKILLS
- MINDFULNESS
- HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Sessions are 1 hour and finished pieces are left with us to glaze (white) and will be ready to collect in 2 weeks.

If you wish to paint your own pieces book into the "Paint your pieces" workshop on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct

\$50+gst per person includes:

- Clay and tutoring
- Use of hand building tools and stamps
- Glazing and firing of pieces

**Booking essential**

Please contact:  
creative.mudroom@gmail.com

**Must Book Online:**

www.mudroom.online

**Session Dates:**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept

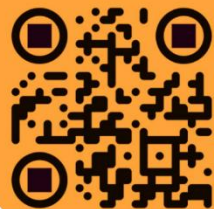
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct

**BOOK CLASSES**

Use your camera to  
scan the QR code below  
and click on the link



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**Contact: Tina Schonweiss**  
**Phone: 02102446969**  
**Email: [info@boikidscamp.co.nz](mailto:info@boikidscamp.co.nz)**  
**Address: 78 Waimate North Road, Kerikeri 0293**  
**Who can attend: Children aged 5-13yrs**



## Sept/Oct 2025 Holiday Programme Springbank School

### WEEK 1

#### Mon 22 Sept



##### International Hobbit Day

Take a journey through the magical farmland of the Shire in the Middle Earth and celebrate with us the birthdays of Bilbo and Frodo.

#### Tues 23 Sept



##### Rockwall

Come along and get ready to climb the rockwall, play capture the flag and take part in our team challenges.

#### Wed 24 Sept



##### Lego Minecraft

Test your teamwork in building our Lego Minecraft builds and create your Stop-Motion Movie.

#### Thurs 25 Sept



##### Circus Fun

Come and learn a variety of skills such as tumbling, flipping, acrobatic floor skills, juggling, and show your skills at our own Magic Circus Show

#### Fri 26 Sept



##### Kids Choice

Your turn to decide what games, activities and sports we should run throughout the day.

### WEEK 2

#### Mon 29 Sept



##### Mario Bro

It's game time! Play the popular Sport games with Mario and his team in real life. Join in the "Ultra Smash", the "Battle League" and the "Super Sluggers."

#### Tues 30 Sept



##### Dodgeball

Take part in our ultimate dodgeball tournament and improve your skills in throwing, catching and dodging through engaging drills and games.

#### Wed 1 Oct



##### Spintacular

Test your spin in our Master of Spin challenges, create our very own giant collaborative spiral mural and play fun Spin games.

#### Thurs 2 Oct



##### Wheels day

Bring your own wheels and helmets and enjoy the day exploring the wheel world and take part in our Duathlon.

#### Fri 3 Oct



##### Escape Room

Take part in our Halloween Escape Room. You need to use your problem-solving skills to figure out each clue.

**Programme Costs:** FULL DAY: \$50 (7.30am-5.30pm), SCHOOL DAY: \$45(8am-3.30pm)

BOOK NOW BY SENDING US AN EMAIL OR TEXT TO **[info@boikidscamp.co.nz](mailto:info@boikidscamp.co.nz) or 02102446969**



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## Denjo Judo

Location: 28 Landing Road (Kerikeri Scout Den building)

Email: [DenjoJudo@gmail.com](mailto:DenjoJudo@gmail.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DenjoJudo>

Class Schedule (may be altered in the school holidays)

Monday and Wednesday

Juniors (under 13) 5:15pm – 6:15pm

Seniors (13+) 5:30pm – 7:00pm and 6:15pm – 7:45pm