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Message from the Principal

As October draws to a close, it certainly feels like a warm summer is on its way. Our junior students are enjoying weekly swimming lessons, and our older students are making the most of the sunshine with visits to the waterhole.

On the academic front, our senior students remain focused on their exams. We are also pleased to report that our Year 6 and 9 students have now finished their checkpoint exams, and their papers are in transit to the UK. I am extremely proud of how all our students have prepared for and participated in these exams. Congratulations to everyone for working so hard to achieve their best. We are incredibly proud of you all.

A special congratulations goes to our international students who completed their PADI Dive courses this month. They have gained a valuable life skill and wonderful memories to take back home with them. We have been spoilt this week as they have been practicing dishes from their homelands, and I was one of the lucky ones who got to test them!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent survey on cell phone usage. This has provided valuable data for the team creating the 'Cell Phone-Free and Social Media-Free Until 16' pact, which will be available shortly for any families who wish to join. The survey is still open, but to date the initial findings are significant:

- Well over 50% of respondents would consider not providing their child with a cell phone until they are over 16.
- Half of the current students with a cell phone do not have access to social media.
- 100% of respondents (from both parent and child perspectives) said their child experienced addictive use or compulsive checking of their phone.
- 80% of the students, when asked, agreed they had experienced disrupted sleep and exposure to inappropriate content.

More information will follow once the team has collated all the data.

Finally, it is hard to believe there are only five weeks left until the end of term, and we still have so much to look forward to. Remember to start your Christmas shopping at our **Market Day on Saturday, 16th November**. The students are busy planning, preparing, and producing their products, and I have already got my eye on some great gift ideas.

Wishing you all the best over the coming weeks, and I hope to see you at these exciting upcoming events!

Tina Hallows
Principal



Dates & Events to Note

- **Fireworks Extravaganza – THIS Saturday 1st November**
- **NSSS Junior Golf – Monday 3rd November**
- **Agri Pet & Art Day – Tuesday 4th November**
- **Tri Oceans visit – Wednesday 5th November, Year 6 & 7**
- **Armistice Day – Tuesday 11th November**
- **Primary & Intermediate Tennis Singles – Wednesday 12th November**
- **Springbank School Market Day – Sunday 16th November**
- **Springbreak Day (school closed) – Monday 17th November**
– NB: Preschool and Headstart will be operating as per normal
- **Senior Dinner, Year 11-13 – Thursday 20th November**
- **Junior School Disco – Friday 21st December**
- **Prefect Applications due – Friday 21st November**
- **Transition Day – Monday 24th November**
- **Prefect Interviews – Thursday 27th & Friday 28th November**



Springbank Sports Clothing

We are SO CLOSE to getting all the Springbank School sports t-shirts and netball dresses back to complete the stock take for the year.

It would be really helpful if you could please check your child's room, cupboards, laundry, back of the car or school bags for any clothing that hasn't been returned.

There is a box at the school office where clothing can be dropped off. Many thanks, Angela



Important Dates last week of Term Four

- **Final 2025 Assembly – Monday 1st December**
- **Gift Giving – Monday 1st December**
- **Options Day (Year 7-13) – Tuesday 2nd December**
- **Headstart to Year 6, Big Day Out – Tuesday 2nd December**
- **Certificate Assembly Junior School – Wednesday 3rd December**
- **Certificate Assembly Years 7 – 10 – Wednesday 3rd December**
- **Prize-Giving Full School – Thursday 4th December**
- **Water Fight (2pm) – Thursday 4th December**



Friends of Springbank – Fireworks Extravaganza

The 2025 Fireworks Extravaganza is literally days away and we are really excited to host this popular community event. We'd like to give a huge thank you to all our families for helping sell the raffle tickets, which is a big fundraising part of this event.

I was delighted to come to assembly on Tuesday and award prizes to those students who sold the most ticket booklets.

MOST tickets sold – Years 1 to 5	Ella S.
MOST tickets sold – Years 6 to 10	Ivy K.
MOST tickets sold – by a class	Room 2
Outstanding Effort	Oliver L. Harrison D. Fraser M. Ava S.

The Fireworks Extravaganza is a fantastic family-friendly event, so please share the event details with your friends, neighbours, and work colleagues.

If you are coming along to the event and can spare some time to help at one of the food stalls, entry gates or as a floating-helper, we'd appreciate it. As the saying goes *"many hands make light work"* 😊 Please give your name to Taryn in the school office and the Friends committee with get in touch.

Thank you to everyone who has already put their name down to help, be it at the set up, on the night, or pack down – all your support and help is greatly appreciated.

See you on Saturday night at the best fireworks show in town!

Friends of Springbank Chairperson

Heather Sorensen



FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

GATES OPEN 6:00PM | FIREWORKS FROM 9:00PM

\$15 per person
\$50 per family

- 2 adults & 2 children
- 1 adult & 3 children

Under 5-year-Olds FREE

- Smoke and vape free
- Alcohol is strictly prohibited
- Bags will be searched on entry

• EFTPOS cash-out facilities available

COME ALONG FOR A FAMILY-FRIENDLY NIGHT OF FUN, FOOD, AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

78 Waimate North Road, Kerikeri



Northland Secondary Schools Short Story Competition

Several of our Year 7-9 students entered the Short Story Competition in Term Three, and we'd like to congratulate the following students on their successful writing.

Winning stories will be published in The Northern Advocate and on the Northland NZSA website. Holly McIntyre, Amelia Kinnaird (Year 8), and Ruby Simpson (Year 9) have also been invited to attend the award ceremony in Whangarei on Saturday 15th November and read aloud their short stories to the audience.

Thank you to Mrs Hittle for supporting all the students with their writing and creative process.

Top 20 Finalists out of 100 entries for Years 9-13

- Mila, Ramneet, Ruby, and Shanika all Year 9

Top 20 Finalists out of 150 entries for Year 7&8

- Mia (Year 7), Amelia, Holly M, and Mikayla S (Year 8)

Commended Award for placing in the Top 7

- Ruby (Year 9)

Highly Commended Award for placing in the Top 5

- Amelia (Year 8)

2nd Place Overall in the Year 7&8 category

- Holly M (Year 8) *"Not a Disaster After All"*



2nd Place - Holly



Young Enterprise Scheme (YES)

We have three students representing Springbank School in the 2025 Northland YES competition.

- Leo (Year 13) is back for his second year with his business The Anglers El Dorado. Leo wants to take the hassle out of organising a fishing trip, by creating packages for the keen fisherman. From top-tier fishing gear, local guides, accommodation and more, Leo's business will handle every detail for you, just turn up and he'll take care of the rest. www.theanglerseldorado.com
- Clay (Year 12) has created a wooden toy business called Toi Boys he is starting off by making wooden blocks.
- Luca (Year 10) is looking at ways to reduce E-waste by establishing his business Far North Tech. Luca's services follow the three Rs – REPAIR broken electronics, RESTORE outdated technology, and RECYCLE electronics responsibly. To find out more head to his website <https://fn-tech.co.nz>

Leo, Clay, and Luca have completed all four challenges of the year and move onto the next stage of the YES competition. Leo will present his business at the YES Northland Taniwha Tank final at the Turner Centre on Thursday 30th October. Clay and Luca have also been recognised for their businesses and move through to the YES Northland Regional Excellence Award Finals.

Congratulations to all three boys on their business success. We wish you all the very best and look forward to hearing updated results.

If you're interested in learning more about the Young Enterprise Scheme and how you can get involved next year and beyond, please go and speak with Ms Chapman. Ms Chapman loves all learning about business and enterprise and will be able to provide you with all the information and guidance.



Northland Secondary School Sports – Hockey 5s

On Wednesday 15th October, Frank, Mason, Ethan, Madi, Addi and Charlotte attended the Northland Secondary School Sports Hockey 5s Tournament down in Whangarei.

It was a fantastic day with four round robin games which the team all won! 13-2, 19-4, 10-1 and 9-2. They moved onto the semi final which they won again 11-5, taking them to the final of the day. The last game was the toughest of them all, up against a team from Matarau who were quick with their passes & setting up goals.

Unfortunately, the Springbank team missed out on the number one spot, walking away with 2nd place which was a fine result! The students played exceptionally well together, displayed some skilful passes, and all had an awesome day.

Thanks to the Friends of Springbank committee for funding this event.



Northland Cricket

We would like to acknowledge Anika Beren (Year 10) who has been selected for both the Northland U16 and Northland U19 Emerging Rangitahi Girls cricket teams. The season is underway, and Anika is playing some excellent cricket.

The most recent matches over Labour weekend were against Counties Manukau, and although the Northland teams didn't win, Anika came away with the 3rd highest score in game one and not-out in the other match.



Athletics Bay of Islands Athletics Programme

- Kerikeri (Springbank School): Tuesdays 3:45 – 6:00pm
- Russell (Sports Club): Wednesdays 4:00 – 5:15pm
- Ages: Preschool to 12-year-olds

To register your child please visit <https://events.mygameday.app/event/boi10wk25>

This programme is all about fun, fitness, and skill development for tamariki through the Run Jump Throw framework.

To keep offering this programme beyond 2025, we need to form a committee and bring on more volunteer coaches. No coaching experience is needed – just a willingness to get involved. We'll support you with everything you need.

This is our chance to build something lasting for our community – we need you to help us form an official club!

If you're willing to help, please email: kirsty@athletics.org.nz A small contribution of time makes a huge difference.

Time	Warm up + Welcome 3.45 - 3.50	Rotation 1 3.50 - 4.10	Rotation 2 4.10-4.30	Rotation 3 4.30-4.50	Race's 4.50-5pm
5 and under	Warm up - 5 mins	Discus (Slinging) Station 2	Jumping for Distance- LJ Station 3	Running over obstacles: Station 1	100m sprint
6	Warm up - 5 mins	Running over obstacles: Station 1	Discus (Slinging) Station 2	Jumping for Distance- LJ Station 3	100m sprint
7	Warm up - 5 mins	Jumping for Distance- LJ Station 4	Running over obstacles: Station 5	Discus (Slinging) Station 2	400m sprint
8 + 9	Warm up - 5 mins	Discus (Slinging) Station 6	Jumping for Distance- LJ Station 4	Running over obstacles: Station 5	400m sprint
10 + 11	Warm up - 5 mins	Running over obstacles: Station 5	Discus (Slinging) Station 6	Jumping for Distance- LJ Station 4	400m sprint

Junior Theatre Festival

Sage (Year 13), Isla (Year 9), and Tiffany (Year 11) had the wonderful opportunity to showcase their roles in The Little Mermaid Junior at the Junior Theatre Festival 2025 (at the Victory Convention Centre) along with several others from the cast.

Over two days they were given workshops for singing, dancing, and acting. In addition, they performed a condensed version of their show in front of an esteemed panel of judges and 16 other teams from all over Aotearoa for adjudication. It was an event full of passion for musical performance, developing confidence on stage, capability through workshops run by professional stage actors, and character in their roles as leads and as part of a wider ensemble.

Sage received an individual Outstanding Performance award and the Kerikeri Theatre group received the Excellence in Ensemble award. Congratulations to both Sage and the Kerikeri Theatre Group, well deserved awards.



Tiffany, Isla, and Sage



Performance Winners



Miriam (Kerikeri Theatre Director) & Sage

International Students

Our international students have been out and about exploring Northland with Jo each Monday.

They have reached the top of New Zealand visiting Cape Reinga and having a go at sand surfing. They have visited Te Ahurea down by the Stone Store to learn more about the local history of the area, and last week they went out fishing & were lucky enough to spot some dolphins.

They have also prepared a traditional German potato and bacon dish, and a Swiss dessert to sell to students at lunchtime on Thursday. Mr Barker was able to taste-test them the week prior and said they were absolutely delicious!



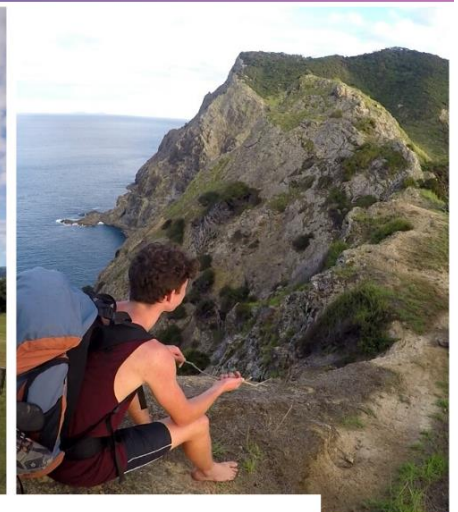
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS HOME STAY

Springbank School is looking for host families. We have incoming students needing a home and would love to hear from you if you can help.

Homestay rates are \$325 per week, increasing to \$340 per week in January 2026.

This is a rewarding opportunity to share our culture, learn from each other, and earn extra income along the way.

Contact Jo Warren today to find out more information.



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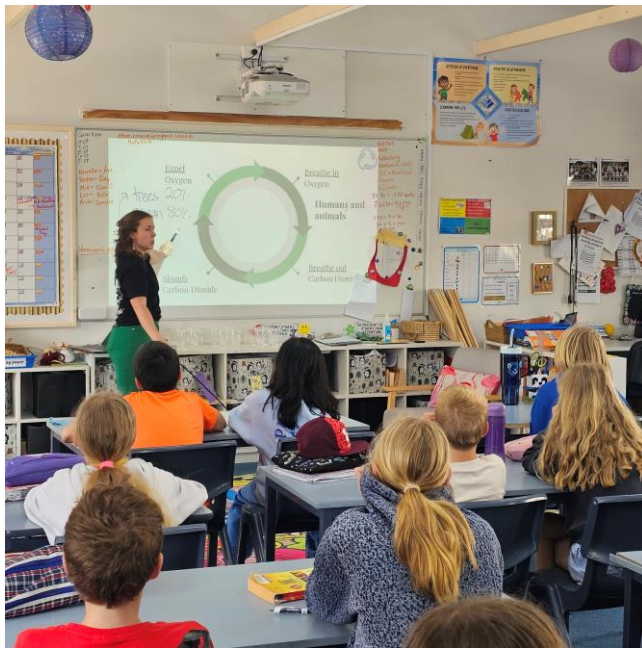
jo.warren@springbank.school.nz



Tri Oceans

Across three weeks our Room 4 and Year 7 students have been connecting with Zoe Allan from Tri Oceans to talk about marine science and how we can help protect our oceans (Zoe is also our Room 3 teacher on Fridays)

The lessons have had a focus on water pollution, how to support the marine environment, biodiversity and most recently ocean acidification. Students are guided through fun and engaging activities to help extend their knowledge about the ocean.



Room 4 students learning about ocean acidification.

Higher levels of CO₂ in the environment are being absorbed by the ocean, which can affect the acidity and lead to marine environments degrading.



Students were given three cups of varying acidic liquids and tested what happens to shells when they are dropped into the cups.



2025 AGRI ART DAY TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

SHOWCASE YOUR ARTISTIC TALENT & FLARE!
Hosted in the school gym from 8:30am

AGE GROUPS

- Preschool & Headstart
- Junior - Years 1 to 3
- Junior - Years 4 to 6
- Middle - Years 7 & 8
- Senior - Year 9+

ART COLOURING

- Students will be given an outline picture of a vase with flowers, and they can colour in, paint, and complete the picture however they choose.

RECYCLED SCULPTURE

- We are changing this out from the previous vege sculpture.
- Students are encouraged to build / create a fairy house out of recycled materials.

FACE PLATE CREATION

- Students are encouraged to create a face on a plate using **JUST** natural items - like sticks, leaves, flowers etc

AGRI ART creations can be brought into the gym after school on Monday 3rd November or before the first bell on the morning of the event Tuesday 4th November. Name tags will be available, please write name & year level and place with your creation.

SPRINGBANK MARKET DAY

SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

11AM - 2PM

Cash out EFTPOS available



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Headstart Report

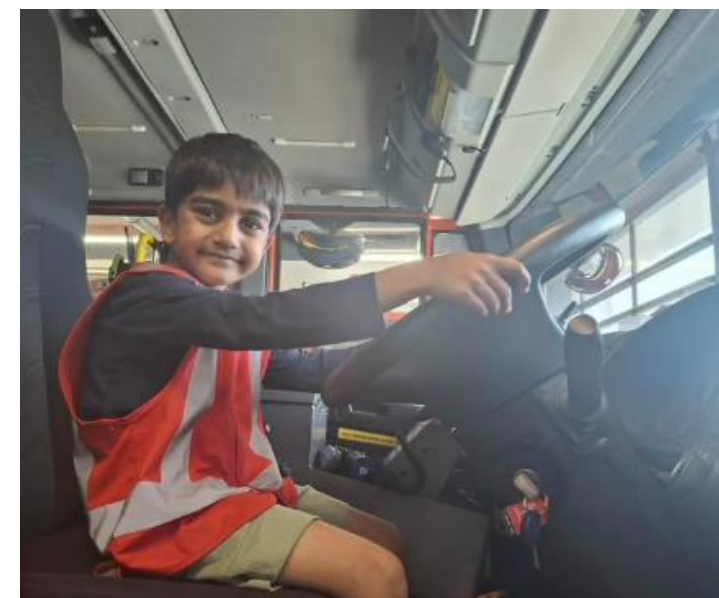
Headstart ventured out into the community to visit the Kerikeri Fire Station in October. Chief Fire fighter Les showed us all the controls and parts of the trucks and explained what they can do to help people in need.

The children came with some written questions and Les did very well to answer them all!

Thank you so much for taking the time to show us around and teach us about all the moving parts of our local Volunteer Fire Brigade! The children were absolutely buzzing!



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Preschool Update

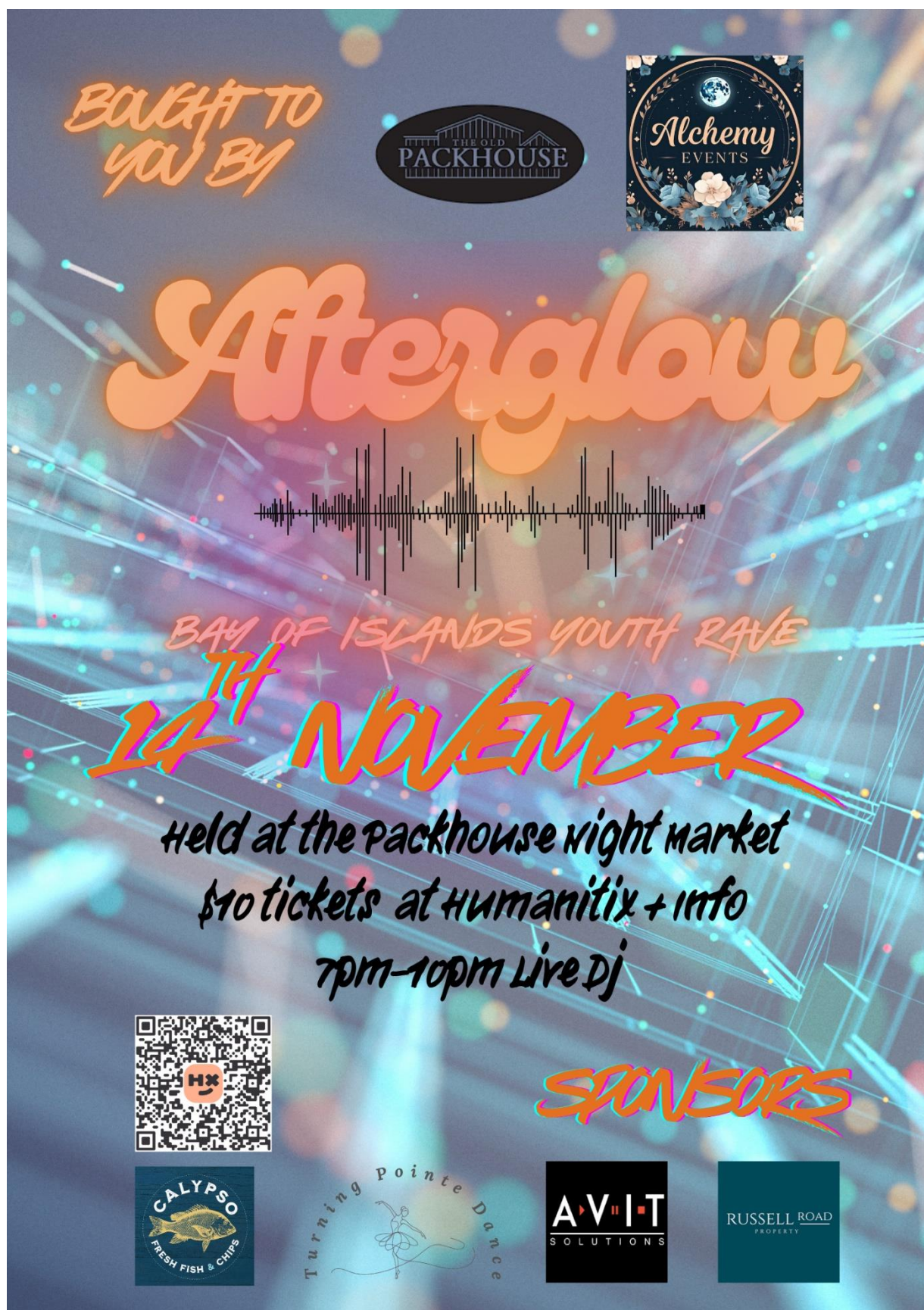
Our scarecrows are back! This is an annual tradition Preschool started many years ago, to make individual scarecrows that could be displayed along the fence, at the same time as the community fireworks event. Our children have a lot of fun making them and spotting themselves when they arrive at Preschool.

We have also been enjoying visiting the local eels that live in the school river. On our regular Wednesday walks, we stop by the river to count how many eels there are, and to give them some extra treats. We've learnt they love dog roll! This time we counted seven big and healthy eels.



Fun Facts about Longfin Eel

- ✓ They have lived in New Zealand for 80 million years.
- ✓ They are the biggest freshwater eel in the world.
- ✓ They have really bad eyesight, but an amazing sense of smell.



The AfterGlow Youth raves are monthly events held at the Packhouse Night Market on a Friday night.

The next event is during students' exam time, but it can be a great way to let off some steam and foster some resources for resilience, as music and dance has been shown to do.

This is a strictly sober event with professional security in attendance as well as Maori wardens and local police support.

Tickets are \$10.00 and for full details and booking tickets, please go to the following website.

<https://events.humanitix.com/afterglow-bay-of-islands-youth-rave-q47nkzcu>

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The annual Kerikeri Half Marathon is on Saturday 22nd November. There is also the 5km event that will suit families.

We have had several students, staff members, and families take part over the years and they've all had a great time. The atmosphere at the finishing line at the Kerikeri Domain is a lot of fun, and it's great to cheer on friends and family as they come down the finishers chute.

If you're interested in more details or registering to run / walk, visit the following website

<https://raceroster.com/events/2025/104213/northland-waste-kerikeri-half-marathon-2025>



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