



SPRINGBANK SCHOOL

Developing Capability ◆ Character ◆ Confidence in an exceptional educational environment.

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Dear Springbank Family

It was a privilege to spend the first couple of weeks of term in the “hot seat” as Acting Principal while Tina enjoyed a well-deserved break travelling with her husband. I really enjoyed the opportunity and appreciated the chance to connect with many of our students — particularly some of the newer faces who have recently joined Springbank.

During assemblies, I shared a couple of themes that I believe are especially important for young people. One was the value of embracing challenge and stepping outside of our comfort zones: *“Do hard things, and your life will get easier. Do easy things, and your life will get harder.”* Growth, resilience, and confidence are often built through perseverance and a willingness to tackle difficult tasks head-on. I also spoke about the importance of getting plenty of natural sunlight as we head into the winter months — something that can have a significant impact on our energy, mood, sleep, and overall wellbeing.

One of the highlights of the fortnight was sharing in our ANZAC commemorations alongside our senior students, many of whom played a significant role in leading and supporting the services. It was a proud moment, and it reminded me that we have some outstanding young people at Springbank. Their confidence, leadership, and respect reflected incredibly well on the Springbank community.

After handing the reins back on Wednesday, Tina has returned refreshed and has already hit the ground running as she leads the school through another busy and exciting term ahead.

Mike Warren, Director



Students and staff proudly singing the New Zealand national anthem at the start of each assembly.



Celebrating student success each assembly with our Student of the Week and Academic Award.

Dates & Events to Note:

We have a wide range of internal and external events and trips across Term Two. All events can be found on our school website calendar.

- **Springbank Cross Country – Thursday 14th May**
- **Pink Shirt Day – Friday 15th May**
- **Little Heart Day – Wednesday 20th May**
- **MUNA – Thursday 21st – Saturday 23rd May**
- **NSSS Orienteering (Springbank Hosting) – Friday 22nd May**
- **NSSS Cross Country – Wednesday 27th May**
- **Ugly Shakespeare – Wednesday 27th May**
- **Auctioneering Competition (Clay Blakeman) – Thursday 28th May**
- **Pyjama Day – Friday 29th May**
- **King's Birthday (School CLOSED) – Monday 1st June**
- **Inter-school Cross Country 8-12 year olds (Springbank Hosting) – Wed 3rd Jun**
- **Springbank's Got Talent – Friday 5th June**



Matariki Celebrations 2026

Our fabulous Matariki Celebrations will be back on Thursday 25th June. This annual event is a highlight of our school calendar where our Springbank community come together to help celebrate the Māori New Year. It is an event where everyone in the school community can be involved from prepping the vegetables, digging the hangi pit, making soup or stuffing, providing goods or services, to being part of the all important hangi team.

- ❖ It is a time to remember those that have passed.
- ❖ It is a time to celebrate the present and
- ❖ It is a time to plan and look ahead to the future.

More information will be coming out soon, but if you are able to help with our celebrations in anyway, please email Taryn.

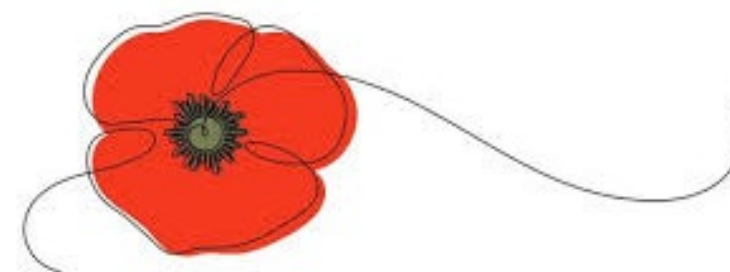
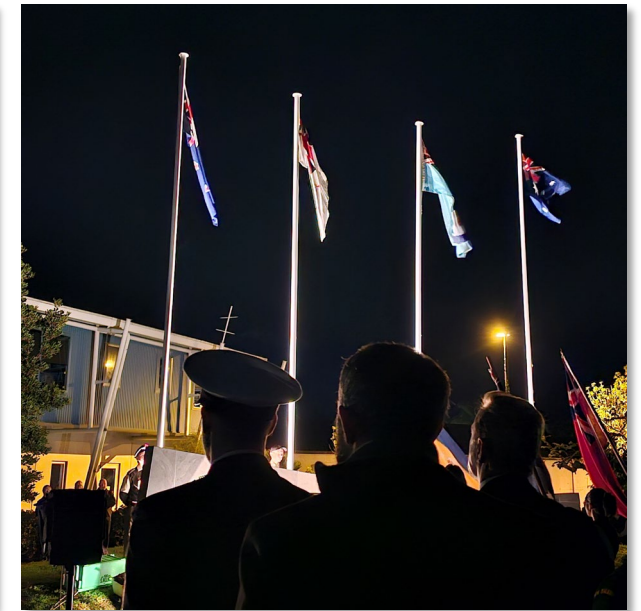
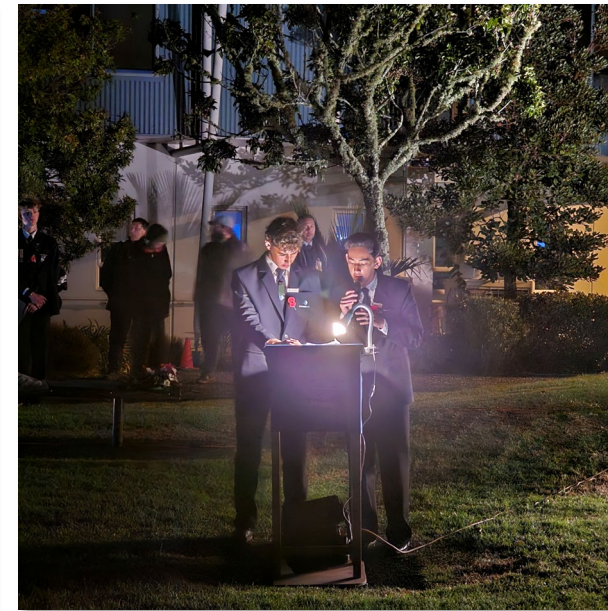


ANZAC Day 2026

Springbank School was honoured to help lead and support this year's ANZAC Day at both the dawn and 9:45am services at the Kerikeri domain. For a small New Zealand town, it was wonderful to see such large numbers of the community; young and old, attend both services, to remember those who served our country so bravely.

Thank you to our Prefect Team (Ronan, Evie, Clay, KK, Raidon, Aysha and Brisa) and Senior Leaders (Seb and Ava) for your wonderful service and leadership. You represented Springbank School proudly and led key roles confidently and with pride.

ANZAC DAY is a day of remembrance and reflection for the men and women who served in past wars and conflicts, and also for acknowledging those who are currently serving in the armed forces.



Winter Sports 2026 - Netball

The winter sports season began for our netball teams on the last weekend of the Term One school holidays, starting with a pre-season tournament for our Year 7&8 and Senior netball teams. The teams played multiple short games, and it was a great opportunity to get back onto the courts and get those netball memory skills activated again. Congratulations to both teams for a great day on the courts, displaying great team play and sportsmanship.

It was awesome to see a huge parent turnout supporting the players, and a huge thank you to our student coaches; Evie, Brisa (Year 7&8 team) and Gabi (Senior Team) who are coaching and supporting the teams this year. Your help is greatly appreciated, and we know the teams are going to have a successful and enjoyable season.



Winter Sports 2026 - Hockey

The winter sports season also started for our Intermediate and Collegiate hockey teams at the turf over in Kaikohe. Both teams are now playing on a Wednesday night, a first for the intermediate grade playing under the night lights.

Similar to the netball, the first round comprised of an Opening Tournament with mini games against each team in the league. Our intermediate team jumped onto the turf with fantastic energy and played some fast-paced games, winning two out of their three games convincingly. It was especially awesome to watch their teamwork reignite again so quickly for the new season.

We are delighted to enter a Collegiate team into the hockey tournament this year, after a couple of years away from that grade. We have combined with four Keri High students to make up a full squad, and they played exceptionally well together. Their sportsmanship and enjoyment of the game shone through, and we're predicting a successful season for them.



Friends of Springbank

The Friends of Springbank had a successful meeting on April 28th, approving more financial funding requests and working towards some new fundraiser ideas and events for the Springbank parent community.

- The committee sent out a survey in Term One asking the Springbank community for their feedback and would like to thank everyone for their responses. Respondents were asked questions about; fundraising, funding, volunteering, and communication. Here is a brief breakdown of the results.
- Key Principle from results: Funds should **add value**, not replace standard school funding.



FUNDRAISING – 10 main fundraiser types	FUNDING – Focus Areas	FUNDING – Ideas / Suggestions
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz / Bingo Nights 2. Colour / Fun Run Events 3. Auctions / Raffles 4. Movie Nights 5. Community Festivals / Markets 6. Food Fundraisers 7. Art / Talent / Fashion Events 8. Sports Tournaments 9. School Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read-a-thon / Math-a-thon 10. Ongoing Income Ideas 	<p><u>Strongest Support</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trips, camps or student experiences 2. Sport and Physical activity 3. Arts and cultural opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund more class trips / camps • Help fund OPC so more students can attend • Trips around the Bay of Islands for history and environmental learning • Help cover museum / exhibition / performance costs • Invest in one or two sports, to create strong school reputation • Hire professional coaches to work with sports teams • Encourage school pride and visibility in the community • Invite guest speakers / experts / specialist workshops • Support student performances or exhibitions
	<p><u>Moderate Support</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student Wellbeing initiatives 2. Playground / outdoor improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops (online safety / self-defence / self-esteem / healthy friendships) • Playground inclusion ideas / signs around school • Friendship benches / seats • Sun protection education • Outdoor Fitness Stations • More playground equipment
	<p><u>Low Support</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community events 2. Classroom resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Termly parent coffee mornings • Parent social events • Community connection events • Laptop vouchers for students • Classroom learning resources

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Friends of Springbank

From the findings of the survey, the committee are currently looking at the idea of running a car boot sale based in the school carpark, and another parent social evening. More details will be shared and events confirmed if they go ahead.

A strong theme was to support students representing Springbank School in sports teams. The committee already helps subsidise students attending Northland Secondary School Sports (NSSS) events, and at their last meeting they agreed to help subsidise the 2026 Springbank basketball, hockey, and netball teams' season fees.

The committee is also starting to talk FIREWORKS as this is our big community fundraiser of the year. This year they are looking at inviting more independent food vendors to the event. If you know of anyone who might be interested in running a drinks / food stall at the 2026 fireworks event, please direct them to email the committee on friends@springbank.school.nz

The Friends of Springbank committee meet once a month in the school staffroom. **The next meeting and AGM will be on Wednesday 27th May at 2:00pm.**

All parents and caregivers from Preschool, Headstart and School are welcome to attend.

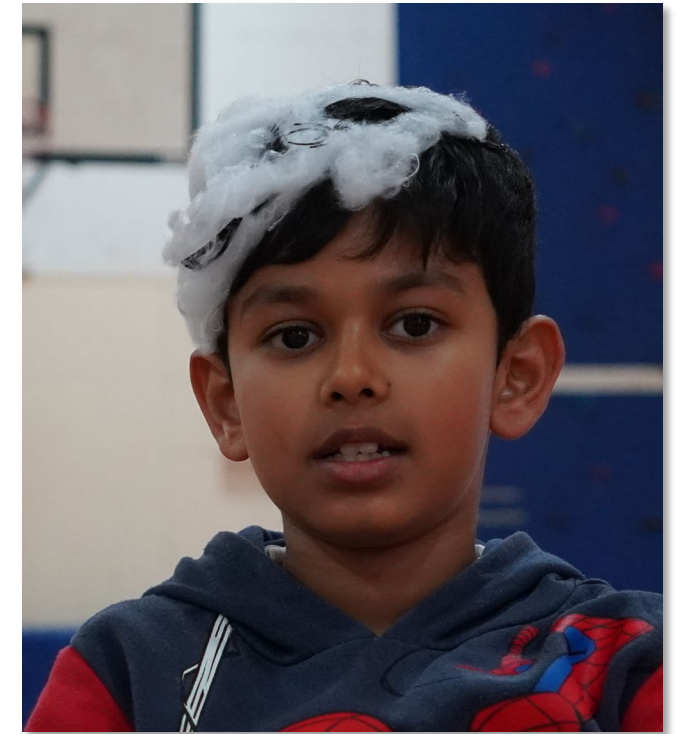


Friends of
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"Further the educational experience of Springbank School students"

Crazy Hair Day

As part of the Shave for a Cure event at school on Friday 1st May, a Crazy Hair Day event also ran where students could come to school with the craziest, most colourful, eccentric hairstyles. It was awesome to see all the wild designs and colours walking around the school grounds.



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Shave for a Cure

This year we had five students and one parent signed up for the Shave for a Cure event. Then on the day of the event we had two more students sign up, taking us to 8 shavees!

The event this year was epic, with **our Springbank School team raising over \$16,500 dollars!** This is an absolutely outstanding result, and we are so proud of our shavees, students, our families and wider community for all their fundraising and support.

A special mention must go to Madelena Gray who smashed the \$10K mark in donations, making her the 2nd leading individual fundraiser.

A big thanks to Brisa and Ava who led the organisation of the event, Clay for MCing, Ronan for taking photos, and several other senior students who helped on the day. We would also like to thank Fletcher from the Chop Shop in Kerikeri who came and gave his support, and tidied up each shavee at the end of their shave.

The biggest congratulations and appreciation must go to Alex Edwards, Frank Warren, Esther Kistemaker, Madelena Gray, Jimmy Warren, James Owen, Thomas Dutton-Wilkie, and Taco Kistemaker for stepping up to get their head shaved and support Blood Cancer NZ.



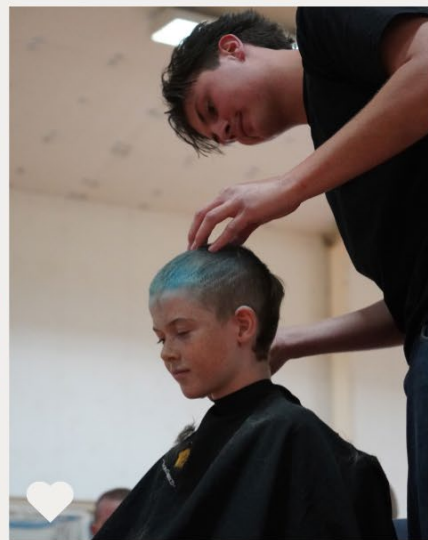
Team Fundraising Leaderboard

1		Springbank 2026	Raised \$16,632	
2		St Thomas of Canterbury College	Raised \$7,552	
3		Cashmere High School	Raised \$6,591	
4		Elise, Maggie, and Roisin	Raised \$5,041	
5		AAI Bald & Beautiful	Raised \$4,963	



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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS HOMESTAY

Have you ever thought about becoming a host family?
Hosting an international student is a rewarding opportunity to share our culture, learn from each other, build lifelong connections, and earn extra income along the way.
Springbank School is looking for host families and we would love to hear from you if you can help.
Homestay rates for 2026 are \$340 per week, increasing to \$355 per week in 2027.

Become a Host Family. Open Your home, Open Your World!



Contact Jo Warren today to find out more information.

022-391-0852 jo.warren@springbank.school.nz

Preschool Relievers

Springbank Preschool is seeking enthusiastic relievers to join our team. We welcome applications from both ECE qualified and non-qualified individuals who enjoy working with young children.

At Springbank Preschool our aim is to support and encourage authentic, independent, and confident young children within a respectful and exceptional educational environment. We believe that all children are unique individuals who should be listened to, valued, trusted, and respected every day.

At Springbank Preschool we encourage children to be capable and confident learners. Our programme is based on New Zealand's *Te Whāriki* Early Childhood Curriculum, which is child-directed and teacher-guided, and we support early literacy and numeracy development through playful learning experiences guided by each child's interests and abilities.

If you are caring, reliable, and passionate about supporting young learners, we would love to hear from you. Please email Mike.Warren@springbank.school.nz to express your interest or to learn more about joining our reliever pool.



Springbank School Celebrating 30 years

Let's take a look back at 2013 to the Maggi Kitchen Showdown. 13 years ago, a cooking competition sponsored by Maggi was run alongside the Erin Simpson show, a popular afterschool children's show on TV2.

Student teams from around New Zealand entered their dishes to Maggi and the Springbank School team Burrito Bandits (Michael Horsman, Zach Kingsford, Andrew Knight and Kate Hewitt) won the Upper North Island competition, taking them through to the finals being filmed in Christchurch. It was an exciting adventure for our students to be in a national competition, but to also have it filmed and showcased on national TV.

What made this competition even more special, was that the Springbank team WON!!! Winning themselves \$5,000



Headstart Report

Swimming is back for the term, and with it came a little adventure on wheels! The bus ride alone sparked plenty of excitement and the children did an amazing job sitting calmly and patiently along the way.

Once we arrived at Little Dippers, they eagerly jumped into their groups, ready to learn and have fun. Split into three small groups of four, they enjoyed their lessons with teachers Kim, Taylor, and Kylie making a splash while building confidence and skills in the water.

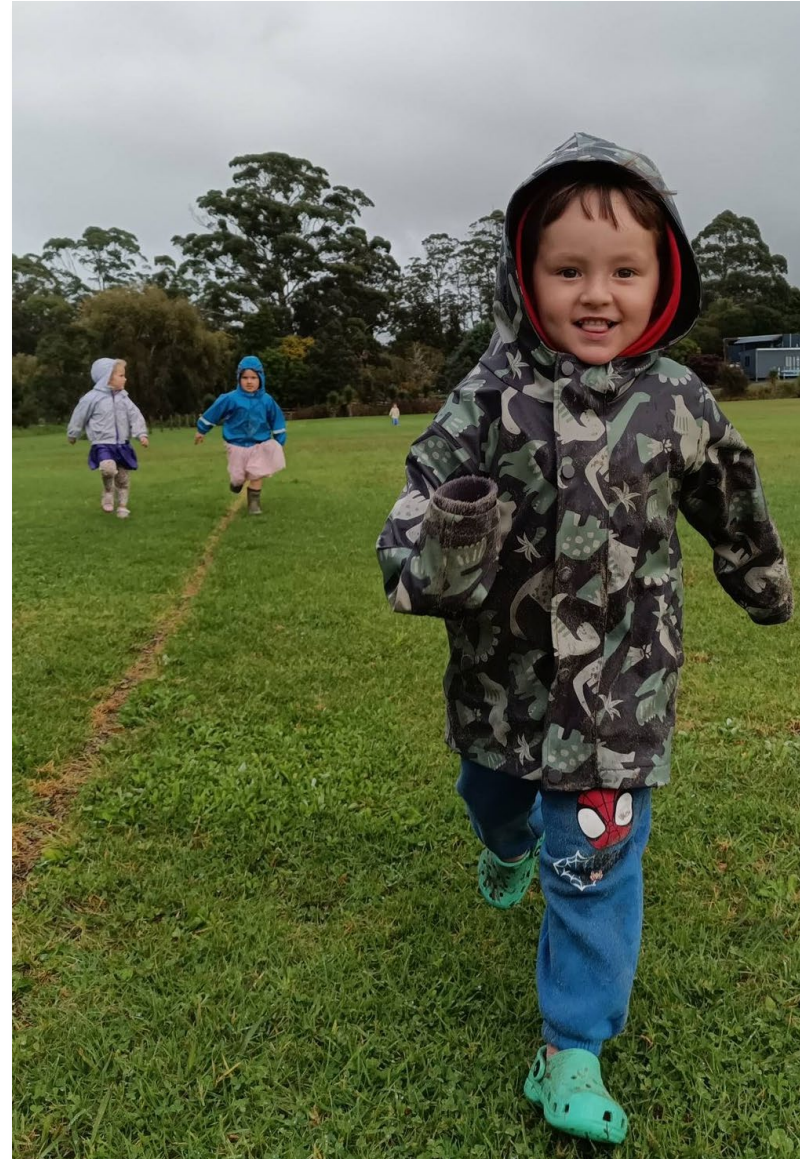


Preschool Update

With the Springbank School Cross Country only a few days away, our friends have been out everyday training and not even the rain can stop us from practising. Our friends have lots of motivation here at Preschool and we can't wait to join the big kids on the field. There is a parent race at the end of the junior races, so we'd love to see as many parents join in and try to claim the winning spot!



Good luck to all our runners this coming week.



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Please Donate
so they can participate

We need NEW or excellent quality:
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Shoes and Socks

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is proud to partner the Angels to keep vulnerable kiwi kids warm

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Bars of Soap
Shaving Foam
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Find out more here



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www.baldangels.org.nz

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HELP CHARLOTTE

REPRESENT SPRINGBANK SCHOOL AT AIMS GAMES 2026 IN SWIMMING




Charlotte has been training hard and has qualified to compete in the AIMS Games in 2026! Every donation helps her get to this prestigious event and represent Springbank School in swimming.

SCAN TO DONATE:



Help Charlotte achieve her dreams!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

<https://www.gotyaback.co.nz/help-charlotte-get-to-the-aims-games-2026-charli-1775524974>

