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Newsletter No.06 June 2026



Dear Springbank Family

As we wrap up another fantastic term, I have been reflecting on the critical skills we as educators must deliver to ensure our young people thrive in a rapidly shifting economy.

With our seniors embarking on their careers trip this month, it was the perfect time to explore what future opportunities look like. During a recent Year 11 mathematics lesson, I asked students about their goals. I was thrilled to hear how many are aiming for pathways in business and entrepreneurship.

To succeed tomorrow, some of the skills our youth need include entrepreneurial thinking, interdisciplinary creativity, and a strong sense of personal agency. They must learn how to find intrinsic purpose outside of conventional employment. At Springbank we help develop these skills through programmes like our upcoming Market Day which all students from as young as five are involved in. Ms. Chapman happened to be in the room and highlighted the incredible value of the Young Enterprise Scheme, which helps build these exact skills and maybe even start their future business journey.

Our Year 9 to 12 students and parents have received the course guides for 2027 and our students will be selecting their preferred subject choices for next year by the end of week 1 next term. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss these options as a family and reach out to Ms Chapman if you require any further information.

We have had some wonderful events this month which are celebrated in this newsletter. Congratulations to KK and Ava and the wider prefect team for the outstanding organisation of our Springbank Trashion Show and Springbank's Got Talent. It was a wonderful afternoon and was well received by the students and parents. Congratulations to everyone who participated. A week later Fynn organised an inter-house quiz afternoon that was a lot of fun. I'm proud to say the Sharks won. A fantastic effort was made by all.

The 2026 Senior Ball was another great success. It was a memorable evening, beautifully organised and led by Ms Chapman and our prefects, Ronan, KK and Evie. They all demonstrated exceptional leadership and attention to detail in planning one of the true highlights of 2026. We have received glowing feedback from the staff and the Kerikeri Cruising Club, commenting on how respectful, polite and well behaved our students were. This sort of feedback fills me with pride. It is a powerful reminder of the character and capability of our students and the strong values they bring with them; values that are nurtured at home and reinforced in our school environment. To all the families who supported their children for the Ball, thank you.

Our Term Two finale was marked by a much-loved tradition, our annual Matariki Hāngī. A heartfelt thank you again to Waipapa and Paihia Four Squares for their donations and the Spice family for their leadership. We are also incredibly grateful to the dedicated Springbank Hāngī Installation Team, along with all the staff, students, and families who helped prepare, serve, and share in this special community meal. This event is a true highlight of our school calendar and a wonderful way to bring our community together in celebration.

Thank you all for another wonderful term. Have a well-deserved holiday break and to those families heading off on an adventure, safe travels!

Tina Hallowes, Principal

Dates & Events to Note:

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

- **TERM THREE** – Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September (10 weeks)
- **Middle School Speech Finals** – Friday 24th July
- **Springbank Science Fair** – Thursday 30th July (hosted in the school gym)
- **Book Fair** – Thursday 30th July (hosted in the school gym)
- **BOI Beast Run, Year 7 to 13** – Friday 31st July
- **Internationals Trip to Waitangi** – Tuesday 4th August
- **Northland Mathex Competition** – Thursday 13th August
- **Football Festival, Year 3 to 6** – Friday 14th August



Springbank School Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair will be held in the school gym on Thursday 30th July, alongside the school Science Fair.

If you have any books that you no longer need at home, please drop them off into the boxes that will be outside the school office from the beginning of Term Three.

All books will be sold for \$2.00 each, with all profits going to Alzheimers New Zealand.



BOOK FAIR

Thursday 30th July in the gym
8.00am to 4.00pm

COME AND GRAB SOMETHING NEW TO READ

\$2.00 per book - Cash Only



Alzheimers New Zealand



Interschool Cross Country – 8 to 12 year old runners

During the first week of June, Springbank School hosted the Interschool Cross Country for runners aged 8-12-years-old as on the 1st of January. We hit the jackpot with the weather with clear skies and welcomed eight other local schools to the event.

- Te Takarangi
- Kaeo Primary
- Riverview School
- Harvest Christian School
- Russell Primary
- Oruaiti School
- Parkaraka School
- Kerikeri Primary



A total of 130 students ran the cross country and it was amazing to see the sportsmanship, physical strength and determination of all the runners. The course took the runners across grass, some mud and shale tracks, up a hilly paddock, and through the bog back to the finish line. We’d like to thank our Year 9 class who helped on the day as course marshals and finish line markers. We are delighted to be the hosts of this interschool event and look forward to hosting again in 2027.

Extra special congratulations to the Springbank School runners who placed on the podium.

8-year-olds	9-year-olds	10-year-olds	11-year-olds	12-year-olds
<u>GIRLS</u> Ava S. – 1 st girls	<u>GIRLS</u> Ella B. – 1 st girls	<u>GIRLS</u> Camilla S. – 1 st girls	<u>GIRLS</u> Olive K. – 1 st girls Maddie B. – 2 nd girls Ayla M. – 3 rd girls	<u>GIRLS</u> Ilha C. – 1 st girls Alessia T. – 2 nd girls
<u>BOYS</u> Arlo P. – 3 rd boys	<u>BOYS</u> Lachlan W. – 2 nd boys	<u>BOYS</u> Jimmy W. – 3 rd boys	<u>BOYS</u> Frank W. – 1 st boys Henry B. – 2 nd boys	<u>BOYS</u> Austin K. – 1 st boys Walter D. – 2 nd boys

Springbank's Got Talent and Recycled Fashion Show

On the afternoon of Friday 5th June, the gym was transformed into a world of creativity as students took part in the biennial Springbank's Got Talent event, as well as walking the catwalk and modelling in the Recycled Fashion Show. Both events were organised and run by our senior students KK and Ava, and it was a brilliant afternoon of entertainment and design.

This year's talent show saw the audience entertained with singing, musical talents, dance, and martial arts. The variety and skill of our students from Junior to Senior School were impressive, and each act showed great confidence and flare.

The audience was also treated to a rendition of the CCR classic "Have you ever seen the rain" by a group of Year 12 and 13 students.



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Springbank's Got Talent and Recycled Fashion Show

The Recycled Fashion Show featured students from Junior School up to Year 9 wowing the audience with their creativity, style, and flare. All the designs were made from recycled materials and there were some incredible garments on display.

Our judges Ms Hatherly, Mrs Mitchell, Tiffany and Imogen (Year 12) had the difficult task of awarding prizes to the top three acts and fashion of the day.

Thank you to the Friends of Springbank committee for funding the cash prizes, the AV team for organising the audio, Clay for MC duties, and senior students for helping with the setup and pack down.



Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)

To complete the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) 2026 experience our Year 13 participating students recently spent an evening with the members of the Rotary Club of Waipapa.

Rotary in many regions of New Zealand is a major organiser and supported of the MUNA event, providing sponsorship for team entry fees. We are grateful to the Rotary Club of Waipapa chapter for continuously supporting our Springbank School teams.

During the evening our students mixed and engaged with all the Rotarians and spoke beautifully as they shared their experiences and thanking them for the opportunity to attend MUNA. Our students shared how valuable and inspiring the trip was, entertained the club members, as well as demonstrating the MUNA process clearly and cleverly in fascinating detail.

We greatly appreciate the support from the Rotary Club of Waipapa, and it is wonderful that our students can go back to the members, meet them, share information, and connect with each other.

Again, a big thanks to Mrs Hittle who is the lead teacher and organiser every year of this experience for our senior students.



New Zealand Army Band

We were delighted to welcome the New Zealand Army Band to school on Wednesday 17th June, to entertain us with their fabulous music.

The New Zealand Army Band is a full-time professional unit of the New Zealand Army, and travelled from the Burnham Military Camp near Christchurch to visit schools around Northland.

We were thrilled to be one of the selected schools. The band has around 36 musicians, including brass, percussion, rhythm section members, and vocalists.



Friends of Springbank

Our legendary Springbank Fireworks Extravaganza will be held on **Saturday 7th November**. This year we will be having a different format which will enable more of our families to be able to enjoy the event as spectators (instead of volunteering etc). We will however, still need some help with setup/pack down.

We are on the lookout for external food trucks and vendors from the community, so please feel free to let anyone you know who might be interested to please get in touch with us. Any students (and/or their family) who would like a stall similar to Market Day, an activity stall or family business stall, are also welcome to reach out.

All Vendors would need to be completely self-sufficient with power (if needed) and cash/eftpos capabilities, as we will not be using Springbucks this year.

Please get in-touch directly to info@millbaymagic.co.nz with any questions or if you would like to be a vendor.

Spaces are limited but priority will be given to Springbank families and previous vendors.

Next Friends of Springbank meeting: will be Tuesday 28 July, via Zoom, 7.30pm. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the time.



Springbank Senior School Ball – Las Vegas 2026

Glitz, glamour, and dancing were on the cards at the Senior School Ball this year with a Las Vegas theme. Hosted at the Doves Bay Cruising Club, our Year 11-13 students looked stunning and very handsome! It is always a delight for staff in attendance to see the transformation of students from their regular school day clothes, to beautiful dresses and smart suits.

The dance floor was busy from the first song, and students didn't stop again until it was time to head home. Each year students practice a waltz to dance once the King and Queen is announced, but the students had a surprise up their sleeves and also performed a group dance to Footloose that they have been practising together, and it was brilliant!!

A big thank you to Ms Chapman and the Prefect team for creating such a wonderful night, and helping creating special memories for everyone.



Interschool Cross Country – 4 to 7 year old runners

What a great day our 20 junior runners had on Wednesday 17th June at the Interschool Cross Country for students aged 4-7 years (as on the 1st January) held at Te Takarangi school.

Our runners showed great determination, grit, confidence, and speed as they made their way around the course. Everyone successfully finished their race and should be very proud of themselves.

Thanks to the wonderful parents who came and supported everyone. Springbank placed

1st - 4 year old girls

2nd - 4 year old boys

3rd - 5 year old boys

2nd - 6 year old boys

3rd - 7 year old girls



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS HOMESTAY

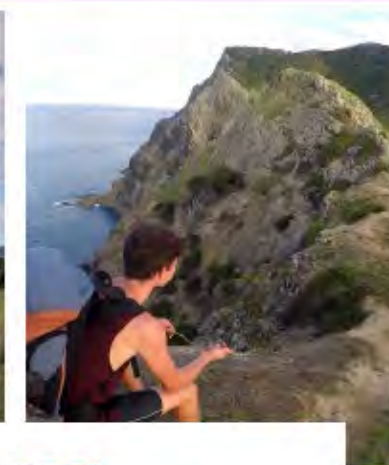
Have you ever thought about becoming a host family?

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

English Department Updates

As Ms Mitchell's maternity leave approaches, taking leave from August 10th until the end of Term One, 2027. We would like to thank Ms Mitchell for her wonderful teaching and the incredible impact she has had on our students since joining Springbank School in January this year. We wish Ms Mitchell and her family all the best on this exciting new chapter, and we can't wait to hear about the arrival of their wee girl.

We are incredibly fortunate to have two highly capable educators joining our team to ensure a seamless transition for our students:

Mr. Graham Bean (Year 10, Year 11, and AS English):

Graham brings many years of experience teaching the Cambridge curriculum, both here in New Zealand (including schools such as Pinehurst) and internationally in China, Thailand, and Taiwan. As a local resident, Graham is a wonderful addition to our community. He is already co-planning lessons with Steph to deeply understand what each student needs to achieve their absolute best this year. Graham will be with us until Steph's return in Term 2, 2027.



Mrs. Diana Stirling (Year 8 and Year 9 English):

Diana will be teaching our Year 8 and 9 students until the end of this year. Already well-known and adored within our school community, Diana is recognised for her outstanding teaching skills, meticulous preparation, and vibrant, positive attitude. She is a fantastic addition to our middle school team. Looking ahead, we will be advertising for a permanent middle school English teacher to take over these classes for the 2027 school year.



Careers Trip 2026

Our annual Careers Trip to Auckland and Hamilton for students in Years 11 to 13 is always a popular one for students to attend as it offers them the chance to visit tertiary campuses, the Careers Expo, visit Auckland Airport, tour halls of residence, visit the Whenuapai Airforce Base, as well as having some fun and laughs with their peers along the way.

The Careers Trip is a valuable event for students to get a brief insight to study and career choices. At the NZ Careers Expo, students were introduced to a wide range of exhibitors from tech, education, medical pathways, commerce, engineering, and NZ police. The variety and information available for students was huge, and many highly recommended visiting the expo at any age.

We were delighted to catch up with Jaasmeet and Sam (both 2025 Springbank School graduates) at the University of Auckland, who could share their own personal insights to living in student halls and studying at a tertiary level.



In amongst the formal tours and information of the three-day trip, our students were also able to relax and have some fun together at Archie Brothers Arcade, a night at the movies, and chasing some thrills at Rainbows End before coming home.

A big thank you to Ms Chapman who organised the Careers Trip, setting up all the tour visits, accommodation, transport, and every aspect of the trip. Thanks also to Mr Warren, Mrs Binedell, Mrs Hulse, Mr Epley, and Brian & Suely Skedgwell for accompanying our students and being expert drivers around the city.



Careers Trip Raffle

This year to help subsidise the Year 11 to 13 Careers Trip, several families and local businesses donated some fantastic prizes towards a raffle draw. This support was greatly appreciated as it reduced the overall costs of the trip.

Fullers Great Sights – Family pass to the Hole in the Rock valued at \$425.00. Winner = Mr Epley 	OC Tenders - Prezzy Card valued at \$100. Winner = Tamai and Debbie 	Te Hine Ruru - Massage Voucher valued at \$90.00. Winner = Tracey Roberts 	Cellini's – Voucher valued at \$50.00. Winner = Ms Chapman 	4 Square Waipapa - Hamper valued at \$100.00. Winner = Sheree McIntosh 
Opua General Store – Smartwatch valued at \$80.00. Winner = Ms Chapman 	Intune Pilates – 2x Reformer Intro Packs valued at \$195.00 each. Winners = Debra Milna & Peter Finch 	Latin Fit – 10x Class Place valued at \$100.00. Winner = Hetty 	Russell Physiotherapy – Prezzy Card valued at \$100.00. Winner = Peter Finch 	BBQ Butcher – Special High Grade Whole Sirloin valued at \$600.00. Winner = Ngawai Roy 
Eagle's Nest – EcoStore Hamper valued at \$100.00. Winner = Jess Karach 	Coastal Homes – Prezzy Card valued at \$150.00. Winner = Ngawai Roy 	Design and Print – 250 Business Cards valued at \$140.00. Winner = TJ 	New World Kerikeri – Hamper valued at \$80.00. Winner = Peter Finch 	GJ Gardner Homes – Fisher & Paykel Wireless Temperature Sensor valued at \$462.00. Winner = Grace Kingi 
Friends of Springbank – voucher to the value of \$200.00. Winner = Keitha Smith 	Barfoot & Thompson – Felt Bag Goodie Bag valued at \$160.00. Winner = Corinne Thorburn 	THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT and CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS.		

Matariki Celebrations 2026

A school community favourite was back during the last week of Term Two. Over Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June, we held our annual Matariki Celebrations with a delicious hangi and activities in the gym. The weather this year threw in some extra challenges with some heavy rain showers, but this didn't deter the Hangi Installation Team who confidently had back up plans, and successfully built and laid another great hangi.

Members of the Springbank School community from Preschool to Year 13, staff, and families all contributed in some way to make the Matariki Celebrations a huge success once again. Matariki is a special New Zealand celebration which heralds the start of the Māori New Year (Te Matahi o te Tau), where we remember those in our past, celebrate the present, and look ahead to the future. Our school celebrations are really special as everyone has a part to play. We work, learn, and celebrate together from prepping the vegetables, laying the hangi, serving the food, to organising activities in the gym. It is a full community event from start to finish, and we are so grateful to the Spice family for helping lead this event each year.

- [Please visit our school Facebook page or Instagram to see a full reel of the event.](#)

Extra thanks goes to the following people and businesses who helped with this years event.

- ❖ **4 Square Waipapa** and **4 Square Paihia** – who supply ALL the meat and vegetables for the hangi.
- ❖ **Office Product Depot** – donated the plates, cutlery, cups, and napkins.
- ❖ **Spice Family** – Vadim, Lynsey, Ethan, and Lucy.
- ❖ **Hangi Crew** – Vadim, Toby, Glen, Craig, Glenno, Caleb, and Ben
- ❖ **Preschool** – making the delicious soup
- ❖ **Headstart** – made the stuffing
- ❖ **Junior & Middle School** – helping prep vegetables
- ❖ **Senior Students** – delivered and served food
- ❖ **Staff** – who ran activities in the gym
- ❖ **Jo & Shirley** – thanks for the yummy fry bread



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Matariki Celebrations 2026 continues ...



Springbank School Celebrating 30 years – Agri Pet Day

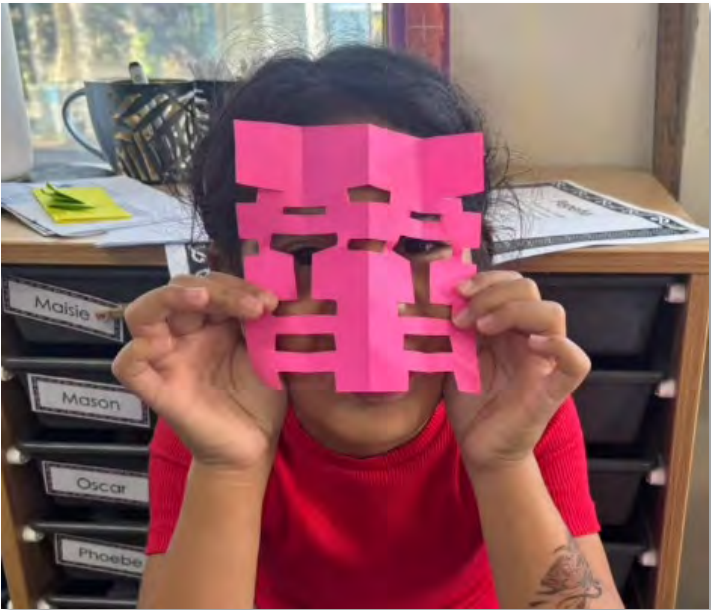
Our annual Agri Pet Day was started by a student Kimberley Knight in 2015. In 2017 the art section was added, and the event has been a highlight every year. This year marks the 12th year of this event. We can’t wait to see what costumes our students come up with in Term Four – watch this space! Below are just some of the best dressed lambs.



Headstart Report

Quan and Bella (Parents from the Sushi Gallery) came to teach us how to roll sushi this term. Thank you so much for taking the time to come in and share your knowledge with us - we REALLY enjoyed it! Especially taste testing it afterwards!

Quan then taught us how to cut our own Chinese crafts. It was such a cool activity! We love making connections with our families and learning about the roles they hold in our wider community.



Preschool Update

Mesmerising moments of learning through play. Messy play invites children to explore, experiment, and discover through hands-on sensory fun. Today's favourite was gloop (oobleck) — that magical substance that behaves like both a liquid and a solid! Squeezing, pouring, and watching it change keeps little learners completely engaged, turning curiosity into discovery and play into powerful learning. Our educators play alongside the children, supporting their thinking, extending their ideas, and sharing in the joy of every messy, magical moment.

If you have little ones, or have family and friends looking for a preschool for their children, we welcome visitors every day and would love to show them around Preschool, and join our wonderful community.





HELP OUR TEAM SHOOT FOR SAMOA!

FUNDRAISING DINNER & AUCTION
SAMOA TOUR 2027

SPRINGBANK SCHOOL U15 NETBALL TEAM

 **DATE:**
31 JULY 2026
5.30PM – MIDNIGHT

 **VENUE:**
DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH HOTEL
RUSSELL

 **TICKETS:**
\$100 PER PERSON
INCLUDES DINNER AND
ENTRY TO THE EVENT

 **TABLES OF 10:**
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BOOK A TABLE AND BRING
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\$500 
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-  Your business name and logo logo featured on the team tracksuit
-  Recognition at the Springbank School U15 Netball Team Fundraising Dinner & Auction 31 JULY 2026 THE DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH HOTEL, RUSSELL
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\$50 PER DAY

🕒 8:00AM - 3:30PM
\$45 PER DAY

WEEK 1				
MON 29 JUNE WORLD CUP SUPERSTARS 	TUE 30 JUNE MINUTE TO WIN IT 	WED 1 JULY BRICK DAY 	THU 2 JULY OLYMPIC GAMES 	FRI 3 JULY KIDS CHOICE DAY
WEEK 2				
MON 6 JULY MULTI-SPORT MASHUP 	TUE 7 JULY CAPTURE THE FLAG 	WED 8 JULY BASKETBALL BATTLE 	THU 9 JULY RUGBY RUMBLE 	FRI 10 JULY MATARIKI PUBLIC HOLIDAY
WEEK 3				
MON 13 JULY STRIKE & SCORE 	TUE 14 JULY DODGEBALL ARENA 	WED 15 JULY CLIMBING ADVENTURE 	THU 16 JULY FOOTY FRENZY 	FRI 17 JULY CAMP CHAMPIONS

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TERM 3
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20TH JULY

until 25th Sept

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