



SPRINGBANK SCHOOL

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

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Dear Springbank Family

As we wrap up an action-packed August, I want to thank our entire Springbank community for what has been a busy month. While winter brought waves of illnesses that impacted many of our families and staff, we hope everyone is well on the mend as the days begin to lengthen and we look forward to warmer months ahead. Despite the seasonal bugs, our students and staff have shown immense resilience, focus, and passion across academics, sports, leadership, and the arts this month.

Academically, our Year 10 to 13 students have shown great focus during their recent mock examinations, while our Year 6 cohort is diligently preparing for their very first external Checkpoint exams.

Beyond the classroom, Springbank talent has shone brightly across the region. In the Lions Young Ambassador Awards: Ronan Leung, Evie Trotter, Toni Warren, and Clay Blakeman represented Springbank with distinction in Okaihau. A huge congratulations to Ronan Leung, who took out the top award following his outstanding speech, resume, and interview!

In the Regional Science Fair grand finale on Friday night, in a staggering display of scientific enquiry, 15 of our student entries received major prizes! A massive thank you to Charne Pretorius, Sam Joseph, Mark Dryburgh, and our supportive parents for guiding our young scientists to this phenomenal clean sweep.

The Northland Mathex Competition had our Year 6 to Year 10 teams bring incredible energy to Whangarei for the annual competition. While we missed out on podium spots this year, a fantastic time was had by all.

Our sports teams have been equally vibrant. Congratulations to Mr. Barker and our First XI Football team, who won our first-ever inter-school friendly match against the Kerikeri Under 17s. We hope this marks the start of a wonderful annual tradition!

As the winter sports season draws to a close, our 11-member Under 15 girls' Netball team is hard at work training for their upcoming international tournament in Samoa next April. Keep up the great work, girls (and parents).

Our Year 10 students spent two memorable nights aboard the yacht *Steinlager 2* in the Bay of Islands, immersing themselves in New Zealand history, developing leadership, and for many, completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey. Meanwhile, our annual ski trip enjoyed superb weather on the slopes. Many thanks to Mike, Jo, and our parents for making this wonderful event happen.

With our Art students busy producing fantastic creative pieces across all year levels, the prefect team of Ronan Leung, Evie Trotter, Toni Warren and Ava Phillips with the support of Mrs Hulse will open the annual Young Artist awards at the Turner Centre on Tuesday 1st September. This is another tradition that was established by Ronan and Evie last year. All the best to the team.

August has been a true celebration of what makes our school special. Thank you to our extraordinary staff team, supportive parents, and hardworking students who continue to give their absolute all!

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.

- **Otago University Course Planning** – Wednesday 9th September
- **Life Education Trust** – Monday 14th to Wednesday 16th September
- **Rotary Junior Speech Competition (Year 5&6)** – Tuesday 15th September
- **Friends of Springbank Meeting** – Tuesday 22nd September
- **Prefects Lunch** – Wednesday 23rd September
- **Senior Leaders Lunch** – Thursday 24th September
- **Middle/Senior Reports Issued** – Friday 25th September
- **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS** – Saturday 26th September to Sunday 11th October
- **TERM FOUR** – Monday 12th October to 3rd Thursday December (8 weeks)



TERM FOUR – WHAT’S COMING UP

Monday 12th October – Thursday 3rd December

Friday 23 October Year 7-10 Disco	Monday 26 October Labour Day School Closed	Week Four Year 7-10 Mock Exams
Saturday 7 November Fireworks Extravaganza	Wednesday 11 November Agri Pet/Art Day	Sunday 15 November Market Day
Monday 16 November Springbreak School Closed	Thursday 19 November Senior Dinner	Keep an eye out for emails and social post reminders :)

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Lions Young Ambassadors Award (District 202K Zone 1)

During the first week of August, four of our senior students Ronan Leung, Clay Blakeman, Evie Trotter, and Toni Warren represented Springbank as finalists at the Lions Young Ambassadors Awards, held at the Okaihau Town Hall.

Students had to submit an entry and CV to be considered, and the second phase of judging included a 10-minute interview with 3 judges, followed by presenting a 5-minute speech on a subject of their choice.

Mrs Hallowes and Ms Chapman attended the evening and said our students were the "Best of the best" displaying great confidence, strong speaking skills, personality, and fantastic interaction with the judges and other guests on the night.

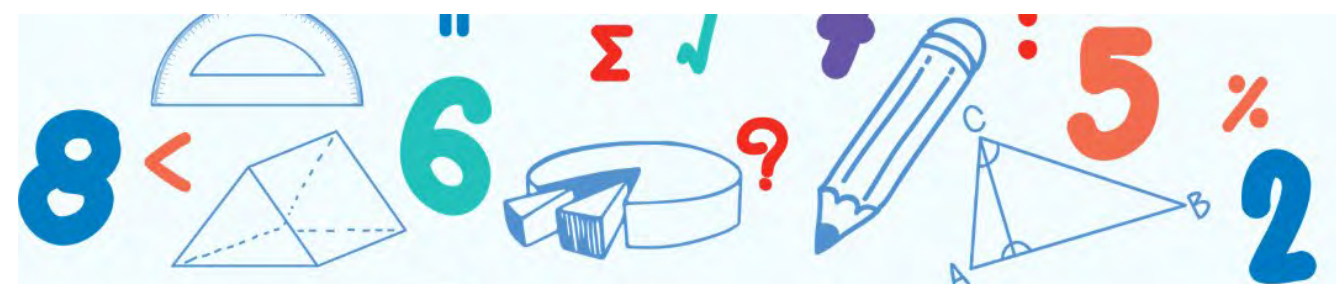
We would like to congratulate all four students for making it through to the finals, and a big congratulations to Ronan Leung who was awarded Overall Winner, receiving \$1000 and entry into the North Island finals.



Springbank Inter-House Mathex

During Week Four of Term Three, Mrs Binedell and a group of senior students helped run an Inter-House Mathex competition for our Year 6-9 students. Mathex is a competition about combining speed and maths knowledge. The afternoon was good practice before our teams attended the Northland Mathex Competition in Whangarei later the same week.

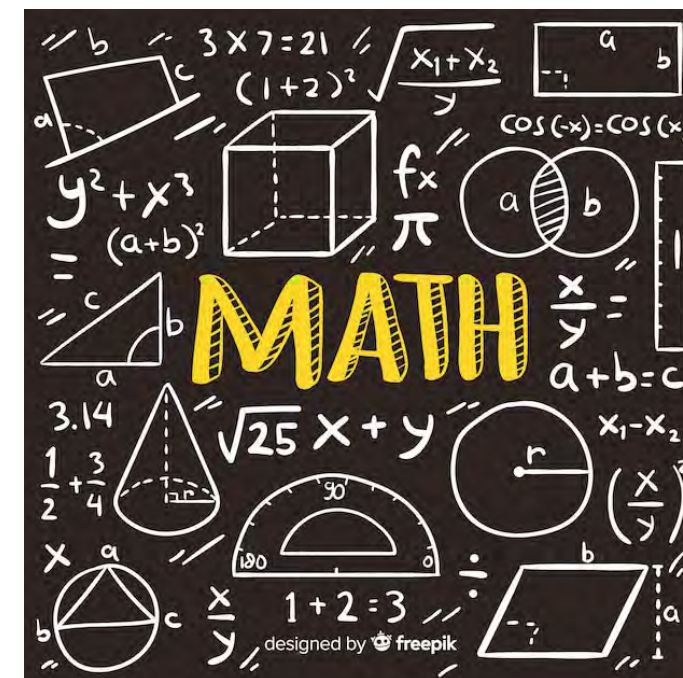
Thank you to the Friends of Springbank committee for sponsoring the winning team prizes.



Northland Mathex Competition

On Thursday 13th August, Springbank School sent seven teams from Year 6 to 10 to attend the Northland Mathex Competition in Whangarei. This event is hugely popular with over 50 teams competing in just the Year 6 level alone. It is a fast event, with teams given 30-minutes to answer 20 questions, each worth five points. Each team has a runner who must sprint to deliver their answers to the markers and back again with a new question. It is a competition of speed, maths knowledge, time management, and teamwork.

This year, our teams were close but didn't quite make the podium but gained lots of experience especially for our first time participants from Year 6. For our Year 10 team this was the last time they could enter the event. Thanks to Angela, Jo and Mr Dryburgh for supporting and transporting our students to the event.



NZ Sailing Trust – Steinlager 2

Our Year 10 students, alongside Mr Warren and Myles Gordon, had the exciting opportunity to spend two days and one night aboard the Steinlager 2. This 84-foot legendary maxi ketch famously won all six legs of the 1989–90 Whitbread Round the World Race under the command of New Zealand yachting legend Sir Peter Blake. The NZ Sailing Trust offers hands-on voyages for students to build courage, connection, and care for the ocean. Our students got just a small taste of the power and legacy of the Steinlager 2. It was a real privilege to be offered this opportunity and our students had the most amazing time.



Thank you very much for sponsoring the Trip. It was amazing to be a part of such a key part of sailing history. The boat had such complicated machinery, and it was incredible to experience the boat.

My personal highlight was the first day where spray and water kept soaking and battering us. The food was lovely and it was a great experience.

Thank you once again. - Finn

I wanted to say a big thank you to NZ sailing trust for: allowing our class to board such a historic boat for an unforgettable sailing experience around the BOI.

Mike and Pete for teaching us how to grind, steer, lower the mainsail, lower the anchor. Bridget for playing music for us, good vibes, - ensuring we had an amazing time, and Billy for being such a kind helper and putting up with our shenanigans

We had such a fabulous time, made some amazing memories, and will never forget this opportunity that we had the privilege to undertake. - Shanika



**NEW ZEALAND
SAILING TRUST**

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NZ Sailing Trust – Steinlager 2

I would like to thank the trust that sponsored the incredible opportunity I experienced. The trip was incredible and has definitely given me the sailing bug. It felt amazing, steering the boat and feeling so much raw power combatting even the simplest adjustments.

- Isla Gordon

Thank you for giving us this wonderful opportunity. It was my first time on a sailboat and you guys made the experience very enjoyable. I really appreciate the time and effort you guys put in. - Neo

I want to give a huge thank you for letting Springbank Year 10s have this amazing opportunity on the Steinlager. It really opened my mind to sailing on bigger boats and doing more fun things like this coming up. This experience is something I would never forget. Being on that boat at night eating dinner watching the sunset turn into a star gaze was so beautiful it really gave me joy being there.

Again, Thank you so very much. - Ruby Simpson



Year 2 Enterprise

Room 2 spends an hour each week with Mrs Chapman, and during the month of August they have been planning and researching a lunchtime fundraiser selling popcorn.

Ms Chapman our enterprise champion has been sharing her knowledge of all things business and enterprise with them.

The students have been learning about

- developing a product
- marketing
- price margins
- budgets and more

All proceeds made will go towards kickstarting their 2026 Market Day stall.



NZ Playhouse

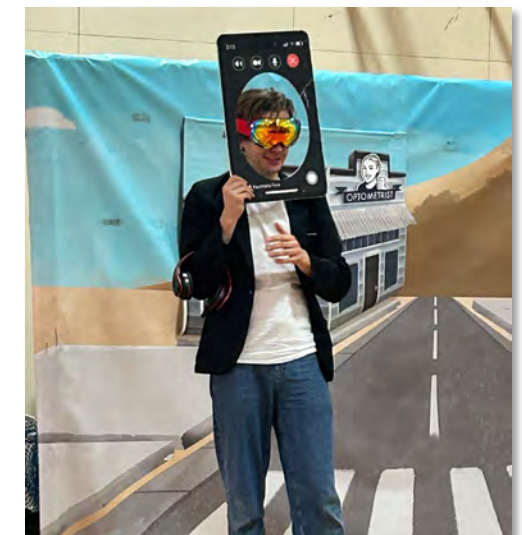
The NZ Playhouse was back to perform for the Junior School with their show Puss n Gumboots. Their performances are always entertaining and with great storylines.

This year's story is set in a tiny rural town - somewhere in Aotearoa. The town is in serious trouble. A mysterious company representative has been buying up all the buildings in the main street and leaving them empty. Then, just when things seem hopeless, a very unusual visitor arrives—a walking, talking, tail-tapping cat wearing a pair of magical gumboots!

This clever and extraordinary puss sets out to help save the town. Together, the characters face the challenges threatening their community and discover that friendship, courage and working together can make a real difference.

The play encourages children to think about:

- Friendship
- Helping people in need
- The importance of community
- Working together
- Courage
- Standing up for what you believe in



Outdoor Education Tables

Mr Barker has been guiding some of his Outdoor Education students through a hands-on project building tables. Supplies have kindly been donated by ITM and Carters. Taking part in a building project is a fantastic way for students to develop several skills outside of the classroom environment. Project management, problem-solving, tool proficiency, engineering, teamwork to that great sense of pride of completing a project that can be well-used at school.

The tables look awesome! We are looking forward to having Mr Barker and the students picking up the tools again and making some more tables for school.



Year 9 Community Projects

Students in Year 9 are encouraged to find a community project to focus on and support. This could be choosing a local charity and raising money for them, buying supplies for care packages, or helping restore resources at local community groups.

Madison Thorburn (with the help of her dad) is refurbishing the Bay of Islands Swimming Club's pace clock as it is broken and looking very worse for wear after 40 - 50 years of use. It is a very time consuming project sanding it back and repairing all of the broken parts and painting the white and red and liaising with the signwriter to get the numbers and a logo put on.

Madison and her younger sister have been members of the swimming club for several years and this is a wonderful project to support.



Daffodil Day 2026

It was Daffodil Day on Friday 28th August, and our Year 9 class helped organise and run events for the day. Students were encouraged to wear yellow, there was a daffodil flower hunt, delicious bake sale, and Junior School colouring competition.

We would like to give a huge thanks to everyone who donated either at school or via the online page. Together we raised \$411.00 to go to Cancer Society New Zealand.

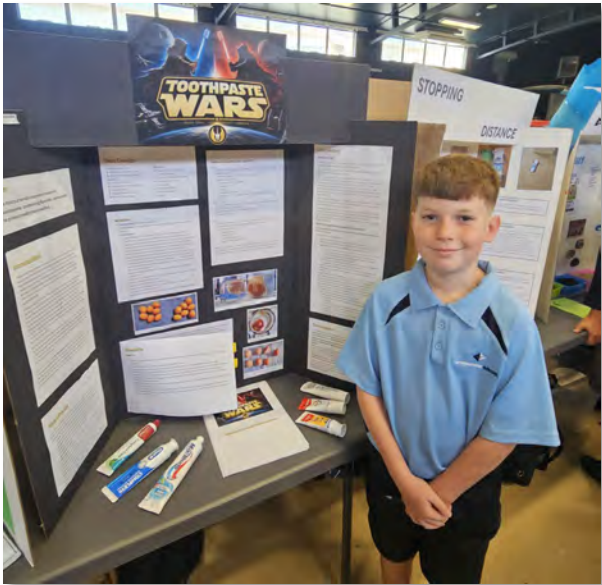
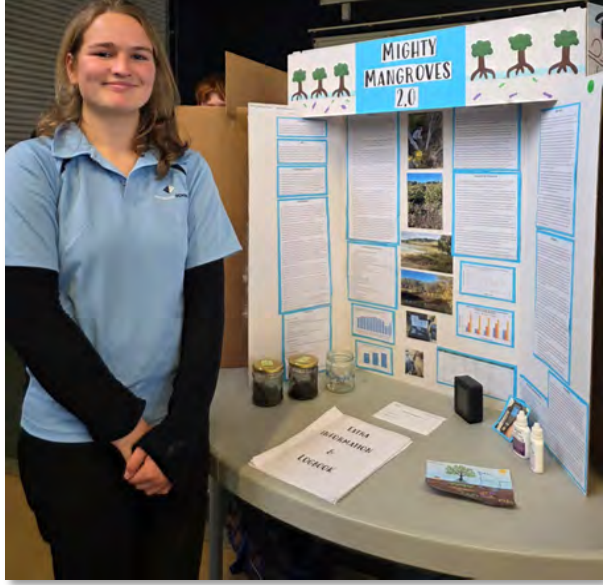
There is still time to donate by visiting our school fundraiser page at

<https://www.daffodilday.org.nz/t/springbank-school-team>



Far North Science & Technology Fair 2026

Working towards completing a science fair board is a big project for students in Years 5-10. Each year they must choose a subject that interests them and conduct tests, predict outcomes, research and write up their conclusions all about their science project. These are first displayed in the school gym for everyone to view, before the top projects are selected to move onto the Far North Science & Technology Fair held at the Turner Centre.



This year we had 20 students move forward to showcase their amazing projects and talk with the judges about their findings and outcomes. From those students representing Springbank School, we are delighted to share that 15 students received an award at the prizegiving night on Friday 28th August.

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Far North Science & Technology Fair 2026

 **Far North Science & Technology Fair 2026**
Congratulations to our Springbank students.

James, Year 5
Bronze Award

Ella, Year 5
Silver Award

Andoni, Year 6
Silver Award

Evie, Year 6
Silver Award

Daisy, Year 6
Silver Award

 **Far North Science & Technology Fair 2026**
Congratulations to our Springbank students.

Ethan, Year 7
Gold Award

Alessa & Mia, Year 8
Bronze Award

Andrew, Year 8
Silver Award

Ruby, Year 8
Gold Award

 **Far North Science & Technology Fair 2026**
Congratulations to our Springbank students.

Holly, Year 9
Gold Award

Talia, Year 10
Bronze Award

Zeke, Year 10
Gold Award

Finn, Year 10
Gold Award

Iola, Year 10
Gold Award
Outstanding Award

 **Far North Science & Technology Fair 2026**
Thanks to all the amazing sponsors.

- Merlin Labs NZ
- Massey University
- Top Energy
- Earth Sciences NZ
- NZ Baking Industry Research Trust
- Engineering NZ
- NZ Environment Management
- Lodestone Energy
- Northland MP Grant McCallum
- Silverback Academic Media

Springbank Junior Hockey 2026

Our hockey players have had a fantastic season on the turf at Kaikohe this year. We had two teams in the junior grade, the Mini Sticks (Headstart to Year 3) and the Kiwi Sticks (Years 4-6). Both teams had new players to the sport which was great to see, and everyone has thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We saw some excellent improvement in skills, confidence, and teamwork.

A big thanks to our Mini Sticks coaches Mason, Madi, and Addi who took practices every Friday lunchtime and another thanks to Mason who coached the Kiwi Sticks. Parents, grandparents, and siblings, thank you as well for all your support each weekend, cheering from the sidelines, stepping in with coaching support and giving your children the opportunity to play hockey.

Congratulations to our teams and individual players for the following season awards.

- ✓ MINI STICKS – Fair Play Award
- ✓ KIWI STICKS – Nigel Ross Cup, Keenest Team
- ✓ KIWI STICKS – Bev Beverwijk Tournament Cup
- ✓ KIWI STICKS – Lachlan Warren, Outstanding Male Player
- ✓ KIWI STICKS – Lachlan Warren, Top Male Goal Scorer (47 goals)
- ✓ JUNIOR HOCKEY – Mason Warren, Top Junior Coach



Springbank Intermediate & Collegiate Hockey 2026

Our intermediate and collegiate hockey teams played on a Wednesday at the Kaikohe turf. Again, it was fantastic to see new players to hockey this season and congratulations to Eli and Jimmy who took turns as goalie; you both saved multiple goals and took on an important role in the team. Our Intermediate team had an epic season, dominating most of their games and were well rewarded at the end of season prizegiving. Thank you to Mr Warren for coaching the team this year, and Craig Davie-Martin for assisting when needed. Your encouragement and support was appreciated. A big thanks to the awesome parent and family support crew who came to all the games.

Our collegiate team combined with players from Kerikeri High School this year, as both schools didn't quite have enough numbers to make an individual team each. Combining the schools worked really well as each player brought different strengths and skills to the turf each week, allowed players who are passionate about hockey to keep playing. As the season progressed the collegiate team got stronger and more confident, ending the season on a high. Thank you to coach Ben Warren who supported the team this year.

Congratulations to our teams and individual players for the following season awards.



Intermediate Team – Team awards

- ✓ Bev Beverwijk Cup – Major Round Tournament
- ✓ Willie Byers Cup – Major Round Tournament
- ✓ Darryl Meehan Trophy – Closing Day Tournament

Intermediate Team – Individual awards

- ✓ Esther – Outstanding Female Player
- ✓ Eli – 100% Commitment & Courageous Player
- ✓ Charlotte – Excellent Skill, Positional Player & Teamwork
- ✓ Charlotte – Top Female Goal Scorer
- ✓ Frank – Outstanding Male Player
- ✓ Frank – Top Male Goal Scorer



Intermediate Team – Individual awards

- ✓ Ross Family Trophy for Keenest team

Intermediate Team – Team awards

- ✓ Madi T – Top Goalie
- ✓ Amber – Outstanding Female Player
- ✓ Mason – Excellent Skill, Positional Player & Teamwork
- ✓ Fenix – 100% Effort & Improvement
- ✓ Peyton – 100% Commitment & Courageous Player
- ✓ Cooper – Outstanding Male Player

Springbank's First XI Football

This term Springbank School set up their VERY FIRST 1st XI Football team and organised to play a game against Kerikeri's Under 17 at the Waipapa football fields.

The first half was even with the ball switching between both teams, a lot of goal opportunities but nothing across the line for either team. The second half was pretty even again, with all players pushing hard to get the ball. A few injuries popped up, but the boys kept playing hard.

The last 15-minutes saw the pace ramp up, with Clay running hard towards the goal, and scoring the first goal of the game! Energy was up amongst the team and Seb was up next to smash goal number 2 into the net. 5-minutes to go and the pressure felt real. Fynn was epic on goal, saving multiple attempts.

Final whistle - Springbank WON 2-0!!

It was an awesome game, with a great atmosphere and a huge yes for the win!!

✓ Player of the Day - Fynn

Thanks to Mr Barker for helping assist the boys with creating a team. Jono for helping with coaching and thanks to students, staff, and families who came and cheered on the boys.

What an afternoon!



NSSS – Year 7&8 Mixed Futsal Festival

Springbank School attended the Northland Secondary School Sports Year 7&8 Futsal Festival with two teams.

It was a great day of multiple 12 minute games, and both our teams had a brilliant time and played some excellent futsal.

Futsal is a fun, fast-paced version of 11-aside football, with five players playing on a smaller hard court. Reactions and footwork have to be quick.

As it was a festival no "official scores" were taken but our teams achieved positive results.

- Year 7 team - 3 wins out of 4 games
- Year 8 team - 3 wins and 1 draw out of 5 games

Well done, everyone. It was awesome to watch your futsal skills and great to see newer players getting out there and having a go.



Fun Football Festival

On the last Tuesday of August, 18 students from Rooms 2 - 4 played in the Fun Football Festival at the Waipapa Football Fields.

The day is run by Northern Region Football, and it is about having fun and giving football a go.

Our three teams got to play six games each. Some games were challenging, as one of our younger mixed teams went up against some tall year 6 boys' teams, but we are so proud of our students for showing confidence, and speed on the field and not letting the size or ability of other schools spook them. They represented Springbank positively and had lots of fun.

Big thanks to Mrs Robertson, Christy, and Kiri for supporting the students on the day.



Friends of Springbank

The Friends of Springbank committee meet at school this month and approved more funding requests for student events and experiences.

- ✓ Northland Secondary Schools Sports
- ✓ Senior Graduation Dinner
- ✓ Defensive Driving
- ✓ 2027 Samoa Netball Trip
- ✓ 2027 Lego Workshops

Next Meeting

- Thursday 22nd September 2pm in the school staffroom

Fireworks Extravaganza

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/packdown.

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.

Yvie Butterworth



Springbank School Celebrating 30 years – Market Day

With our annual Market Day coming up in Term Four, let's have a look back at some previous stalls and products for sale.



2002 - Jewellery



2007 – Seed Feed



2012 – Birdbath and Beyond



2016 – Lucky Dip



2019 – Teachers' Cookbook



2022 – The Unofficial Lego Store

Market Day is an excellent event for students to learn and develop their enterprise skills. From product development, stall presentation, budgeting, to sales service our students from Preschool to Year 13 learn hands on, what it takes to run and operate a business. Market Day is also about giving back, with each stall donating a minimum of 25% of their profits to a chosen charity of their choice.

Market Day Enterprise Awards – Most Innovation Product, Best Stall Presentation for Junior and Middle/Senior School are up for grabs, as well as the Overall Marketing Award.

Headstart Report

At Headstart we have been creating a fairy garden. It has been a wonderful collaborative process, discussing ideas, creating a plan, and designing together. We are so excited with how beautiful the garden looks.



Preschool Update

Our tamariki have been enjoying threading beads and buttons while developing their fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, concentration and patience. These hands-on experiences help strengthen little hands and build important foundations for writing.



ATHLETICS GIVE IT A GO NIGHT



September 10th at Springbank school | 4pm-5pm

Run - Jump - Throw



All ages and fitness levels welcome | FREE

Come along for an hour of fun,
movement, and friendly
competition.

September 10th
Springbank School Upper Field
4pm – 5pm
RUN – JUMP – THROW

Whether you're a budding athlete or
just keen to have a go, all ages and
fitness levels are welcome.

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& PARTICIPATING CLUBS NATIONWIDE





**Open Day
2026**

**Open Day on
Steinlager 2
All Welcome**



**Friday
4 September 2026
3pm - 7pm**

Opua Wharf
Beechy Street
Opua

Steinlager 2

