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Dear Springbank Family

September has been an action-packed and focused month, filled with inspiring academic challenges and memorable sporting achievements. Our students have truly shone across every arena, from public speaking and the AIMs Games to the Year 10 Steinlager II experience and recent mock exams for Years 6, 10, 11, 12, and 13. While a well-earned break has arrived, the holiday will be brief for our senior students, who kicked off their first final exams on September 24th.

One of the most heartwarming moments of the term was our cherished Year 13 graduation tunnel. On the final Friday of term, our entire school, from Headstart through Year 12, along with parents and staff, gathered to form a human tunnel. Cheers echoed as our Year 13s ran through to ring the final bell, marking a milestone that was deeply emotional for many, especially those who have been part of our Springbank family for the past 17 years. Traditions like this highlight the true heart of our community.

Looking ahead, Term 4 is set to be our busiest yet. It is a critical period for students preparing for final Cambridge examinations: Year 6 will sit their Cambridge Checkpoint exams in Weeks 1 and 2, while Years 11–13 face their final IGCSE and A-Level exams throughout the term. Alongside this academic push, we have an exciting lineup of events, including Market Day, the Fireworks Extravaganza, school discos, Agri-Pet Day, Senior Dinner, Big Day Out, Options Day, and our annual Prizegiving.

We wish all of our students, especially those sitting external examinations, the absolute best of luck as they strive for their personal best.

Wishing you all a wonderful, restful holiday!

Tina Hallowes, Principal

Preschool Car Parks

A quick request to our school families regarding the car parks closest to Springbank Preschool.

Where possible, we ask that these parks are left available for our Preschool families, particularly during busy drop-off and pick-up times. Having close access makes a big difference for parents managing babies, toddlers and young children.

We completely understand that at particularly busy times these may be the only parks available, so please use them if needed. However, if other spaces are available, we'd really appreciate our school families leaving the closest parks for Preschool families.

Thanks for your consideration and support.



Dates & Events to Note:

- ***TERM FOUR*** *– Monday 12th October to 3rd Thursday December (8 weeks)*
- ***NSSS Year 7&8 Hockey 5's*** *– Wednesday 21st October*
- ***Friends of Springbank committee meeting*** *– Thursday 22nd October*
- ***Labour Day (Springbank Closed)*** *– Monday 26th October*
- ***NSSS Year 9&10 Futsal Festival*** *– Wednesday 28th October*
- ***Junior School Disco*** *– Friday 30th October*
- ***Year 7-10 Disco*** *– Friday 30th October*
- ***Year 7 to 10 Progress Exams*** *– Week 4 (Monday 2nd to Friday 6th November)*
- ***Agri Pet / Art Day*** *– Wednesday 11th November*
- ***Armistice Day*** *– Wednesday 11th November*
- ***Springbank Market Day*** *– Sunday 15th November*
- ***SpringBreak (school closed)*** *– Monday 16th November*
- ***Senior Dinner*** *– Thursday 19th November*
- ***Prefect Nominations due*** *– Friday 20th November*
- ***Prefect Interviews*** *– Tuesday 24th November*
- ***Options Day Years 7-12*** *– Friday 27th November*





NOVEMBER EVENT DATES TO SAVE

FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

GATES OPEN 6:00PM | | FIREWORKS AT 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.

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Friends of SPRINGBANK

SPRINGBANK SCHOOL MARKET DAY

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER / 11AM - 2PM

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Cash out EFTPOS facilities available

student stalls donate a minimum of 25% profit to charity



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Springbank Art Exhibit

During the middle of Term Three, an exhibit of beautiful artwork from students across Year 5 up to Year 13 was put on display in the gym. Every piece was unique and meaningful to each student.

The subject of art at school is one that grows with students over their year levels. Students develop their own artistic voice, confidence, and creativity through their art, along-with experimenting with colour, texture, depth, and detail.

Congratulations to all our wonderful artists. Special mention to Gina, Addi, Ilha, Camilla, and Florence who won 1st place for their respective year levels. Thank you to Ronan, Evie, Toni, and Ava who helped put this event together.















Annual Young Artist Show and Competition

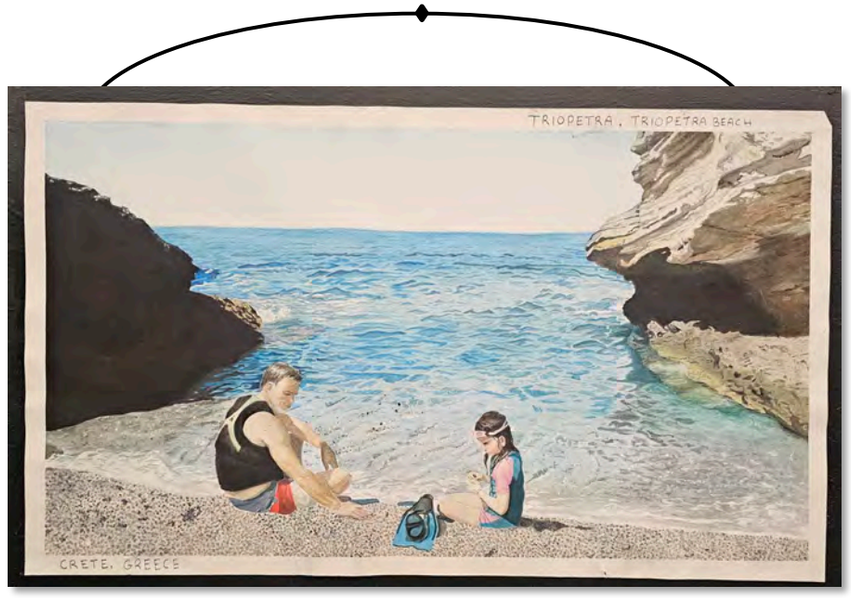
At the start of September, a wonderful exhibit of artistic talent, skill, and sense of narrative was on display at the Turner Centre as part of the Young Artist Show and Competition titled ***Ara – Pathways***.

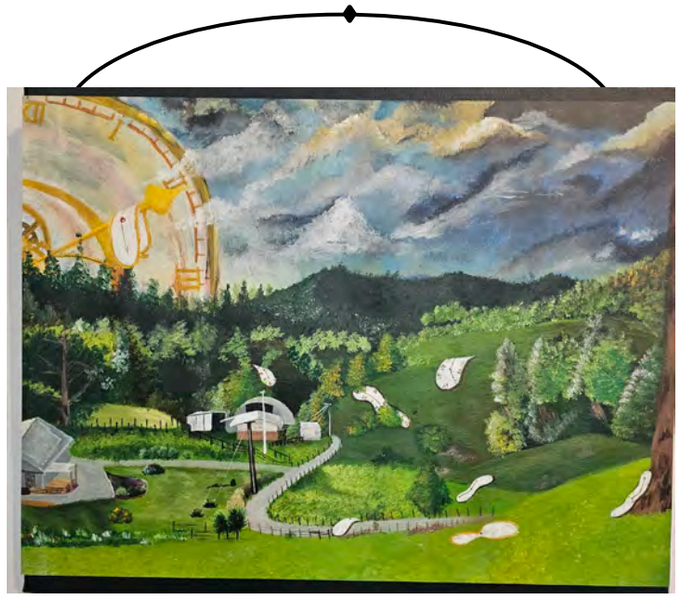
The annual Young Artists Show featured seven schools; Springbank School, Okaihau College, Bay of Islands College, Northland College, Kerikeri High School, Taipa Area School, and Kaitaia College with 48 artworks from students in Years 9-13.

The judges Martia Huett and Theresa HR-Lane complimented the students on their great use of light and space, blending of colours, to great shadowing and artistic skill.

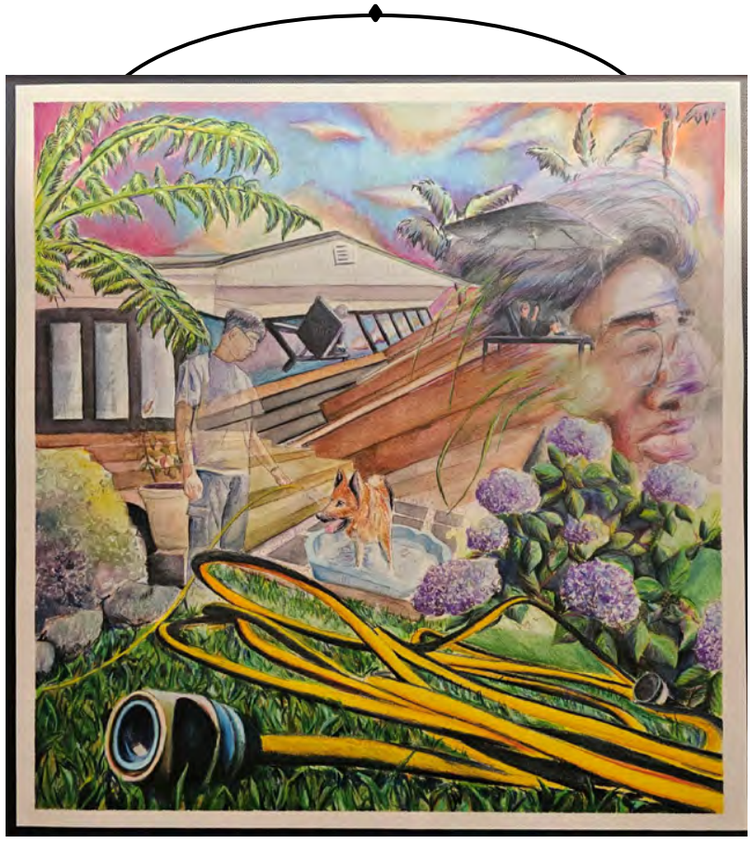
Congratulations to our very own Zeke Martin who won the Year 9-11 category with his piece "Through the Lens“.

A huge well done to Ronan, Evie, Toni, and Ava who organised this event, set up the artworks, and hosted the opening night. Thank you also to Mrs Hulse for supporting our students and their creative talents.











2026 Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment (RYPEN) Winter Camp

This term, Bella, Sophia, and Simon (Year 12) had the opportunity to take part in the 2026 RYPEN Winter Camp. RYPEN is a youth leadership program designed to help young people build self-confidence, form personal values, improve communication, and broaden their social and cultural horizons.

Students take part in a mix of indoor presentations, listen to guest speakers, take part in team-building challenges, and outdoor adventure-based learning.

The camp was three days long with each day focusing on a different core value.

- Day 1 – Connect
  - Students were split into six different teams and played a round of ice-breaker games, which really helped getting to know each other. There was a lot of laughs, plenty of talking, and friendly competition before heading off to dinner.
- Day 2 – Challenge
  - Students woke early for a fitness session and took part in a series of timed tasks designed to test their teamwork, leadership, and problem solving.
  - Activities included raft building, crane building, and a mock river crossing. Students were then invited to listen to guest speakers and present their skits.
- Day 3 – Contribution
  - Another early fitness session was followed with a morning of volunteering at the Shakespear Open Sanctuary Society, working in the plant nursery and clearing old bridge materials in Waterfall Gully.

Bella, Sophia, and Simon are so grateful to have been given this opportunity and want to thank Mrs Hittle for providing all the information and helping organise the trip. They also want to thank the Waipapa Rotary team for sponsoring them to attend the camp.



International Students – Lifelong Connections

Hosting an international student can be a wonderful experience for families as it can bring another culture, perspective, and personality into their homes, while creating benefits that go both ways. Hosting students can establish lifelong friendships, as per the example below with Jannes.

Jannes came to Springbank School from Germany back in 2020 and stayed with Anna and her partner TJ. During the 2020 lockdown their first daughter Fern was born, and Jannes became an honorary "big brother" during her early months.

Six years later Anna, TJ, Fern and their second daughter Indi met up with Jannes in Frankfurt, Germany during a family holiday. It was a brilliant catch up for Jannes to see Fern grown up, met Indi and share memories of his time in Kerikeri. As you can see in the 3rd and 4th photos below, Jannes still wears his Springbank hoodie and raves about his experience as a now 21-year-old, studying psychology.






If you'd like to connect with other cultures and welcome an international student into your home to share our kiwi way of life, please make contact with Jo, and she will be able to talk you through the hosting family information.

Jo Warren

jo.warren@springbank.school.nz

(09) 407 5236 or 022 391 0852

2026 Netball Prizegiving

On the morning of Saturday 5th September, a morning tea was held at Kingston House to acknowledge the end of the 2026 netball season. The morning tea was an opportunity to celebrate all the 2026 players, thank our seven senior students who took on coaching and umpiring roles, and say thanks to the parents and families who turned up every Saturday rain or shine to support their child's sport.

Netball has a strong community at Springbank, and we want to congratulate all the players on an excellent season.



Year 3&4 – Waipuke

Coaches – Isla & Isa

Players – Sasha, Oscar, Priyal, Ava, Saskia, Maddison, PJ, Iris, and Tanah

Coaches' Award	Saskia
Most Improved Player	Maddison
Best Team Player (Sportsmanship)	Iris
Players' Player	Iris





Year 5&6 - Touarangi

Coaches – Madi & Chloe

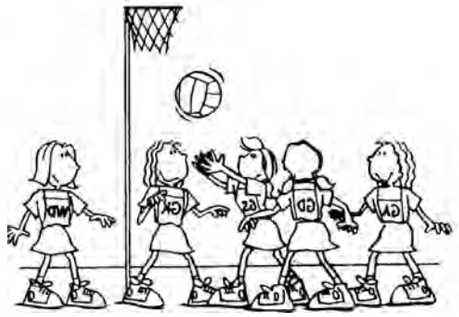
Players – Perry, Ella B, Cleo, Sienna, Ella S, Evelyn, Charlie, Emmy, Ava, Nadia

Coaches' Award	Charlie
Most Improved Player	Emmy
Best Team Player (Sportsmanship)	Ava
Players' Player	Ava



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2026 Netball Prizegiving continues …





Year 7&8 - Whaitiri Coaches – Evie & Brisa Players – Camilla, Isabella, Olive, Madeleine, Charlotte, Aaliah, Macy, Ruby, Rose, Reuben, Libby	
Coaches' Award	Macy
Most Improved Player	Ruby
Best Team Player (Sportsmanship)	Bella
Players' Player	Rose
Manaakitanga Award	Charlotte





Year 5&6 - Awha Coaches – Gabi Players – Mikayla, Madison, Paige, Louisa, Amelia, Eliza, Isla, Isa, Ramneet, Madisyn, Chloe	
Coaches' Award	Ramneet
Most Improved Player	Paige
Best Team Player (Sportsmanship)	Isla
Players' Player	Rammeeet
Manaakitanga Award	Ramneet

Zespri AIMS Games 2026

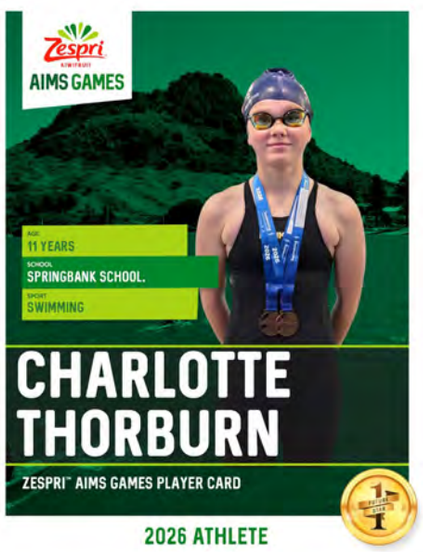
The Zespri AIMS Games 2026 was held in Tauranga over the first week of September. Over 14,500 Year 7&8 students from around New Zealand and the Pacific Islands attend to compete across 27 different sporting. This event is huge!

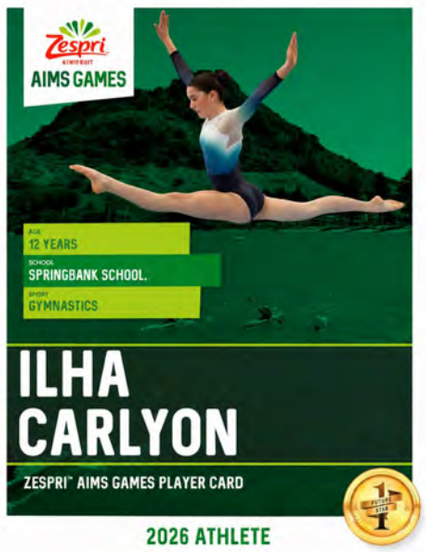
We are so proud of our five students who attended the event this year.

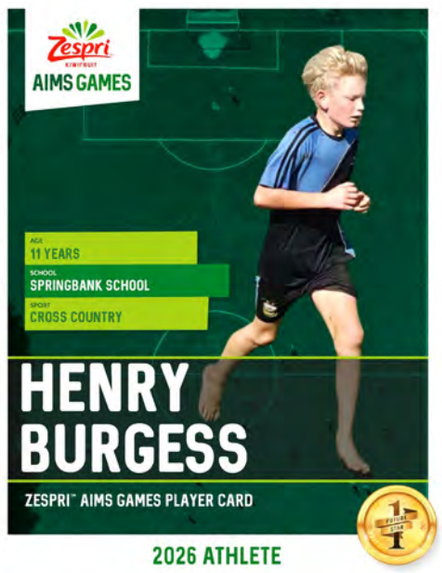
- Cross Country – Olive K, Henry, and Susanna
- Gymnastics – Ilha
- Swimming – Charlotte

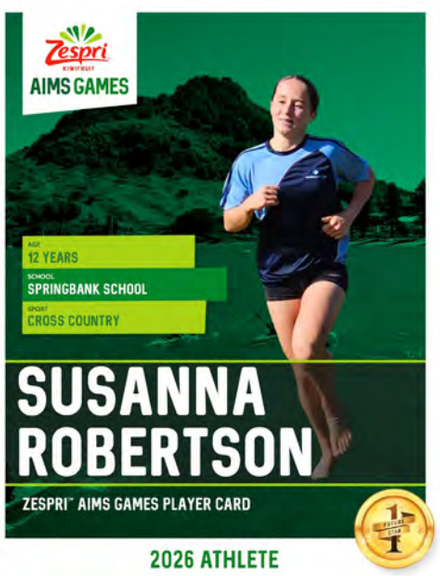
The Zespri AIMS Games gives our students the opportunity to:

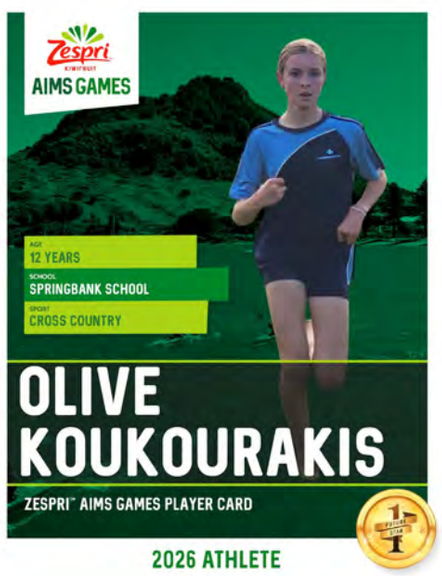
- compete at a higher national level.
- students build & demonstrate confidence and capability.
- gives students the opportunity to step out of their comfort zone.
- compete in their chosen sporting field, and reaching PBs and
- represent school proudly.











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Zespri AIMS Games 2026 continues …

Please help us congratulate all five students on a successful Zespri AIMS Games 2026 competition.

- **Ilha** - 2nd Place in Floor.
  - Ilha also placed 5th on Beam, 8th on Vault and 10th on Bar giving her an overall 7th place in her age group and grade. Amazing!
- **Charlotte** – achieved 9 PBs out of her 13 races, including a top 10 in 100m Butterfly and two top 15 placings in 50m Freestyle and 50m Butterfly
- **Olive** - 33rd out of 148 runners for Year 7 Girls.
- **Henry and Susanna** – finished confidently and had a great time.

Thank you to the Friends of Springbank committee who provided funds to cover event entry costs, opening ceremony tickets, and a jersey for each athlete, and a huge thanks to our families for your time, support, and encouragement of your amazing children at their events.







Club Football Success

We have several students playing club football during the winter season with great success. We'd like to congratulate the following Year 10 boys who received trophies at the recent Paihia Football Prizegiving, playing for the Paihia Bluefins Under 15s.

- Sportsmanship – Zane Arrell
- Most Improved Player – Tristan Woolley
- Players Player – Jacob Gray
- Player of the Year – Jacob Gray

NSSS - Squash

Back in late August, Esther (Year 7) represented Springbank at the NSSS Squash 7&8 singles in Whangarei. There were approx. ten other players in Esther's division and she played some hard and fast games.

Esther's pace and skill shone through, gaining 3rd place for her grade.





Cricket

Congratulations to Anika (Year 11) who has been selected to represent Pasifika Aotearoa in the showcase festival in Auckland over Labour weekend. Anika will play two games of cricket in a combined Woman's' U19 / U23 squad.

Hockey

Congratulations to Ethan (Year 9) who will represent Northland in the U16 Northland Boys Development Hockey team. Ethan will play with the team at the end of September in Auckland.



Junior School – Poems and Speeches

During Week 8 of Term Three, it was time for our Junior School students to step up onto the public speaking stage. For some of our youngest students this is their first time speaking in front a large group of people, which includes many adults not just their peer group. It is common to feel a range of emotions from nervousness, excitement, scared, to being full of energy ready to go.

Our students are incredible and we are so proud of them! Every single student stood up proudly, confidently, and successfully delivered their poems and speeches. In a world which is ever changing and people-to-people interactions are also making shifts, the ability to stand up and publicly speak in front of others, is an important skill for all students to develop over their school years.

Public speaking helps develop confidence, resilience, encourages students to step out of their comfort zone, develop communication skills, critical thinking and so much more. Congratulations again to all our Junior School students on a successful poem and speech week.









Rotary Junior Speech Competition

Following on from their class speeches, Sienna and Cleo (Year 5) and Lachlan and Evelyn (Year 6) moved onto the Rotary Junior Speech Competition speaking against other students from Kerikeri Primary, Riverview Primary, and Oruaiti School.

They delivered their 3-minute speeches clearly and strongly, standing with great poise and represented both themselves and school proudly. We have some excellent future leaders in the making.

An extra mention and congratulations to Sienna, who placed 2nd in the Year 5 group with her speech about Egypt.



Volleyball Aloha

This year we farewell the Year 13 students who have played since Year 7, which was our first year of the Volleyball Club back in 2020.

The girls from this group have been successful at many Northland Volleyball Cup competitions, including this year where they won the Division 2 cup.

The boys played in the Northland Championships over the past few years, earning a victory over Whangarei Boys' High School and coming within a few points of the top teams.

The Volleyball Club has continued to be a positive social afterschool activity for our students thanks to these seniors. Well done to all of our 2026 Year 13 players! We also want to share our appreciation to The Friends of Springbank for supporting our celebration.

Thank you,

Mark and Taisei Epley



House Tug of War

To end Term Three, Mr Barker organised a House Tug of War challenge on the lower field for all students from Headstart to Year 13.

Our Junior School students started first with a fiery first challenge from the Stingrays, propelling themselves into the final against the Orcas. The Junior final was quick with the Orcas putting in full power and quickly dominating to take the full 10 point win.

The Year 7&8 and Year 9&10 finals saw the Orcas in the mix again, proving they are a strong house group, taking the Year 7&8 win for another 10 points. The Year 9&10 battle was harder going for 49 seconds, with the Sharks gaining momentum and securing the win.

The final battle was Years 11 - 13. The first round saw the Dolphins successfully fend off the Stingrays to move onto the final. The second round once again saw the Orcas' strength coming through, as they made little work of the Sharks. The finals challenge was Dolphins v Orcas, and although the Dolphins started off strongly, the smooth heave-ho technique and communication between the Orcas resulted in a third win of the afternoon.

- Junior Winners – Orcas
- Year 7&8 Winners – Orcas
- Year 9&10 Winners – Sharks
- Senior Winners – Orcas







Year 13 Farewell

Back in 2021 we started a new Springbank School tradition of farewelling our Year 13 class with a farewell / congratulations / good luck tunnel. Students from Headstart to Year 12 and staff line up together to form a tunnel that our Year 13 students crawl and walk through to acknowledge the last official full term at school, before heading off for school holidays, and preparing for their final high school exams.

Our 2026 Year 13 cohort have several students who have been part of the Springbank community since their Preschool years. We have watched them grow in confidence, character and of course height as they have moved through their school years.

This year's, Year 13 class have been a strong group with enthusiastic leadership skills, great personable skills, amazing art talents, sporting expertise, and an all-round pleasure to have as part of our Senior School. We will still have time to celebrate our Year 13s at the Senior Dinner and Prizegiving coming up in Term Four, but for now we'd like to wish Ronan, Evie, Taisei, Seb, Fynn, Aysha, Hana, Raidon, Jade, KK, Clay, Jacob, and Jessica all the very best in their final exams.







Friends of Springbank – Fireworks Extravaganza

The organisation of this year's Fireworks Extravaganza is coming together nicely. What we need now is to lock in some helpers for the event. As the saying goes "*many hands makes light work*" and it would be fantastic to get as many families involved in this popular community event. All profits made from the fireworks go directly back into supporting events, trips, and learning opportunities for our students from Preschool to Year 13.

Please take a look at the timings and roles below and let Taryn know where you could help by sending her an email taryn.lynn@springbank.school.nz

Saturday 7 November 10am – 12.30pm

- Set up fencing – 12 people required
- Carpark setup – 8 people required

Saturday 7 November – 5pm – 9pm

- Bag checking on the gate (two shifts 5.30-7.30pm and 7.00pm -9.00pm) – 10 people required
- Gate entry (taking money etc) two shifts available as above – 8 people required

Sunday 8 November 10am – 12.30pm

- Dismantle fencing – 12 people required
- Carpark packdown – 8 people required

Next committee meeting: **Thursday 22nd October**



Friends of SPRINGBANK

Springbank School Celebrating 30 years – Discos

Along with our Senior Ball for our Year 11-13 students, those in Years 7-10 also have a chance to dress up, laugh, and dance the night away with friends. Let's take a look back at some past discos. This year's Year 7-10 Disco is on Friday 30th October at Kingston House, with a Halloween theme. Get those costumes ready! More details will be out soon.



2008



2009



2016



2019



2022



2024

Headstart Report

As we move into spring and the weather starts to settle, our students are spending more time outside experimenting and playing. Outdoor play is essential for supporting holistic development through active movement, exploration, and connecting with friends and the natural world.











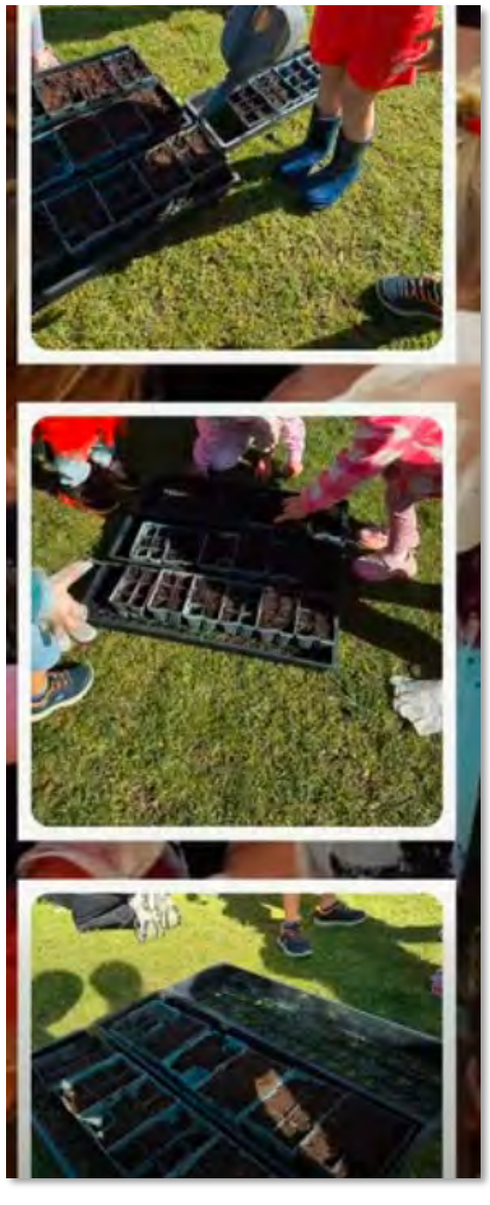
SPRINGBANK headstart

Preschool Update

He kākano — a seed, a beginning, a future.

As our tamariki plant and nurture their seedlings, they are also growing their own connections to Papatūānuku, learning through manaakitanga, kaitiakitanga and a sense of belonging.

Just as Te Whāriki (the Early Childhood Curriculum) reminds us, learning is woven through relationships, people, places and experiences. And, like a seed, every child carries the potential to grow, flourish and contribute in their own unique way.









Sport T-Shirt & Library Book RETURNS

As we head into the two-week holiday break, now is the perfect time to check bedrooms, school bags, the laundry, and the car for Springbank School sports t-shirts & singlets or library books that need to be returned.

The sports t-shirts stock take has been done, and we are SO close to getting all the shirts & singlets back. We seem to be missing a few size small and medium in the t-shirts that weren't logged out properly. If you have older Middle & Senior School students please have a good hunt around home and bring them back in.

We are looking at reworking how we provide sports t-shirts in 2027 and beyond to students, with the possibility of students purchasing their own t-shirt to keep when they are representing school at events. We will update families soon with more details.

While you are looking for school clothing, please have a good hunt around for any books that should be returned to the school library. Ms Hatherly has a list of overdue books, and before she starts having to send out reminders letters, it would be great to get the books back so another student can enjoy reading them.








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