SPRINGBANK SCHOOL

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

Newsletter No.10 October 2026



Dear Springbank Family,

I knew Term Four would be busy, but it is incredible to see just how much our team and students are fitting into the final eight weeks of 2026!

Our Year 10 to 13 students are nearing the end of their IGCSE and A Level examinations, while our Year 6 students completed their Checkpoint examinations in Week 2. These papers have now been sent to England for marking. Meanwhile, our Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students are preparing for their Progressive Achievement exams in early November.

I have been particularly impressed by our Year 6 students, who sat the international Checkpoint examinations for the first time this year. Their dedication, hard work and determination were evident throughout their preparation. What stood out most to me was the wonderful sense of achievement, and perhaps a little relief, on their faces as they completed each paper. Across all year levels, our students have shown great focus and commitment to doing their very best. We look forward to receiving this year's results in January. Congratulations to all our students for their efforts; we are incredibly proud of you!

Our Junior and Middle Schools have also had plenty to celebrate, with their annual discos taking place on 30 October. The Halloween theme was, of course, a perfect fit for the occasion! A huge thank you to our staff and parents who helped make both evenings such a success. Our Year 9 students are also well underway with their community projects and associated fundraising. There are some wonderful initiatives taking shape, and we look forward to sharing more about these in our next two newsletters.

Meanwhile, preparations are in full swing for our annual Market Day on Sunday 15th November. This is a compulsory school day for all students and staff, but there is a little reward for everyone, with Monday 16th November being a day off in lieu!

Term Four also brings some exciting events for our wider Springbank community. As I write this, we are putting the final preparations in place for our annual Friends of Springbank Fireworks Extravaganza on Saturday 7th November. This is always a highlight on our community calendar and an important fundraiser for the Friends of Springbank Trust.

I would like to extend a very special thank you to Yvie Butterworth for her incredible dedication, enthusiasm and organisational skills in bringing this event together. Thank you, too, to all the families who have generously volunteered their resources and time to help with the set-up, on the evening itself, and with Sunday's pack-up. Our duty roster is almost full, and I am so grateful for the wonderful community support. It promises to be a fantastic evening, and I am certainly looking forward to the fireworks!

As always, thank you to our staff, students and families for everything you contribute to making Springbank such a special place. There is certainly plenty happening before we reach the end of the year, and I look forward to sharing all that Term Four has in store.

Tina Hallowes, Principal



Dates & Events to Note:

- ***Year 7 to 10 Progress Exams*** – *Week 4 (Monday 2nd to Friday 6th November)*
- **Fireworks Extravaganza** – *Saturday 7th 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*
- **NSSS Squash Singles** – *Thursday 19th November*
- ***Prefect Nominations due*** – *Friday 20th November*
- ***Prefect Interviews*** – *Tuesday 24th November*
- **Kerikeri Retirement Village Christmas Tree Decorating** – *Thursday 26th November*
- ***Options Day Years 7-10*** – *Friday 27th November*







FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA 2026

This year the event is going back to CASH and EFTPOS payments.

NO Springbucks.

We have a great variety of vendors with food and drinks.

- Burgers
- Coffee
- German Food
- Gelato
- Sushi
- Thai
- Hot Sausages
- Baking
- Donuts
- Sandwiches
- Slushies
- Island Food

The Glow Stand and bouncy castles will also be there.

Bring a picnic & blanket and enjoy the evening.

Friends of SPRINGBANK

SPRINGBANK SCHOOL
MARKET DAY

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER / 11AM - 2PM
78 WAIMATE NORTH ROAD, KERIKERI

Cash out EFTPOS facilities available
student stalls donate a minimum of 25% profit to charity



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Handmade Chopping Boards
Lucky Dips
Bar Challenge
Knot Pillows
Lebanese Sandwiches
Cat Toys
Homemade Pasta
Fishing Lures
Jewellery
Tiki Torches
Christmas Cards, Gifts & MORE ...



Junior School Halloween Disco



Our annual Junior School Disco was held in the school gym on Friday 30th October, which was timed perfectly this year to set the theme as Halloween. It was awesome to welcome over 60 junior students dressed in a wide variety of colourful and creative costumes (plus a few parents ☺).

Our resident DJ, Rainbow Unicorn, was back playing all the best tunes, much to the delight of the students.

The gym was buzzing with energy, and it was great to watch the junior students enjoying themselves and having heaps of fun with their friends.

The disco was a huge success thanks to all the parent support, from setting up, serving food, tidying, and packing down the decorations. We have a wonderful junior parent community and your help is greatly appreciated.

We can't wait to hit the dancefloor again in 2027.







Year 7-9 Spring Disco

On Friday 30th October students from Years 7-9 also had their annual disco, hosted this year at Kingston House.

The theme was “Spring”, and the hall was set up with beautiful decorations and lighting. The students had double the fun this year, as DJ Erana not only had all the classic hits to dance to, there was karaoke as well. Paige (Year 9) picked up the mic first with an awesome rendition of Ice Ice Baby.

It was fantastic to watch all the students having fun with their friends, mixing and mingling with all the year levels, and dancing non-stop until it was time to head home.

A big thanks to our teachers Mrs Chapman, Mrs Joseph, Mr Barker, Mr Dryburgh, Ms Wils, and Mrs Pretorius for supporting the evening and students.









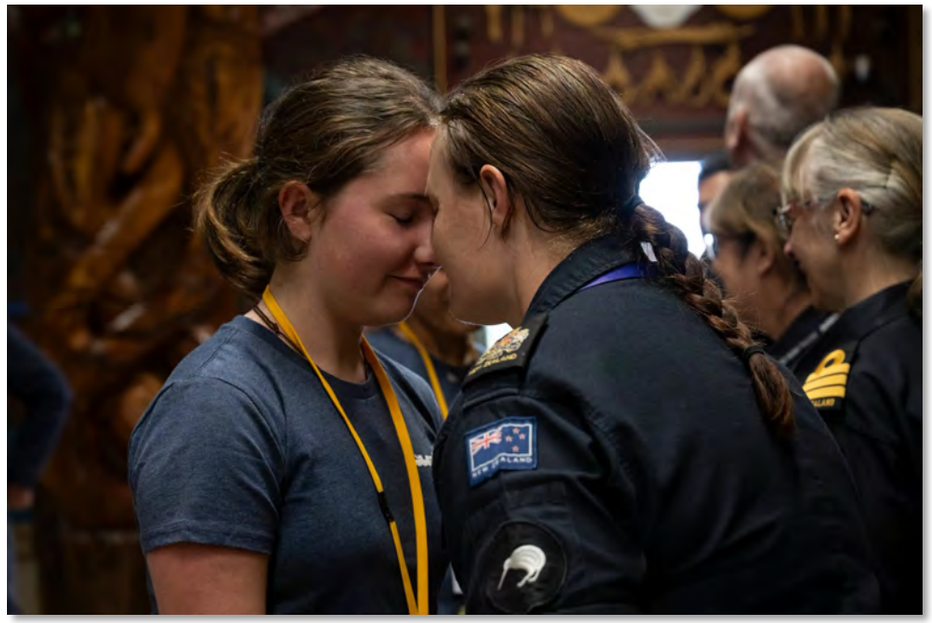
Royal New Zealand Navy – School to Seas Programme

In the first week of the October holidays, I got the amazing opportunity to attend the Royal New Zealand Navy's School to Seas program. It is a 3 day course that shows us all the best parts about being in the navy, the different roles you can take up, and gave and in-depth insider's view on what navy life is really like.

Over the three days, we slept in the barracks, had a tour of the base, talked to recruits and high-ranking sailors, rode in RHIB boats, and learnt how to extinguish fires. My highlight was experiencing the flood simulator – It's used for practising what to do if there's ever a hole in a ship. You can see the outside of it in another photo up on the screen – we're soaking because they pump water in through 'holes' and you've got to try and stop the water getting in, while it's rocking like a real ship! It was really exciting.

The major take away for me was that you don't need to be super smart or a human tank to get in to the navy, so if you're even thinking about maybe looking into signing up, I highly recommend applying for School to Seas! It is a great way to learn more about the Navy, and help figure out if it's right for you. I'm also happy to talk to anyone who wants to find out a bit more about it.

- Toni (Year 12 & Deputy Girl)









New Zealand DEFENCE FORCE
Te Ope Kātua O Aotearoa

Northland Secondary School Sports (NSSS) – Hockey 5s

Seven of our Springbank Intermediate hockey players went to Whangarei in mid-October to play in the NSSS Year 7&8 Hockey 5s tournament.

They played five games in total on the day, winning three and losing two. A fantastic effort as they are relatively new to the style of hockey 5s.

This game is played in a smaller turf area, with rebound boards making for a faster paced and more energetic game. Well done, everyone.



Northland Secondary School Sports (NSSS) – Futsal Year 9&10 Mixed

We attended our last NSSS event for the year heading to Whangarei for the Futsal Year 9&10 Mixed Festival on Wednesday 28th October.

We had three teams, with each playing 4 games. As it is a festival no "official" scores are taken but we did track our scores. Out of the 12x games played, we won 8x, drew 2x, and lost 2x. Our players got 32 goals in the net over the day.

It was an awesome event with lots of enthusiasm, speed, teamwork, and skill from our students.



Gymnastics Nationals

Ilha (Year 8) continues to shine in gymnastics, recently competing at the Gymnastics Nationals during the first week of the October school holidays. Ilha placed in the top 30 gymnasts nationally in Step 6 and performed brilliantly in her floor event gaining top spot with the Artistry Floor Award.

Congratulations, Ilha. your commitment and talent with gymnastics is to be celebrated.



Tennis

Congratulations to Nelson Freeman who competed at the NZ Tennis National qualifying tournament in Auckland recently.

After winning the qualifying, Nelson will now compete at the Under-14 Nationals in December.

Nelson trains extremely hard and travels multiple times a week to practices both in Whangarei and Auckland. It is a huge commitment for Nelson and his family, so we are thrilled that all his hard work is showing excellent results.



Mountain Biking

Leo (Year 9) competed at the National School Mt Biking Championships in Rotorua in early October. He competed in three races over five days: XCO (Olympic Cross Country), Enduro, and Downhill. We are delighted to share that Leo placed 6th overall in the Under 15 Male category.

Leo also made good use of his time down south and entered the Legends Enduro, hosted by the Rotorua Mt Bike Club, where he finished 9th in the Under 15 Male category.



Cricket

Kerikeri Club Cricket has restarted for the 2026/2027 summer season, and the KKCC Division 1 mixed team have had a brilliant start.

Springbank students James, Ethan, Harry, Aaron, Jesse, and Anika (all Year 11) are part of the team and we'd like to acknowledge James who scored an impressive 102 runs off 70 balls, for his first century!

In the field, Aaron and James each took two wickets, Jesse and Harry took one each, and Ethan took three catches behind the stumps.

Congratulations on the fantastic win!



Turner Centre Performance

In mid-October Mr Epley went to the Turner Centre with some of our international students to watch Ozi Ozaa: a nine-piece band playing an explosion of African rhythm, led by Ghanaian musician Yaw Asamadu.

We would like to give a big thank you to the Turner Centre and the Freemasons Foundation for gifting free tickets to our school so students could attend. It was a fantastic, lively musical experience to be part of.







TURNER CENTRE
PERFORMING ARTS & CONFERENCE VENUE
TE PUAWAI

International Students

While our senior students are sitting exams, our international students have been venturing out with Jo every Tuesday, getting a taste of Kiwi activities and exploring Northland.

They have reached the top of New Zealand with a visit to Cape Reinga, gone fishing, ski-biscuiting, surfing and more.







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.

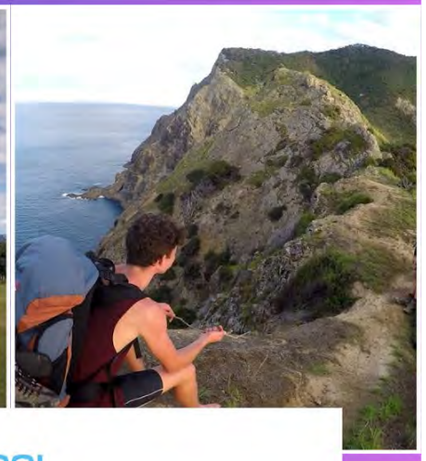
Springbank School is looking for host families and we would love to hear from you if you can help.

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!







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Contact Jo Warren today to find out more information.

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

Springbank School Celebrating 30 years – Dress-Up Days

Over the years, Springbank School students have enjoyed the opportunity to have some fun and dress up for various dress-up days or fundraising days. Let's take a look back at some of the creative outfits. Have a good look and see if you can recognise anyone ☺















Headstart Report

We are in full swing preparing our products for the upcoming Springbank Market Day. We have been working with Kortne from The Mudroom to create some beautiful clay creations.

Come and find our Headstart stall to see all the amazing items you could buy. The perfect gifts for Christmas ☺

SPRINGBANK headstart











Preschool Update

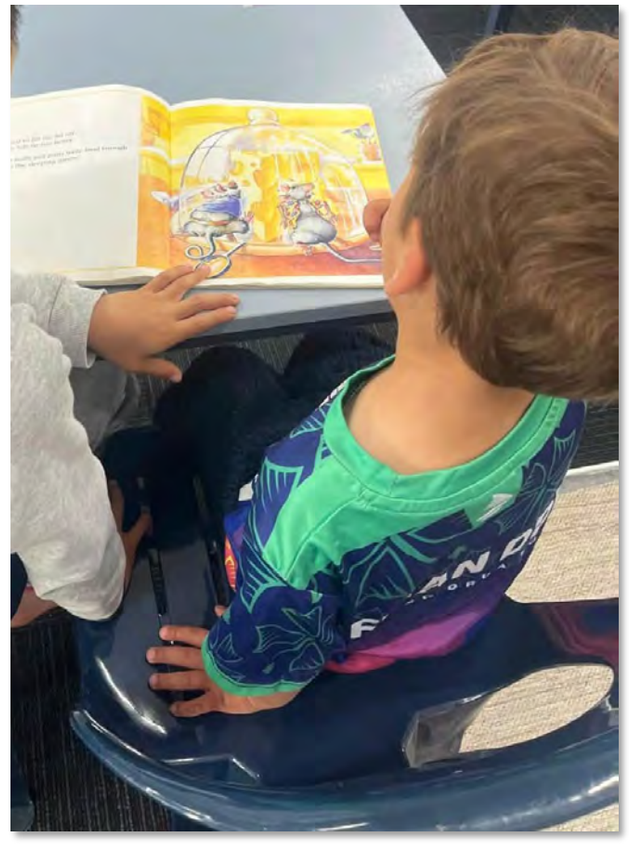
We are so lucky to enjoy buddy reading at the school with some of the older children!

These special moments create lovely connections across the ages, while fostering a love of reading for everyone. Our younger children enjoy listening to stories and learning from great role models, while the older children build confidence, practise their reading and experience the joy of sharing stories with others.

It's wonderful to see the smiles, friendships, and love of books growing!










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Teaching Life Skills through Sport
NEW KERIKERI SATURDAY CLASSES
AT SPRINGBANK SCHOOL HALL
STARTS 24TH OCTOBER
9:00AM
2-4 YEAR OLDS
9:50AM
5 - 9 YEAR OLDS
Age-appropriate curriculums for 2-4 year olds
Builds confidence, coordination and a love for sport
Develops key physical, social, cognitive and emotional skills
Fun, supportive and engaging environment
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CONDITIONING SKILLS
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ACTIVATOR SKILLS
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30 Year Anniversary

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