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Our Future... Our People...
Making a Difference*

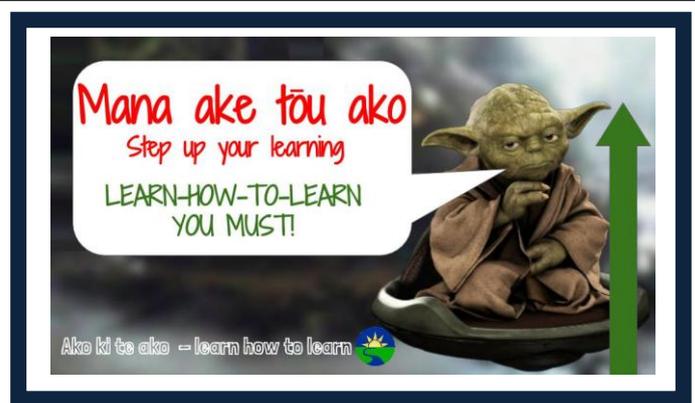
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Tō tātou wā mua
Ō tātou tāngata
Tō tātou painga

Springlands School Newsletter 29th July 2016

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EVENTS

1 st -5 th Aug	Rms 18,20,21 Stadium Fundamental Skills
2 nd Aug	ICAS English 9am
5 th Aug	School Assembly hosted by Rooms 5 & 8
8 th Aug	Rata & Kowhai Teams Softball Skills
8-12 th Aug	Rms 17 & 19 Stadium Fundamental Skills
10 th Aug	Southern Jam Jazz Concert 9am
10 th Aug	Kowhai Team Cross Country 11.30am
15 th Aug	ICAS Maths
17 th Aug	Marlborough Interschools Cross Country
17 th Aug	Senior Choir Kids for Kids Concert
18 th Aug (Thur)	School Assembly hosted by Room 4 & Koru
19 th Aug	Olympics Day
20 th Aug	School Ball - Tickets available at office
22 nd - 26 th Aug	Rata Team Stadium Fundamental Skills
26 th Aug	Final day for Scholastic Book Orders



Over this year we have continued to focus on Ako ki te ako - learning how to learn. Last term we (children and staff) looked at being in the Learning Pit (James Nottingham), and the skills and attitudes we need to develop to help ourselves out of the Learning Pit. We begin this term by revisiting these skills and strategies and the brain muscles that we need to exercise to get out of the learning pit. The brain muscles control learning behaviours associated with resilience, resourcefulness, relationships and reflection. Each of these brain muscles has a set of associated skills, which are readily identified in learning behaviours that the children can talk to at their Three Way Conferences.

Our theme this term is Mana ake tōu ako - Step up you learning, and so we have Yoda telling us that we must learn how to learn. If your brain is not hurting, then you are not learning! Exercising our brain muscles actually hurts, but the learning we get as a result is well worth the effort.

welcome

This term we have welcomed 9 new families to Springlands School for the start of the term. Keanu & Wiremu Waaka are in Rooms 4 & 3 respectively and have joined us from Gisborne. Jim Miller has started school as a new entrant in the Koru Room. And Room 12 has now started with our new entrants - Harry Karwal, Lochlan Grainger, Jake Price, Sebastien Mitchell, Isabella Clissold, Van Stevens and Ava Peters-Oswald. We welcome you all to our school and hope you and your families enjoy becoming part of our School community.



CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to the following students who were awarded A1 Quality Certificates in our last assembly: Antonia Milham, Tiyana Tolova'a, Millie Webber, Toby Wilson-Bush, Mason Herd, Henri Piddington, Harry Musgrove, Bella-Zeta Staples-Worner, Isabel Kenny, Sophie Blampied-Lane, Sophie Bogle, Jasper Wilson-Bush, Ryan Samuels, Amelia Blampied-Lane, Hazel Glover, Zac Webber, Shani Tilbury and William Poff.

2016 Term Dates

Term 3 - Monday 25th July - Friday 23rd September
Term 4 - begins 10th October
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Congratulations to the following students who were sent to the office with A1 Quality work this fortnight:



Nau mai! Haere mai! Welcome! to Term 3

I would like to welcome all children, whanau/aiga and staff back to school for our short but action packed Term 3. An especially warm welcome to new families and students to Springlands.

As in the words of our school haka, "Ko te Puna Wai, Whenua e!" We are Springlands, and we have much pride in being "Springlands". As a school and community we have worked together historically to achieve our vision for our students, and will continue to navigate our waka forward into the future to do this. We are extremely fortunate to have a very strong and professional staff who will steer our waka confidently forward. We celebrate the delegations of all staff in Gaylene's absence. Ō tātou tangata (our people) are looking forward to consolidating our collaboration with you in the best interest of your tamariki and their learning. We have our Three Way Conferences later this term to action this.

As Acting Principal, I will be continuing some of my teaching responsibilities in classrooms. If you are wanting time with me, I am often available in afternoons, however I commit my time to the leadership team and staff on Monday and Tuesday from 3.15-4.30pm. I am very open to learning conversations and look forward to what this term brings. Nga mihi nui Dona FF.

Rooms 13 and 14

Over the past two weeks Rooms 13 & 14 have been given Certificates of Occupancy, and we have been able to move two classes into our lovely new Modern Learning Environment (MLE, as they are known as in educational terms). Room 11 and Rachel Sommerville were able to move into Room 14 on Monday, and over the past two days, Room 8 and Courtney Hayley have moved into Room 13. These classes will be known by their new room numbers. Both classes will operate as separate classes. Room 14 are members of our New Entrant Team - Nikau and Room 13 are members of our Rata Team. Later this year, these classes may have opportunities to join together on some occasions, and take full advantage of their MLE.

During this term, parents of the children in these two classes will be invited to an information evening when the possibilities of how these rooms could be worked to best meet the needs of the children in the MLE will be explained. If you have any burning questions on the pedagogy or what is happening, please take advantage of the daily "drop off" and "pick up" to ask any relevant questions of the teachers. I am very happy to talk parents through the numerous advantages of these teaching spaces if you have any concerns prior to the planned meeting. A date for this will be set as soon as the students are settled into their new environment and learning routines. We have waited 21 years for these classrooms to be upgraded, and now we can take full advantage of the opportunities they present.

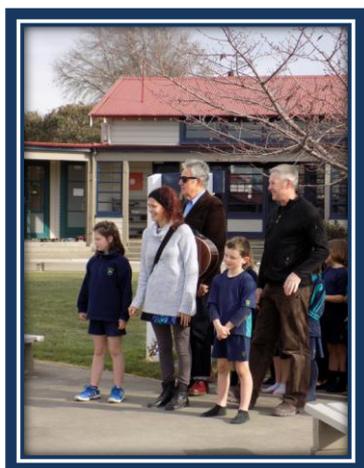


Request for food at lunchtimes

We have had an increasing number of children coming to the office at lunchtime because they have eaten all their lunch at morning tea time. Please have a talk with your child about this to ensure that you are giving them enough food and the need to save their sandwiches/crackers etc for lunchtime. We appreciate your help with this request and we will text out to parents of those children who we have given extra lunch.

Gavin Bishop Koha

Yesterday Gavin Bishop, a renowned New Zealand author and illustrator, was welcomed into the school by a group of Go M.A.D. students. Mr Bishop has been in Marlborough as a guest author promoting "Books on Wheels" for the Marlborough Book Festival together with the New Zealand Book Council. Gavin together with the Bishop family, have very kindly gifted to Springlands School an enlargement of his illustration of Tane Mahuta - the guardian of the forest, from his book "Counting the Stars". We feel extremely privileged to be receiving this koha, especially as it embraces our "Beyond Green-Gold" Environmental School status. We welcome Tane Mahuta into our Whare (Library) as a strong visual reminder of who we are. "Ko te Puna Wai Whenua e!" Special thanks to Gavin for the collection of books he signed and gave to our school library. Kia ora Jess Tai, Frances Lutubutu and Tom Coldwell for the awahi of the Bishop family. Please feel welcome to drop in and have a look at this significant contribution to our Whare environment.



A Maths tip for parents

Perhaps most important of all - encourage a "growth mindset" by letting students know that they have unlimited maths potential and that being good at maths is all about working hard. When children have a growth mindset, they do well with challenges and do better in school overall. When children have a fixed mindset and they encounter difficult work, they often conclude that they are not "a math person". One way in which parents encourage a fixed mindset is by telling their children they are "smart" when they do something well. That seems like a nice thing to do, but it sets children up for difficulties later, as when kids fail at something they will inevitably conclude that they aren't smart after all. Instead use growth praise such as "it is great that you have learned that", "I really like your thinking about that". When they tell you something is hard for them, or they have made a mistake, tell them: "That's wonderful, your brain is growing!"

Giftedness Awareness - Do you think your child may be gifted?

Giftedness is most commonly defined as the ability or potential ability to achieve significantly beyond one's peers. This may be in one area or more generally across a range of areas. Giftedness is a range, from mildly gifted to highly gifted - a little like a hearing loss, and similarly requires, different responses. Giftedness is not simply that 'rare genius' people previously thought of. Particular strengths can appear at varying times, due to a range of reasons. Some may emerge and be identified during a student's schooling or there may be something you see in the home environment.

At Springlands we both differentiate the curriculum and provide a range of enrichment and extension opportunities for our children. Cathee Wilks, Bridget Cleary and Dona Ferrier-Ferguson work together lead our GATE team (Gifted and Talented Education). Together we are also working strengthening the identification of our Māori and Pacific Island gifted children.

If you are able to help us with this, we would be very interested in hearing from you. Here are links to two websites that have specific sections for parents:

<http://www.giftedchildren.org.nz/>

<http://gifted.tki.org.nz/>

If you have questions or want to discuss this further do contact either: Dona FF:dona@springlands.school.nz

Cathee Wilks: cathee@springlands.school.nz Bridget Cleary: bridget@springlands.school.nz

Kowhai Inquiry - Rocket Launch

As part of Term 3's Science Inquiry about Flight, Bruce Rudge demonstrated to classes of the school a rocket launch. This is what Baiden from Ruma Rata has to say about what he observed: Yesterday... 10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1...the rocket in the big field blasted with a lot of power "cupoosh!" The rocket blasted out into space.

Charlie wrote: Yesterday when the whole school came to watch a rocket blast off the big field, it used . We watched it blast off. It was my first time watching a real rocket.

It was fine because Mr.Wilson had to bring his lawnmower to put some power in the rocket and it was funny when it landed on the grass because everybody ran off.

Nate wrote: 10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1 the rocket launched. The rocket was ZOOMING! Finally it plummeted.



Rata and Totara Teams Fundamental Skills

Notices have now been sent home for the Rata and Totara teams that are attending the Fundamental Skills programme at Stadium 2000 this term. Please return the permission slip to the office as soon as possible to ensure your child is able to attend. Payment for the stadium can be made by direct credit to our school bank account, eftpos, cash or cheque.

Future Siblings at Springlands School

With the pressure on our school roll we would like all parents to ensure they have advised the office of any future siblings that may be starting at Springlands School. This includes children starting 2016, 2017 and 2018. You are welcome to phone the office 5785220 to check if your child's name is on the list.



Springlands School Fundraising Ball: "A Gold Evening at the Rio Olympics"

Dust off your dance moves, gather your friends and get ready for the social event of the season.

An evening in Rio is guaranteed to be lively and fun with proceeds going back to the children of Springlands School. The Rio Ball will be held at Springlands School Hall on Saturday 20 August 2016. Tickets are available from the Springlands School Office and cost \$35 per person, which includes bubbly on arrival, nibbles and live band 'Aminor Thing'

Springlands School App and Facebook page

If you have an android phone and haven't already downloaded our Springlands School App, please do so as this is a great way for the school to get in contact with all our parents by sending one message. It is FREE from your app store. When the app is downloaded in subscriptions, please select the class your child(ren) are in and any sports they are involved with. There are also links provided on the app for websites used regularly by the school and parents, term dates are provided, the newsletter is posted each fortnight and most importantly it can be used to advise the school of your child's absence either by text, phone or email - all at the push of a couple of buttons. The school also uses Facebook - again like Springlands School on facebook to view our page. Our school newsletter is posted here, sports draws, photos of school activities and any other important information.

[Springlands School Facebook page](#)

Sports Notices

Netball

The ANZ Future Ferns programme was completed at the end of Term 2. We would like to thank all the parents who stepped up to coach/manage these teams, without you we would not have such a large group of Springlands Students participating. There will be a festival day on Sunday 14th August 11am-1pm, this will be a fun event to refresh skills learnt. We hope to see you all there.

Absences

If your child is unwell or away and unable to participate in their chosen sport please get in contact with the team coach/manager as they may need to arrange replacements.



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