



Our Place Our Future... Our People...

Making a Difference

Tō tātou tūrangawaewae
Tō tātou wā mua
Ō tātou tāngata

Tō tātou painga

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Springlands School Newsletter 12th August 2016

DATE

EVENTS

15 th Aug	ICAS Maths
16 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	Springlands School Olympics Day
20 th Aug	School Ball - Tickets available at office
22 nd - 26 th Aug	Rata Team Stadium Fundamental Skills
26 th Aug	Cancer Society Daffodil Day
26 th Aug	Final day for Scholastic Book Orders
29 th Aug	Rata Team T/Ball & Softball skills session
30 th Aug-1 st Sep	3 way conferences
2 nd Sept	School Assembly hosted by Rms 20,21 & 15
2 nd Sept	Whole School Performance
4 th Sept	Father's Day
5 th Sept	Marlborough Tennis in school
6 th Sept	School Science Fair
9 th Sept	Totara Ski Trip

Springlands School Olympic Sports Day



Your child will be bringing home a notice today with information on the Springlands School Olympic Sports day being held next Friday 19th August. On your child's notice it will indicate the country they are representing and we would like them to dress in the colours of their country. We will have an official opening ceremony at 9.45am and finish with a closing ceremony at 2.20pm.

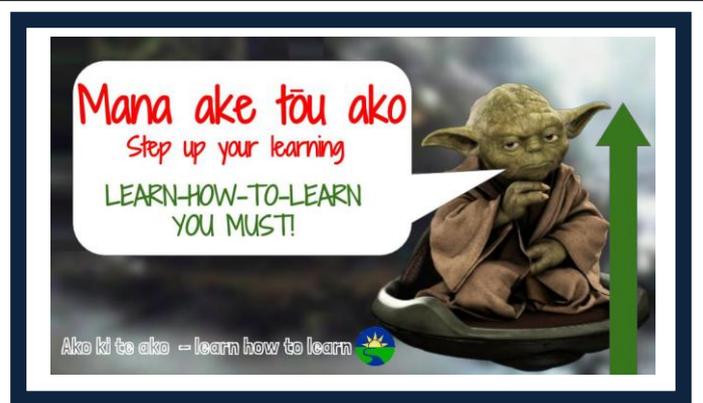
"When I feel tired, I just think about how great I will feel once I finally reach my goal." Michael Phelps.



CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to the following students who were awarded A1 Quality Certificates in our last assembly: Brooke Rowbottom, Baiden Stocks, Harlow Anderson, Reuben

Dempster, Annabelle Moore, Gabby Miller, Abi Maskill, Kaue Da Silva, Isaac Calder, Kees MacDougall, Amelia Brown, Van Stevens, Joseph Stallard, Tom Musgrove, Ingrid Tucker, Angela Credo, Louis Tyrell, Flair Stephens and Jordyn Cohen. Keep up the great work you have been doing. Your class peers will look up to you as you are setting a really good example to them.



Ako ki te Ako - Step up your learning

Mana ake tōu ako - Stepping Up Your Learning

includes reflecting on and stepping up our practices as a 'Beyond Green-Gold' Enviro School. Our work in this area is about our children valuing Papatūānuku (Earth) as our toanga (treasure), and in doing so, looking after our place/environment by reducing their environmental footprint. Are we in the Learning Pit thinking about what we can do to make a difference?

We focus on each piece of our Kaupapa:

- Reduce...Reuse... Recycle...
- Be energy smart
- Use precious water wisely
- Respect the environment

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We are the Eco Warriors of our planet, and we have a responsibility to walk the talk of our Enviro-Vision to be kaitiaki of our place and planet for future generations and it is time we stepped up our thinking and our actions in recognising this responsibility.

2016 Term Dates

Term 3 - Monday 25th July - Friday 23rd September

Term 4 - 10th October - Friday 16th December

Term 1 2017 - begins Monday 30th January

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Community Dental Clinic 5209922

Congratulations to the following students who were sent to the office with A1 Quality work this fortnight:

Yesterday we went to Girls College and we did some science. We had special glasses called safety glasses. I liked the experiment, that was beautiful. It was a rainbow in a tube. *By Ingrid - Room 14*

On Wednesday we went to Marlborough Girls College. When we got there we went in the lab to watch some science before we did our science. One exploded! Mine went purple and then it went rainbow. It was awesome. We had to wear safety glasses. *By Mackenzie - Room 14*

Recounting Rarotonga

"Hooray!" I yelled as we walked into the burning hot breeze of Rarotonga. I wondered how they could survive in this heat? Our first ever morning at the Pacific resort (the place we were staying at) was amazing! All I could smell was the fresh made buffet table in Sandals restaurant (the restaurant at the Pacific resort). Sandals restaurant was right beside the beach so we would go for a walk along the soothing sand. Lights, camera, action as the show began with all the Rarotongan dances, dancing like no one was watching. My favourite dance was the fire dance because he used real fire and all I could feel were tingles in my head thinking he'll get burnt. The night finished very late but all we had was FUN!!! *By Manaia - Room 4*

Recounting Cross Country

Yesterday was cross country. We had to do some stretches first and I had to wait for my turn. Finally it was my turn. I was feeling scared. They said "on your marks, get set" snap! I fell to the ground. Miss Parsons came over and said "you can do this." The other kids were way past me. I got back up and ran as fast as I could. I passed about 30 people and I zig-zagged through all of them. For the whole race I keep 2nd place. Miss Parsons was really proud of me and a lot of other people were too. I was really proud of myself too. *By Keira - Room 5*



Principal's Award - Liam Cohen

Liam has made huge progress in his learning this year and can feel very proud of these achievements. He shows a strong determination to succeed and uses the skills of positive attitude, perseverance, resilience and makes good use of problem solving strategies. Liam transfers his learning skills to his outdoor activities. In the playground he shows the qualities of a good friend. On the sports field he plays fair, including and encouraging others, as well as displaying a healthy competitive nature. Liam is a good all round talented sportsperson. Liam is an excellent example of our school whakatauki - Ma te mahi ka ora. He works very hard and deserves the successes he achieves. Kia Kaha Liam. You are a role model to others not only in the Rata Team, but across Springlands School.

Go MAD happenings

Tree Warrior Initiative

This year a small and dedicated group from our Go Make...A...Difference team have shown a huge amount of commitment and perseverance in seeing through their "Tree Warriors" project. They have worked through a rigorous system of Health and Safety checks, to establish a number of designated trees for others to climb. Their patience in persevering with this initiative is to be commended. They are now trialling the safety of the trees they have selected, and depending on the team your child is in, height restrictions have been recommended. Currently groups of students are working on technology projects to establish suitable signage for the selected trees. In the meantime, in good weather, nests of "Tree Pirates" can be seen sighting "things from afar". When the foliage of spring is upon us, our tree pirates will be well camouflaged. Congratulations and kia ora to our Tree Warriors for making this happen (with the help of Mr Wilson of course!) for others in our school.



Living Wall Initiative

Another group from GoMAD have been busy planting the Living Wall on the sunny side of Whare Akoranga. Again, it was a long process researching which type of structure would best suit the area of the school. Not only did they decide on the best type of pocket to purchase but they have also been working with Julian Cunningham and Tracy Anderson to decide on what to plant. Planting has begun with strawberries, and we are expecting some native 'hen and chicken' ferns in Spring, from our 'Paper for Trees' efforts. Still, if anyone has any cuttings from 'spider plants' or other indoor plants that would flourish in this environment, we would love to recycle them. Again we thank Mr. Wilson for his assistance with our project, and his ingenious recycling efforts for our watering system. Come and take a look.

Matariki Panels

A group of students from Marlborough Girls' College have been consulting with the GoMAD group on their Community Project. Together we have decided on creating a mural for outside Whare Akoranga that celebrates Matariki. We are looking forward to discussing and giving feedback on the prototypes they produce. We are very enthusiastic about our ideas being developed in the girl's project.

Loose Play

This term we have seen some children really enjoying morning tea and lunch breaks either playing with building timbers or making paper darts from the boxes that have been supplied for "Loose play". This type of play develops children's social skills as they explore their potential in self regulating or managing their relationships, developing leadership and conflict resolution skills through play. We are looking for donations of play materials eg. steering wheels, flexi hose etc. to extend our play resource boxes. If you would like to know more about Loose Play, please speak with teachers from Nikau and Rata.



Tasman Makos Visit

There was a flurry of excitement in the school playground on Tuesday, when we were visited by a group of players from the Tasman Makos team. Many children took advantage of a photo opportunity, and a question and answer session on how to improve their own rugby skills, as well as some 'hands on' practice. Seeing our students interacting with professionals in these situations emphasises the partnership our school has with our local community. A partnership we are grateful for and value. The pictures well show the joy on the children's faces. Thank you to Andrew, Tima, Jessie, Tom, and Rich. You made our day!



Scientists at Girls' College

This week our 'budding scientists' from Nikau and Rata, having not only been making Science happen in our school with lots of "fizz and splutter" experimentation, but they have been practicing scientific processes with the girls at the Marlborough Girls College, in their laboratories, like real scientists. Thank you to the Girls' College teachers for bringing this excitement into our understanding of what scientists do, and also to our fabulous groups of parents who helped to walk students to and from the college.

Kowhai Team Cross Country

Ka Pai to our Kowhai kids who participated in our annual cross country last Wednesday. After a frosty start to the day, the students turned up with fantastic attitudes ready to give their best efforts. Supported by a wonderful parent turnout there were many smiles as the children put their training into completing a fantastic run. Congratulations to our students who placed in the event. Their efforts will be acknowledged in Thursday's assembly. A huge thank you to all our supporters and helpers who made this event possible.

Three Way Conferences

Next week you will receive notification of our upcoming Three Way Conferences being held on 30th & 31st August and 1st September. This is an opportunity to have face to face contact with your child and their teacher on their learning achievements to date, and to set goals together for the following terms. As a school, we are also obligated to share with you how your child is tracking to achieve the National Standard as defined by the Ministry of Education. This is a positive practice of open communication. If you have concerns about your child's progress, this is not the time to share these, however at the conference please make an arrangement with the teacher to meet with them at another time. We urge you to take full advantage of this opportunity. If you are not able to book online, Brenda and Tamara will happily do this for you either face to face, or by phone call or txt.

Scooters being removed from scooter rack

We seem to have scooters being removed from our scooter storage racks, taken as far as McKendry Park, then dumped in that area. If you notice any person dropping a scooter in McKendry Park, and can identify the child, please can you report this to the school office. We have some rather distressed students whose scooters have been removed and we would like to resolve this issue as soon as possible. Thank you to those children and parents who have returned these scooters to school. We appreciate your help with this.



Daffodil Day Friday 26th August

This year on Friday the 26th children are invited to wear something yellow with their uniform in support of the Cancer Society's Daffodil Day. A coin donation will be laid out on our "Golden Daffodil". In return for the coin donation students will be given a Cancer Society sticker.

Our Daffodil Art

On Monday 22nd August, the pottery daffodils that we created last year will be on display on the banks of the Taylor River. The official opening of the display will be held at 10am just down from the Quality Hotel on the opposite side of Nelson Street. Ceramic daffodils can be purchased for \$20 per daffodil. Congratulations to all of our students who have contributed to this cause with empathy by creating a timeless daffodil.

Incidental School Trips

We occasionally take students out of the school grounds - to McKendry Park in Spring, to the Sports Centre on Battys Road, and recently to the Marlborough Girls' College Science Laboratories. We have a document signed at enrolment that covers permissions and Health and Safety issues on such an excursion. When we are out walking, we have Risk Management practises and documents in place with a requirement of a parent:child ratio of 1:10. Parents are often advised of these excursions through class newsletters or Ka Hikitia slips. Not all of our EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom) requires specific signed parental permission as they are covered under the enrolment permission.



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'

Sports Notices

Good Luck Team

The following Totara team children will represent Springlands School at the Marlborough Primary Interschools Cross Country being held on Tuesday 16th August at the Wither Hills Farmpark. George Matthews, Rico Chen, Alex Boyce, Willem Hayton, Tyler Black, Shani Tilbury, Chloe Pettigrew, Lilah Stallard, Jessica Bennett, Olive Paterson, DJ Arbuckle, Jacob Herd, Cam Anderson, Dylan Locke, Nate Washer, Seth Harwood, William Poff, Brianna Livingstone, Grace Calder, Frances Lutubutu, Joel Mason, Alise Pettigrew and Caitlyn Gjeldstad. We wish you all the best of luck and we know that you will do Springlands School proud. Race Times: 10.00am Race Brief, 10.15am Yr 5 Boys, 10.30am Yr 5 Girls, 10.45am Yr 6 Boys, 11.00am Yr 6 Girls

Congratulations...

Grace Calder and Shani Tilbury have got into the under 13 development representative team for hockey to play tournaments in Nelson, Westport and Christchurch. This is a great effort by these girls competing against girls much older. Congratulations also to Jack Bennett, DJ Arbuckle and Jack Burdon who are representing Marlborough Rugby as part of the Under 11 representative team. We wish you all well with your rep games.



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