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Dear Parents

Cambridge International AS Exam Results

We congratulate three of our senior students who re-sat their AS Chemistry, Physics and English Language. James Richardson, Vincent Claus and Alex Bird all achieved strong B passes (70-79%). James was 3% off an A grade. Well done!

Our senior students are studying hard this term, with staff running after-school revision classes until 5pm. Senior School exams start in Week 7. Our challenging international examinations begin with AS ICT on 6 October and all other exams including Year 6 Achievement Tests and Year 9 Checkpoint examinations, start on our first day back in Term 4.

2012 Senior Course Confirmation

All 2012 subject course sheets are due back by 1 September. Please contact Careers Liaison Phil Webb or subject teachers if you wish to discuss choices.

For students who plan to study overseas, here are some key facts:

- US Universities are a top study destination for Cambridge learners
- 450 US universities recognize Cambridge International AS and A Levels.
- 425 of those institutions award academic credit for Cambridge International AS and A Levels (US institutions generally require students to achieve a minimum number of credits to graduate)
- 49 of the top 50 US universities recognize Cambridge International AS and A Levels, including all the Ivy League universities (rankings sourced from USNews.com).

Dates for the Diary:

Friday 26th August

- **Science Fair – Open for viewing all day Room 3**
- **MATHEX competition**
- **Daffodil Day – Wheels Day for junior students**

Friday 2nd September Friends of Springbank Quiz Night

Friends of Springbank

Reminder regarding the Friends Quiz Night on Friday 2 September at Ake Ake – places are limited – please purchase your tickets from the office.

Also, we are starting to build the Bonfire for Fireworks Night on 5 November – all good garden rubbish welcome – please check with Louise Huett first.



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Junior School Speech Finals – Year 4-6

Congratulations to our very capable and talented Year 4-6 finalists, who competed for the winning honours on Monday. I have been really impressed with all of the students' dedication and practice, to lift their performance to extraordinary. Well done to these confident orators who shone through:

Year 4

1st – Faraday Haydock (My Kitten)

2nd – Monica Lloyd (Japan)

3rd – Fleur Nederlof (Netherlands)

Year 5

1st – Solomon Angus (Football)

2nd – Sam Sutcliffe (Gladiators)

3rd – Harrison Irwin (Michael Jackson)

Year 6

1st – Gabriella Hardcastle (Smoking)

2nd – Zach Kingsford (Cartoons)

3rd – Tosca Pasquale (The Middle Finger)

Gaby Hardcastle is awarded the Springbank School Junior Speech Trophy. Gaby, Zach, Solomon & Sam will compete at the upcoming Rotary Interschool Junior Speech Challenge 2011 on Tuesday 13 September, to be hosted by Springbank School.



Springbank Market Day

Our annual Market Day to be held this year on Sunday 25 September from 11am to 2pm, promises to be fantastic! We have musical entertainment throughout the day, fun family activities and displays, and plenty of food and drink to keep everyone happy at lunchtime. Our students are also marketing their own innovative products.

If any parents or organizations are interested in having a stall or display, please leave your contact details with Sally. For just \$25, it's a great way to market your own business or innovative idea. A percentage of all profits will go to Friends of Springbank, and several nominated charities.

Enlightened

Here's just one example of an innovative product developed by students Georgia Sheard and Zoe Taylor, who have solved your problem of finding rural driveways in the dark: They have produced 1m high white reflector battens; and you simply place one on either side of your driveway to light up the entrance!



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ICAS Science Competition Results

Congratulations to the following students who achieved commendable results in this International Competition and Assessment for Schools (ICAS). Special congratulations go to Isaac Chandler who demonstrated an outstanding personal achievement, gaining in the Top 1% in New Zealand.



ICAS Science Competition Results	Year Level	Score
High Distinction		
Isaac Chandler	5	Top 1%
Distinction		
Luke Bramley	6	Top 2%
Megan Bramley	9	Top 4%
Lauren Harrell	7	Top 7%
Sam Sutcliffe	5	Top 8%
Credit		
Lewis Kidman	8	Top 16%
Eamonn Joyce	11	Top 16%
Taran Kern	7	Top 18%
Max Hittle	5	Top 19%
Emily Derrick	8	Top 20%
Timothy Richardson	8	Top 20%
Billy Robb	7	Top 24%
Holly Sutcliffe	8	Top 25%
Gabriella Hardcastle	6	Top 30%
Ruby Hull	6	Top 30%

School Cleaning Work

Our cleaners extraordinaire Steve and Laila, will be absent from Monday 19 September to Friday 23 September. If a parent and/or a friend or partner would like extra employment for this week, please contact Sophia. With two people, it takes 2½-3 hours per day.

Springbank Scholar Rebate

We are pleased to inform you of our new Springbank Scholar rebate which will be introduced in 2012. The rebate will run indefinitely and is designed to acknowledge those students and families who have been with Springbank School for many years.

The Springbank Scholar rebate has two tiers and is awarded to all students who have been at Springbank for more than 3 full years. The rebate will be set at \$250 for students who have been enrolled for over 3 years, and \$500 for those students who have been enrolled for over 6 years.

This rebate will be credited each year to your child's Term 4 fees. If you have any questions, please contact Sophia.

Preschool

Come rain or shine our pre-schoolers enjoy their Wednesday afternoon forest walks!



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Time Flies at Air New Zealand

Springbank School student Vincent Claus was one of 10 New Zealand High School students chosen from almost 400 applicants nationwide to spend the day with CEO of Air New Zealand, Rob Fyfe and his executive management team.

The annual “CEO for the Day” competition looks for the country’s most promising future leaders, with students submitting their answer to the question, “If you were the CEO of Air New Zealand for one day, how would you make a difference?”.

Vincent’s winning idea was to enhance Air New Zealand’s long haul product with an on-board business facility in the lower deck of the wide body fuselage. This would contain a private meeting room and another office with internet, photocopying and printing capabilities. Vincent said that a lot can happen in business during a 12 hour flight, so it is essential that business people have the option to stay connected to the world.

Time certainly flew for Vincent as he spent a fantastic day competing in a social media innovation challenge, visiting the gigantic engineering base, and gaining a full understanding of the challenges of running this aviation industry (including their annual fuel bill of \$1.2billion!). CEO Rob Fyfe said that to be a good leader one must be down to earth, motivating, inspiring; and be a good communicator who understands people and their context.

Vincent, who already holds his private pilot’s licence, plans a career as a pilot.



Fair Trade Comes to Springbank

On Monday 8th August Springbank welcomed Darren Frazer to talk to students about Fair Trade. Darren presented the concept of Fair Trade to students from Year 7 through to Year 13. His presentation generated some thought provoking questions and students were challenged to think about how, as consumers, they could help to make world trade more fair to producers in the developing world.

Under the Fairtrade system, producers are paid a fair, minimum price for their goods. Producer cooperatives also receive an extra amount, known as the Fairtrade premium, that can be used to fund community development projects such as schools, water wells and health care clinics.

Choosing Fairtrade products is an easy and effective way to ensure that producers and growers in the developing world get a fair price for their goods so they can work their way out of poverty. The Fairtrade logo is a registered certification label for products sourced from producers in developing countries so if you see this logo on a product you know that producers in the developing world have been paid fairly.



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Sports Report:

- **Penguins Junior Netball Team:** 20-0 win (unbeaten this year)
- **10th grade soccer:** 2-1 win. They have won their league and they're playing for the final trophy this coming Saturday.
- **Senior Basketball:** 4th out of all Northland schools in Division 1. They are playing in the local men's grade final this week too.
- **Olivia Matthews, Equestrian:** Competed in one day event in Helensville – Won dressage phase on a score of 23 (the lower number the better) – 2nd place was awarded at 24! Went double clear in showjumping and cross country so Olivia won overall for pre-training out of 30 riders competing in this event from Taupo North.

Fire and Ice Ball

Our Springbank Ball was a great night out for our senior students. Coloured light-beams danced in time to the music, alongside the handsome and the beautiful. The giant, slow-melting ice sculpture and the fantastic food set the scene for a great evening we all enjoyed.



Daffodils

Watch out around town for fantastic artwork like this done by our Junior School students.



Community Notices:

Storylines Free Family Day

Sunday 27th August
Turner Centre, 10am – 2pm

Riverview School Bazaar

Sunday 11th September
Lots of fun – children's rides and activities, silent auction, raffles, entertainment, food stalls, plants, pre-loved clothing, white elephant and much more...
Riverview School, 11am – 3pm

Kaikohe Pony Club Open Day

Sunday 4th September
All welcome, lots of fun and games
Waimate North Showgrounds,
10am – 12pm



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Year 13 South Island Trip

Phil Webb, Mike Richardson and our Year 13 students had a cool (in every sense of the word!) trip to the South Island recently. Amidst falling snow and cold, wet days, their spirits were high. From Christchurch, across to the West Coast in the Trans-alpine train, Greymouth, Hokitika, Franz Josef and Wanaka; they experienced stunning scenery. James' shorts and bare-foot dance in the snow was great entertainment. Vincent attempted skiing in Queenstown, only to find himself chest-deep in snow-drifts; the rest enjoyed venison pies and gold-panning in Arrowtown. Ice-skating, a gondola trip and the Manapouri Powerhouse were spectacular. They then flew over Foveaux Strait to Stewart Island and had a fantastic time fishing, visiting an amazing bird sanctuary and a little Primary School. Dunedin via the wild Catlins, was the final destination, where they discovered albatrosses, yellow-eyed penguins, the great disappearing gun in its underground hideaway and the steepest street on Earth. It was a brilliant 10 days and a really great trip for our Year 13s. Thanks Phil Webb for all of your organization.



Kind Regards,

Sophia Warren
Principal

Thought for the week:

Week 3:

Are you a wet match or a bright flame? Spark up your day – inspire yourself and people around you.

Week 4:

People don't care how much you know, until you show them how much you care. (This week, write a note to at least one person, telling them what you really like or admire about them)



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