



Newsletter No.17 | November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011

## Dear Parents

Our Cambridge International examinations finish this week and we look forward to the results in late January. Staff in the Senior School are already planning next year's courses. We are pleased to announce the addition of A-level Economics, bringing the number of subjects offered at senior level to twelve – a significant number for a small school, giving great choice for our senior students.

Classes and staff for 2012 are all set to go. With Maths teacher Barbara Stevenson taking off to the South Island for a great adventure, and the amalgamation of part-time staff into full-time positions, we are pleased to welcome the following new staff:

**Chris Wallis** - HOD Mathematics

**Ben Hilliam** - Mathematics and ICT

**Christian Pera** - Physical Education and English

**Anna Climo** - Class Teacher, Year 5

We say farewell to Christine and Graeme Jones who have been teaching English, Science, ICT and Mathematics in the Middle School over the past few years; and we sincerely thank them for their significant contribution to Springbank.

## Springbank School Prizegiving

Prizegiving begins at 7pm sharp on Wednesday 7 December. All students are expected to attend and to present themselves well at our final school function for 2011. Junior students through to our 2011 graduates will be honoured; and it is great for us all to celebrate their successes.

Please bring a plate of food for supper (put in Room 10 next to the gym) and join with us over tea and coffee after Prizegiving.

Yearbooks will be issued by class teachers after the Prizegiving ceremony.

## Dates for the Diary:

**24-30 November**

**Book Fair – Buy your Xmas presents!**

**Tuesday 29 November**

**Year 11-13 Presentation  
Dinner (7pm Ake Ake  
Restaurant)**

**Thursday 1 December**

**Springbank Gift Giving  
Ceremony (2:30pm)**

**Friday 2 December**

**9am: Junior School  
Performance, Presentation of  
Certificates. Reports issued.**

**1pm: Year 7-10 Presentation  
of Certificates. Reports  
issued.**

**Monday 5 December**

**Big Day Out for all classes**

**Tuesday 6 December**

**Farewell for Barbara  
Stevenson (9am)**

**Wednesday 7 December**

**School Prizegiving (7pm)**

**Thursday 8 December**

**Last day of school,  
Traditional water fight!**



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## Community Fireworks Night

A huge thank you to our Friends of Springbank parents who staged an absolutely fantastic Fireworks Night for the whole Bay of Islands Community. This has become a much-anticipated event. Special thanks go to Louise Huett as chief organiser extraordinaire and official pyrotechnic Harry Irwin, who blew us away with a fantastic professional display of colour and sound. Thank you to all of our parents and staff and members of the community, who made this event possible – it was amazing to see so many people helping to set up and to clean up. Friends of Springbank – you are an incredible, inspirational group of people.



## Community Enterprise Project

Congratulations to the Year 10 group of Chance August, Matthew Taylor, Craig Walker and Cambell Matthews who have received a Merit Award and \$500 towards their project from the Young Enterprise Trust, for the BP Community Enterprise Project. The boys, under the guidance of school builder Harold Magon, spent two days constructing a play-house for Mt Pleasant Primary School in Christchurch. This school is a small school that was devastated by the earthquakes.

The Wendy House will be transported from Springbank School to Mt Pleasant School in Christchurch by Toll United Transport free of charge.

The materials have been fundraised for by selling hamburgers at Market Day, holding raffles and selling sheep manure.



Photo courtesy of Peter de Graaf – Northern Advocate

Harold Magon has donated his time to help build the Wendy House and Carters donated plywood towards the project.

## Golden Key Honours for Past Springbank Students



Pictured are, from left, Springbank graduates Sam Felton, Kirsty le Couteur and Luke Elliott, who were inducted this year into the elite University of Waikato International Golden Key Honours Society. The top students for each year are offered a place. We extend our congratulations on this prestigious honour.

## Springbank Gift Giving

Every year we hold a special gift-giving ceremony to encompass the spirit of Christmas and the giving to others less fortunate. This year Springbank is again supporting the Kerikeri Food Bank. Santa will arrive next Thursday 1 December at 2.30pm and during the ceremony following, non-perishable food items will be given to Santa from each person attending. Representatives from the Food Bank will be attending and you are most welcome too. Thank you for your support.



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## ICAS 2011 Mathematics Results

Special congratulations to outstanding student Isaac Chandler, who scored in the top 1% in New Zealand for this challenging academic competition. Tim Richardson and Taran Kern were extremely close to achieving high distinction, ranked in the top 2%!

ICAS Maths Competition Results	Year Level	Score
<b>High Distinction</b>		
Isaac Chandler	5	Top 1%
<b>Distinction</b>		
Tim Richardson	8	Top 2%
Taran Kern	7	Top 2%
Sophie Lloyd	7	Top 10%
<b>Credit</b>		
Holly Sutcliffe	8	Top 12%
Aimee Larkan	7	Top 13%
Sophie Piesse	7	Top 13%
Max Hittle	5	Top 14%
Georgia Sheard	8	Top 16%
Billy Robb	7	Top 18%
Alex Horsman	10	Top 19%
Jamie Hardcastle	8	Top 20%
Ruby Hull	6	Top 22%
Simon Thurston	6	Top 22%
Megan Bramley	9	Top 22%
Jack Thurston	9	Top 22%
Emily Derrick	8	Top 25%
Luke Bramley	6	Top 27%
Jake Dawson	6	Top 27%
Lauren Harrell	7	Top 28%
Leo Stretton- Pow	7	Top 28%
Zach Kingsford	6	Top 33%
Andrew Knight	6	Top 33%
Nik Osokin	6	Top 33%
Robert Navarro	9	Top 34%

## Middle School Options Programme

This has proved to be fantastic opportunity for our students to try sailing, cooking, water-skiing, craft work, story-writing, chess, paddleboarding and film-making. Students have loved the Friday afternoon activities and we are keen to offer this programme again next year. Thank you to staff, parents and community people who made it all possible.



## New Playground Structure

This week, builder Harold Magon and Bob Warren are putting together a much-anticipated new play-structure for our Headstart children.



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## Otago Problem Solving Competition

601 schools and 34,200 students entered this mathematics competition for Year 6-8 students.

Congratulations to the following students who were in the Top 1.4% in New Zealand:

<b>Tim Richardson</b>	Year 8 (perfect score)
<b>Taiyo Serge</b>	Year 8
<b>Sophie Piesse</b>	Year 7

Excellence certificates were awarded to the top 13% of Year 7 students in New Zealand:

<b>Aimee Larkan</b>	<b>Lauren Harrell</b>
<b>Billy Robb</b>	<b>Sophie Piesse</b>
<b>Aliesha Whitehead</b>	<b>Sarah Hewitt</b>

Excellence Certificates were also awarded to the top 11% of Year 8 students in New Zealand:

<b>Emily Derrick</b>	<b>Taiyo Serge</b>
<b>Holly Sutcliffe</b>	<b>Tim Richardson</b>

**Zach Kingsford**, Year 6, was awarded an Excellence Certificate for being in the top 13% of New Zealand Year 6 students.

Students who received Merit Certificates (top 27%-29% in NZ) were:

<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
Francesca Edmonds	Matthew Foster	Luke Bramley
Anita Pasquale	Leo Stretton-Pow	Troy Vujcich
Sage Christensen-Field	Mayur Patel	Ruby Hull
Kendra Scott	Taran Kern	
Georgia Sheard		
Jamie Hardcastle		
Lewis Kidman		

## Congratulations Elle

Past Springbank student Elle Nilsson recently graduated with a Bachelor of Management (Hons) in Public Relations and Human Resource Management from the University of Waikato. During her four years of study, Elle continued to work, play netball for the University and tutor a Management paper within her degree.

Elle has been appointed to a position at Mainfreight within the international sea freight department. Elle thanked staff in an email and said "Springbank's unique ability to work in small classes with a friendly and open environment provided me with the courage and confidence I needed to be successful."

## Congratulations to:

- Teacher Lynne Alexander, who swam 2.9km in an Ocean Swim recently.
- Teachers Caroline de Kock and Barbara Stevenson; student Megan Bramley for completing the Kerikeri Half-Marathon.
- Holly Sutcliffe, Year 8, whose poster was chosen by Waipapa Lions Club to represent our district in the International Peace Poster Competition.
- Mike and Angela Warren, who were recently married.

## Scholastic Book Fair Reminder

Friday 25 November to Wednesday 30 November – Great for Christmas presents, and EFTPOS facilities will be available. This will be in Room 3, 8.20am-9am and 2.30pm-3.15pm.

## Community Notices:

### Junior Fishing Competition

BOI Swordfish Club – 14-15 January 2012. For details contact Leisa Henwood Ph 09 401 0789/  
leisa@henwoodbuilders.co.nz

### Winter Wonderland Youth Ball

Saturday 10th December, The Turner Centre 7.30pm-midnight  
Ticket Door Sales Only - \$10  
Formal Respectable Dress, Ages 15+  
Contact: Ruth Whitehead 407 6103



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## Liberty Templeman Memorial

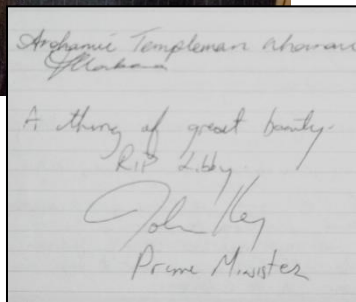
After over a year of meetings and negotiations, the beautiful piece of art created in memory of Liberty Templeman will no longer be displayed in Kerikeri. This has been a Kerikeri community board decision that we all respect.

Instead, the 'O-Void' artwork is now on display at the Whangarei Art Museum. Designed by Christine Cathie, it is accompanied with a remembrance book for Libby, and was blessed by Te Warihi Hetaaraka as it was being installed.

The artwork has already been visited by notable public figures including the Hon. Phil Heatley (Member of Parliament) and the Hon. Chris Finlayson (New Zealand Attorney General and current Minister for Art, Culture & Heritage). New Zealand Prime Minister John Key also visited the display last week. He took time to learn more about Libby's story and wrote his own message to Libby in the remembrance book.

Despite the disagreement surrounding the public display of Libby's memorial in Kerikeri, we are very proud of our students who worked hard in this community project. Although Libby was not a student at Springbank, some of our students felt very strongly about ensuring we can all remember Libby in such a positive light.

If you would like to see the artwork, you can visit the Whangarei Art Museum Hours daily from 10am-4pm. An official unveiling ceremony will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> December from 1:30-3pm.



Kind Regards,

**Sophia Warren**  
Principal

## Thought for the week:

### Week 3:

***"Our doubts are traitors and cause us to miss the good we oft might win by fearing to attempt."***

**-William Shakespeare**

### Week 4:

***"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."***

**- Seneca 5BC – 65AD**

### Week 5:

***"Want what you have."  
(Appreciate all of the good things you have in your life)***



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