

# Evakona Newsletter

## Winter 2008



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Greetings from Evakona!! This is our first Newsletter as Evakona. We hope you are all well. We have experienced a few storms recently and a lot of rain.... typical New Zealand winter weather. However in our area, the Coromandel Peninsula is having a warm winter. It never snows here and winter is a lot milder than other places. It looks like spring is only a step away. We are hoping it comes soon and we can go out and have fun in the great outdoors, although many people do that anyway, rain or shine!!



### Recent Activity: **Boat Cruise**

Yes. It is winter here now. However, nothing can take our outdoor-spirits away!!! We are still enjoying the ocean. Actually it was a beautiful warm day, and we enjoyed the sea breeze and the view from the boat around Mercury Bay was absolutely gorgeous!!!

### Evakona Survey Vol.1

Let's find out what everyone is thinking...

#### Q: Why did you come to NZ?

- No.1 To study English
- No.2 For a change of life, To live
- No.3 Beautiful natural environment
- Other answers .... NZ was the cheapest, Safe country, Family or teacher recommended it.

#### Q: What do you like the most here?

- No.1 After School (Parties, etc..)
- No.2 Teachers / Conversation Class
- No.3 Homestay
- Other answers .... Grammar Class, Exam Prep Class, Private Lesson, Lunch Time, Afternoon Class, Activity, Atmosphere, Friends

#### Q: What do you recommend for new students to do here?

- No.1 Use English
- No.2 Enjoy the beaches
- No.3 Spend time with host families
- Other answers .... Horse Riding, Making friends, Study hard!

### Culture : **Warm welcome from Junior Students at Maori Class.**

A group of our students from Evakona visited the Maori class at Mercury Bay Area School on 29 July 2008. The class welcomed the group with Traditional Maori dances and songs, Powhiri (a Maori welcome), and the students taught our group Maori words and culture. Thank you kids! We enjoyed the experience.



### Local Action: **International students joining local Soccer teams!**



Every Wednesday night in Whitianga, and Thursday night in Thames, the soccer lovers get together at the local ground to play. It just happened that many of Evakona students love soccer (as you see, they play even in the rain!!), and they are good at it! The local soccer teams are very pleased to have many good players from all over the world.

### Class Action: **Evakona Olympics !!**

The world has united together to celebrate the Olympics and we are doing the same at Evakona! We are having a competition amongst the different nationalities at our school to see which country will get the most medals in the Olympics. We held an 'Evakona Olympics' poster making competition in class and congratulations to Shahad, Yasuko and Tatsuro for their beautiful poster!!! The students have enjoyed learning about the Olympics in class through quizzes and games.



### **Student of the month**

**June: Naho Inokuchi (General Eng course)**

**July: Arisa Ito (High school prep course)**



From Teachers: Naho has been working very hard, never misses classes or is late, and she has improved her English a lot. Arisa is also very keen and a hard working student. She is also very keen to communicate with her host family at home and enjoy doing things together with them. We love both of the students' attitude and that is why they have received the award. We are proud of you, girls!