



# Evakona Newsletter Spring 08 / Summer 09

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**Season's greetings from Evakona !** The sun is shining and the days are longer (it is light until 8pm now! ) it is everybody's favorite season in NZ. Yes, it is **SUMMER!!!** ... well, it is just the beginning of summer now. It is getting warmer and some keen people (and kids, of course) has started **swimming in the sea**. The water is still a little cold but it is always such a great feeling to be in the ocean. It is the best season to enjoy the **beautiful beaches** and the great out-doors of **Coromandel Peninsula!!** We do a lot of **Marine activities** as well for students to make the most of summer in NZ!!!

Dear all,

Thank you very much for your support and cooperation with in 2008. We have had a great year again thanks to you all. We would like to show you all our appreciation and we wish you a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Evakona will close due to the school holidays

from 20<sup>th</sup> December 2008 to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

Eriko Mclean, Evakona Teachers & Staff



**Paintballing**



**Boat Cruise**



**Horse Riding**

## Recent Activities !



**Kayaking**



**Golf**



**Bush Walk**



**Surfing**



**Snorkeling**



**Scuba Diving**

# Available Courses at Evakona 2009

## General English Course Full time 23, 21 or Part time

Improve your English in small classes for each level with great teachers! From Beginner to Advanced (Class level availability is subject to change depending on student numbers)

## IETLS Preparation Course Full time 23 or Full time 21

Intensive Exam training course. Expert teachers will help you to achieve your goals. From Intermediate level of English. (You can start from our General English Course and transfer to Exam prep course when you improve your English level)

## High School Preparation Course

Full time 23 + Friday Activities

**Starts on 6 April for 40 weeks until January 2010** ( 4 weeks holiday in between ), We teach English and NZ high school subjects, and you can get NCEA Level 1 & 2 credits to carry over to NZ high school next year !!

For more course information and prices for 2009, please see our website [www.evakona.com](http://www.evakona.com)



## Congratulations, the high school graduates!!

They came to New Zealand 3 years ago from Japan with a small amount of English. Now, they talk, act and think like Kiwis!!! 6 of our High School prep graduates have finished NZ high school this year!! They have studied hard, have grown up and been adapted to New Zealand very well. Congratulations! We are very proud of you!!

**Taisuke ISHIMARU** - graduated Mercury Bay Area School, going to **RIKKYO UNIVERSITY**, Japan. Taisuke participated in many musical performances at school. He played Piano for the school band and he also played solo for the opening of the prize-giving ceremony at school!

**Aki NAKAMURA** - graduated Thames High School, going to **TAMA Art University**, Japan. She has contributed a lot in Art and Photography, and she also played saxophone for the school band. She won **The prizes for Music, Photography and Clothing!!**

**Ayaka TAKEKAWA** - graduated Thames High School at the age of 17, going to **TEMPLE University**, Japan. She has made so much effort studying and living in NZ and she has finished school one year earlier than everybody. She has got the prizes for Clothing and ESOL. Great work!!

**Yuki ONO** - graduated Thames High School, going to **KANTO GAKUIN University**. She was adored by many students for her stunning, confident and cool personality. She sang for the school band, beautiful voice!!

**Chiaki SAKAGAMI** - graduated Thames High School, going to **Victoria University, Wellington**. She had many Kiwi friends and she sounds like a kiwi now. Loved by all teachers and students. Great contribution to Art. She received the prizes for ART and ESOL.

**Taito KONDO** - Studied at Mercury Bay Area School and Thames High School, graduated Thames High School. He took part in the **Marine Academy** at MBAS, got into Diving and Marine studies. Took part in Spirit of New Zealand Trip as well and made the most of the outdoor education of New Zealand. He will continue to study in NZ for IELTS.



# How will you spend Christmas & New Years holiday ?



## 1. Spend time with Family and Friends

Go back to my home country and spend time with family. / Eat lots of good food. / Visiting grand parents. / Drink until I pass out. / Catching up with friends. Telling everybody about NZ. Going to a concert with friends! etc.



## 2. Working / Studying



Going home and going back to work! (Peter & Anke)  
Get a part time job and make some money! (Ayaka)  
Working around the house making the driveway. (Taddy) Studying for an Exam!! (Kazma)

## 3. Beach

Beach everyday! Surfing and Snorkeling !! (Azumi) Boogie boarding and Fishing! (Joerg) Scuba Diving! (Vanessa)



## 4. Party !!

Christmas Party, New years party, and... whatever parties!!! (Emma) Many BBQs with friends (Joerg)



## 5. Traveling New Zealand

Going camping (AKO) Exploring South island ! (Lisl) Traveling North land (Kazma & Shogo)



Whatever you do in your holiday, please enjoy!!  
We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!! See you next News letter in 2009!!!!

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