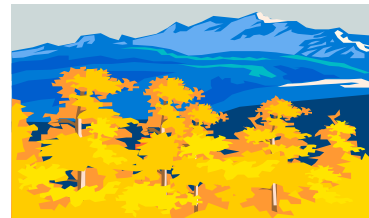


English Voyage Academy Newsletter - Autumn 2008



Greetings from English Voyage Academy !!

Our long, hot summer is now over, the air is getting cooler and smells like falling leaves and rich soil, the smell of autumn... The water in the ocean is still warm so we are still enjoying surfing and diving with wetsuits, and it's a beautiful season for hiking! Day light savings (summer time) is over now, so the days are getting shorter as winter approaches, which means more study time for students at home after dark!...or maybe more watching DVD's with chocolate & hot cocoa, or sipping NZ wines in front of the cozy fireplace...



About our Students: **An Awesome Kiwi experience for Japanese High School Students Group.**

8 boys from the Yasuda Gakuen Boys High school in Tokyo have spent 2 weeks studying English at EVA. The groups from this school have visited us every year for the last 3 years and we always look forward to them coming as they enjoy everything they experience here in NZ with lots of energy and passion. The style of learning English here really impressed them and even in their short time here, they really improved their English a lot through lessons, activities and their homestay experience. They participated 100% in activities in the great outdoors, like horse riding, fishing, hiking, sea kayaking etc. The glowworms in the old gold mine really amazed them! They joined Mercury Bay Area school for Sports, Drama, Craft and Music classes and did a wonderful presentation about Japan for the Intermediate students at MBAS and again for their homestay families at the farewell party. The highlight of their trip was a visit to the Kennedy Bay Marae - the Maori's meeting place. The community there welcomed them with traditional Maori food - a Hangi, and lots of songs and dances. They especially loved 'The Haka' - a famous tribal dance performed by the children of Kennedy Bay School. They completed their trip with a visit to Auckland, New Zealand's biggest city with sightseeing and shopping for lots of NZ souvenirs.



About our Staff : **Congratulations AKO!!**

Our lovely team mate, Eva's counselor / teacher, Atsuko (AKO) Ito got married on 26 April. She is now Mrs. Ako Carse!



The ceremony took place at the boating club overlooking the lovely Buffalo Beach. Ako was incredibly beautiful in her stunning white wedding dress, and Gary looked delighted to finally have her as his wife! They stood in a circle of shells as they exchanged their vows. Congratulations, Gary and Ako, we wish you all the best!!



Homestay development night, 19th May

Many of the homestay families joined us for our annual homestay development evening to get to know each other better, chat and pick up useful hints for hosting students. A very informative evening!



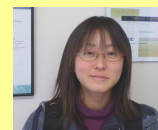
Student of the month

Who is the most hard working student ?

Moeko Arakaki (Japan)

From Teachers: " We have chosen her because she has been studying so hard for the IELTS exam and her positive attitude at school is great. She is always keen to communicate and ask questions in the class when she doesn't understand.

From Moeko: I didn't expect it but I'm so happy to get a Voucher for my favorite Café Nina!! Thank you!! It has been a great experience studying at EVA, all the teachers are so awesome and helpful!



News: **Farewell to EVA, we will soon be...**

Evakona comes from EVA & Akona which means "learning" in Maori. Sounds a little unfamiliar the first time you hear it? Please say it a few times and let the sound sink in for a while and you will soon love it! Evakona Education is going to be our new school name from July 2008. The new name Evakona is as unique as New Zealand itself, reflecting our commitment to learning excellence in the New Zealand environment!



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