

AFS North Shore Newsletter

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Ngā Herenga Tātai o AFS

NEXT MEETING –

Sunday 14 November 2010 7.00 pm

SUNNYNOOK COMMUNITY CENTRE

CNR SUNNYNOOK RD & SYCAMORE DR, SUNNYNOOK

FAREWELL AND FRIENDS NIGHT

Hosted Students' Speeches

An invitation to all host families, liaison families and friends

Please bring all your family to the next meeting to hear farewell speeches from many of our soon-to-depart students.

As well as hearing about our visiting students' most enduring memories, this is our chance to **express** our appreciation of all our host families, who make all these wonderful experiences possible.



Special Guest

Judy O'Grady, Orewa College, will also speak to us about her AFS sponsored trip to South America at the next meeting.

Please bring a plate for shared supper at half time.

ALL WELCOME! We look forward to seeing you there.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1 November 2010

54 days till Christmas

North Shore is required to place 11 students that arrive in February 2011. To date we have had a wonderful start with a mighty 6 already placed. 5 to go, please help us find homes for the others.

Next meeting we welcome Judy O'Grady from Orewa College who will share her story of her AFS trip to South America. We will also start the good bye process with farewell speeches from some of January departing students.

Oh and dust off those boat shoes and join us for the trip down the Warkworth River on 12th December, a sausage, a swim and a good time.

Cheers

Winston

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HOSTING

Hello everyone - we need your help please. There are still 120 students due at the end of January who require homes. They ALL need to be placed within the next seven weeks before the schools close for the year. Do you have room for one in your home? Please ask all your friends, relatives, neighbours and team mates and talk to people at your sports/music/dance classes, churches, schools, unis and work places. Do you know of some empty nesters who have rooms to fill, people on their own who might like company, couples with young children for whom an AFS student would make an excellent role model? Or people who want to learn a foreign language free of charge!!

Remember we will pay \$200 to any selected, hosted or returnee student who finds a home. Have a look at www.afs.org.nz to see all the gorgeous students coming to NZ and please contact Su or Heather on 0942 68128 or 0942 65030 or hosting@afsns.org.nz if you can help. Thanks so much.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING HOSTED STUDENTS:

Linda from Sweden on 10th November
Thibault from France on 12th November
Manon from Belgium on 21st November



GENERAL NOTICES

CALENDAR DATES

Nov 14 AFS meeting
Nov 28 Santa Parade
Dec 12 AFS meeting – **BOAT TRIP**
 11 am – 3 pm Aboard the “Jane Gifford”

WHAT'S ON

Nov 6 England v Papua New Guinea, Eden Park, 6pm
 Nov 6 NZ v Australia, Eden Park, 8:15 pm (league)
 Nov 13 Monster Energy Super X – Australasian Supercross
 Nov 27 Western Springs Speedway USA Sprint Cars
 Dec 2 Jack Johnson Concert

December Meeting – on board

the “Jane Gifford”, a 102 year sailing scow built at Omaha especially for the NZ coastal trade. This historic vessel is now almost fully restored.

Enjoy a day in the fresh air as we sail in her on the Mahurangi River.



Sunday 12 December:

Meet at 10:45 am for 11:00 am departure from Warkworth.

Return to wharf at 3pm, but we can stay on board after this if we want. The last of our departing hosted students will give their speeches today

Bring your swimming gear and picnic lunch. You will also need clothes appropriate for the weather on the day (it can be cold on the water and there is little shelter).

Limited spaces – first come first booked.

Book with Winston:

president@afsns.org.nz

\$5 each, \$20 per family.

ROADSHOW PRESENTERS FOR 2011

WANTED!!

- **WHO** Returnees or other AFS members
- **WHY** To promote AFS
- **WHERE** In local Secondary Schools
- **PAYMENT** Yes!
- **TRAINING** Yes! – Prior to starting in schools.
- **HOW** Contact: Elizabeth Francis (ph. 410 2012 or vicepresident@afsns.org.nz)
 Dylan Syben (dylan.syben@afs.org) to apply and for further details.

MAIL IN-BOX

Elena Sutcliffe (*Germany*) 29 October 2010

Hello :)

Back at school again and nothing much is new. Everything is pretty much normal life. Homework, friends, hanging out. A good friend of mine is in a band (Blyndfold), and I went to his concert, bought the t-shirt and cd :) and he has another one coming up and so I'm gonna take a couple of friends with me.

I'm forgetting words in English. For example I didn't know what embassy was in English, I had to ask my host mum. That was a bit embarrassing, and the same with gloves.... little things I can't remember, and there are a couple of sentences which are now just so much easier to say in German than English. So when I write to my friends, they get sometimes a bit confused. I start off my letter in English, but if someone starts to talk to me in German, then I carry on my letter in German :\ :P

Ummm, have a special holiday coming up called St Martins Day, and you have handmade lanterns etc. and so the whole city is lit up.... My host family (and the whole street) are having a party for the weekend, so I am going to be very busy :)

My little sister (5 years old) is going to be starting primary next year and going to be in the English extension class, so I've helped her a bit by giving her little words and sentences in English, eg. I love you, dandelion, dress, bag and duck :)

It's getting colder here. Waking up for school is not nice. It's pitch black outside, cold, and then it rains...it's horrible.... We all have the heaters on full blast everywhere! Including the shops which is kinda annoying as you never know what to wear cause its freeeeeeeezing outside, but as soon as you're in a shop, its soooo hot and you like start to sweat...

Other than that..it's pretty much all :)

Liebe Grüße,

Elly

Katrina Rothwell (*Santiago, Chile*) 3 November 2010

I'm still having the time of my life 8 months in! This week I'll be going on the tour to the south with a group of about 40 others so that's something I have been waiting for a few months and we're all getting together to plan what we're going to take!

I can't imagine that in less than three months time I'll be back in the AFS chapter in North Shore, the year has flown by and I just wish it would slow down and wait for me to catch up! I'm both nervous and excited about the end of the year, it signifies that I have to go back but it's also the holidays when I can spend time with all my family and friends here. I don't even like imagining returning, as beautiful as New Zealand is my life has evolved here now and I don't want to pack up and leave it. So there is a list of things to do before leaving.

School carries on in a hectic motion, lots of exams, many projects and so on. It's very strange sometimes in that I took this exchange to learn Spanish and yet you end up learning so much more at the same time.

As it is there it's coming into summer here too and what a heat! Every day we get home

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begging to go to the beach. That would be the one thing I miss the most, here in Santiago we live two hours from the coast so there's not a lot of options for cooling down and the nearby gym doesn't have a pool so we're saving up to go and spend the three month long vacaciones on the beach with ice cream!

Well, still enjoying every precious moment that's left. Will have much more to tell on arrival in the first meetings!

Take care all over there enjoying their exchange!

(I don't know what else to report from the last time, it stays the same in that I'm having a great time getting together with friends, school, none the less it's incredible!) Katrina



Hosted students enjoying some wonderfully sunny weather over Labour weekend at Cathedral Cove, Coromandel. They are Dominic (Switzerland), Ariel (Argentina and hosted in Thames), Sophie (Canada) and Melanie (Switzerland).



Halloween Kiwi style with Melanie, Sophie, Manon & Jacopo.

AFS Auckland East Fundraiser – Movie night

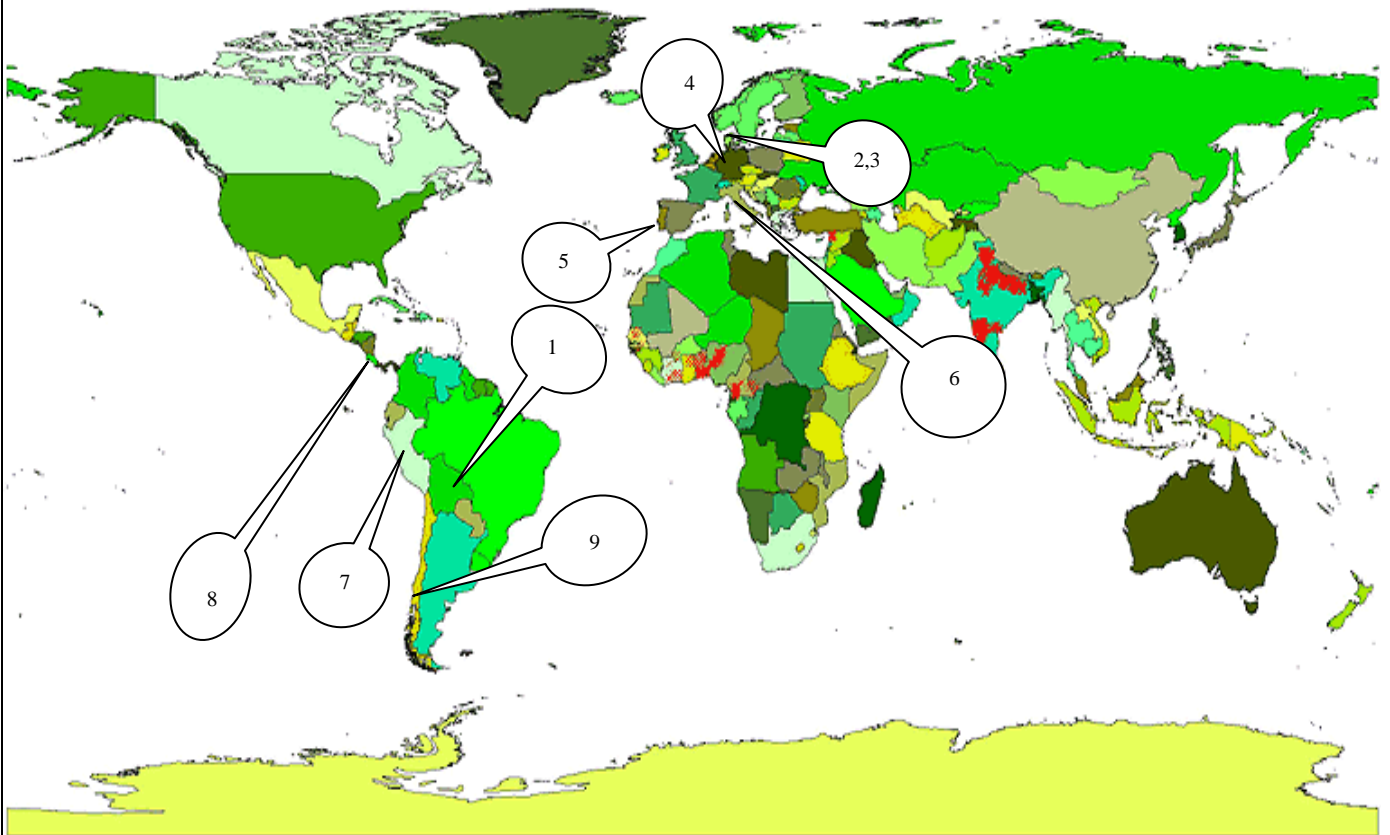
Monday 15 November at 7:30 pm at Bridgeway – **The Ghost Writer**

Cost: \$20 per person.

(The link for the trailer is: <http://www.imdb.com/video/imdb/vi3376022553/>)

Please book by emailing - Shirley Webb-Speight - shirley@benesail.co.nz or phone/text 021 663866

WHERE OUR SELECTED STUDENTS ARE ABROAD



North Shore students currently overseas:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 John Allis, Bolivia | 4 Elena Sutcliffe, Germany | 7 Kieran Simmons, Peru |
| 2 Samantha Te Au, Denmark | 5 Olivia Rapata, Portugal | 8 Phoebe Farrimond-Kelly, Costa Rica |
| 3 Bryan Wong, Denmark | 6 Gabriela Visini, Italy | 9 Katrina Rothwell, Chile |





This plate was left behind at the Welcome Spring dinner.

If it's yours, please collect it from Winston at our November 14 meeting.

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