



AFS NORTH SHORE NEWSLETTER

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CHAPTER MEETING

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**KEEP
CALM**

AND

**ENJOY THE SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS**

President's Report

I have just returned from a 16 day holiday in Japan, during which, we visited the city of Hiroshima. Visiting the Atomic Dome and National Peace Museum and seeing the stories and picture of the damage that was done by the atomic bomb has inspired me. Now you might think this is an odd place to get inspiration, but the overwhelming message that I took away was that we have to do everything that we can to promote world peace so a tragedy such as the use of nuclear weapons will never happen again. I am proud to be associated with an organisation such as AFS which promotes world peace through inter-cultural understanding. The origins of AFS date back to those volunteer ambulance officers in World War 1 whose personal belief was that personal interaction and friendship between people built international peace and understanding. I am also proud to be a New Zealander and the stand our country's leaders have taken on not allowing nuclear weapons within our borders. When we see the devastation from chemical weapons that has recently taken place in Syria and how the world leaders have taken action to try and avert any further damage, we hope that lessons were learnt from the nuclear attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and that the use of these types of weapons will never happen again.

Please pat yourself on the back for the part you play in working towards world peace by being involved in AFS.

Robyn



October Chapter Meeting



Dress up into your scariest, spookiest or cutest Halloween costume and join the night where the AFS NorthShore family will get together to spend a horrendous Halloween gathering!

Date: Sunday 13th October

Time: 7pm-9pm

Venue: Sunnynook Community Centre

- Bring a Halloween themed plate of food
- Dress up regarding the Halloween theme
- Games
- Fear Factor



Hosting

If you are interested in hosting a student, new profiles are on the AFS New Zealand website so please have a look at

http://www.afs.org.nz/Host/Student_profiles/

And please contact Andrea at: hosting@afsnz.org.nz for more information.

We are now seeking host families for 2014. In order to get the students here on time next year they need to be placed in a host family by the END of NOVEMBER, so the paperwork can all be completed before the schools break up in Mid December.

Here is a selection from the website. The North Shore Chapter has been asked to host 5 year long programme students and 2 semester programme students. So get your thinking caps on to how we can find host families. Talk to your neighbours, work colleagues. If you belong to a club, or group

GERMANY



Jennifer

Age: 16

Native Language: German

Interests: acting, dance and swimming

Length of stay: 10 months

where you think there may be interested hosting families please get in contact with Andrea.

Jennifer loves animals but unfortunately her family does not have any pets as her brother is allergic to cats and they don't have enough time for a dog. She has a friend who has a dog and she really loves her. For this exchange she really hopes she will be hosted by a family with a cat.

One day Jennifer would like to be an actor, and not just for German movies but for English movies too, that is why Jennifer wants to make sure she can speak perfect English. Lord of the Rings was a great inspiration for her, and although she says that may sound stupid, she just "really, really loves that movie". Jennifer also really loves to watch those horror movies that are so bad you laugh at them.

Jennifer likes to go swimming and does hip hop dance classes. She is also part of the drama club at her school and enjoys drawing in her down time.

Hosting

Costa Rica



Valeria

Age: 16

Native Language: Spanish

Interests: dance

Length of stay: 10 months

Valeria is a quirky girl with a unique sense of humour. Don't be fooled if she is quiet at first, once she gets to know you she'll be making you laugh. Valeria is a very organised girl and likes to be prepared. She really pushes herself at school to give her best.

Valeria and her family have three dogs and she loves to go walking with her dogs. She likes to stay fit so on top of walking her dogs she likes to go to the gym. Valeria also likes to sing so is often singing around her home to relax.

FRANCE



Nathan

Age: 16

Native Language: French

Interests: windsurfing, surfing and parkour

Length of stay: 10 months

Nathan is crazy about water sports! He particularly loves windsurfing. It's his passion, he is part of a club and practices a few times a week. He participates in some tournaments and regattas and has even participated in the French championship.

Along with windsurfing Nathan likes to go surfing, snowboarding in the winter and the crazy French sport parkour (free running).

Both his sisters have gone on an AFS exchange and this motivated Nathan to apply. He was very intrigued by the idea of leaving everyone behind for a year and living with another family. He hopes not only to learn a lot about Kiwi culture, but also hopes to share with his host family some things about his own country.

Dates for your diary

| Event | Date | Venue |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Chapter Meeting | Sunday 13th October 7pm | Sunnynook Community Hall |
| Public Information Evening | Tuesday 15th October 7.15pm | Epsom Girls Grammar School |
| Trip to Tiritiri | Any interest? | |

What's On

Love Your City: Britomart

Love Your City: The Exhibition is branching down to Britomart with a satellite exhibition in Atrium on Takutai.

Check out some of the best #loveyourcityblc shots capturing the eating, drinking, shopping and playing that's enjoyed in the precinct on a daily basis.

Date: 11/10 - 20/10

Venue: Britomart (Westpac Building)

Ticket: Free



Late Night Art 17 October

The city's creative quarters come alive for a night of arts appreciation and activities – make a night of it and rediscover the gems in our arts neighbourhood. With free guided walking and cycle art tours, galleries throughout the precinct open late and creative installations livening up public spaces at either end of town, there's plenty of reasons to mark Late Night Art as a must-do in your calendar.

The locations are: St James Theatre, Lorne Street, Auckland CBD, Britomart Train Station, 8-10 Queen Street, Auckland CBD, and participating galleries throughout the Heart of the City

Date: 17/10 6pm-9pm

Venue: Various Locations

Ticket: Free



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| NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS | YOU.....? | | All members and helpers welcome! Next meeting: 23 October 2013 7.30pm Africa Bar, William Pickering Avenue, Albany |