

# AFS North Shore Newsletter

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## OUR FIRST AFS CHAPTER MEETING FOR 2013

Sunday 17 February 2013

*SUNNYNOOK COMMUNITY CENTRE*

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## WELCOME PICNIC

We hope you've all had a wonderful holiday and are duly refreshed! Welcome back to our recent returnees, ALL members of our North Shore AFS family, and greetings to our new arrivals. So you have plenty of time to catch up with old friends and to meet new ones, **we'll begin with a picnic at 7 pm**. Bring your own favourite food and drink as well as plates, glasses, cutlery, something to sit on, and a bag for your rubbish. (It will be an indoor picnic at 7pm if wet!)



Returnee meeting: parents of new returnees and new returnees to take place at 7pm.

## AGM

**Followed by our AGM at 8:00pm.** We begin with our AGM, brief but essential, and we will also welcome both our new hosted students who arrived in January and our recent returnees.

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

**A calendar of events for 2013 is being finalized and will be sent out shortly**

## **AGM POSITIONS – CAN YOU HELP?**

AFS is a volunteer organisation. Volunteer is about Team. Team is about contributing your bit to achieve the common goal. Team is about not about letting someone else take all the load. So the next meeting is the *AGM*, yes the boring meeting of the year, but a very necessary one. Our *AGM* is "abbreviated".

Several of the current role holders are happy to stay on board, but all have stated that they will remain only if returnees and the immediate past and current parents of students put up their hand and come on board to "assist" in the running of the chapter. It does not require huge hours, just a few hours per month.

So come on board and return something to AFS North Shore for what it has given your son or daughter.

Last year was one of transition as we said farewell to many long-standing volunteers. We still need more new blood to help with new ideas and to look to the future.

**PUT YOUR HAND UP, CONTACT ME NOW FOR MORE INFORMATION  
OR TO DISCUSS OPTIONS. THANKS**

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## **ROLES FOR YOU TO CONSIDER:**

**Vice President** - I am willing to continue in the role of President for another year, but would like a Vice President to take on some tasks such as running the Chapter meetings.

**Orientation Support**– Assist with organising the returnees who are very keen to help. Orientation is a **team** of people, so **join** the team.

**Secretary** – typing the meeting minutes and the occasional letter. (2 hours a month)

**Promotions** – organise "one" AFS presence at a single event. Or get a **team** and organise a whole year of events, via roster. Everything is provided free, it just needs co-ordinating.

**Fundraising** – roster three BBQs outside the Bunning's or The Warehouse in Albany.

**Hosting** – Join the Hosting team and assist Su with matching students with families.

**Newsletter:** An interesting role for anyone with basic typing/computing skills. The newsletter comes out once a month, and as the newsletter editor you determine the content, with assistance and support from the rest of the team, and of course our students.

**Committee** – just come to the monthly meetings, offer your opinion on direction, and see what evolves.

# HOSTING

## **URGENT!!! PLEASE READ THIS:**

We have one more student still to arrive, but National Office are still trying to place: 3 male students who have been selected for New Zealand.. **One from Argentina, one from Finland and one from Iceland.** Their briefs are all on the website and they are all anxiously awaiting placement news from us. AFS NZ now must now pay penalty fees as a form of compensation to those students who are delayed.

For these remaining students a hosting scholarship is being offered, so we would love to hear from you if you can help, even if as a welcome family.

**Please, if you have sent your child overseas in the past, and not hosted yourselves, we really need your help.** We know you are busy, but we have had many fabulous host families in the past who have led very busy lives, have moved house while hosting, have hosted while a family member has been seriously ill, have travelled overseas while hosting allowing their student to spend time with their liaison family, etc, etc. With the great support that this AFS chapter offers, we can help any host family at any time.

Please phone Su on 0942-65030 or email [hosting@afsns.org.nz](mailto:hosting@afsns.org.nz)

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to 2013. May it be rewarding and prosperous to you all.

Welcome to our most recently arrived students. Enjoy every moment.

Hello to our students in other parts of the world. Be strong and challenge yourself.

Gateway Camp for all new students will be 16 – 17 March AT MERC, Long Bay – this is compulsory for hosted students.

More information will be given to the hosted students and their families.

### **NEWSLETTER**

***As I have taken on the role of President, the newsletter needs to be prepared by someone else.***

***If someone also has a knack for databases, I would like a volunteer/(s) to assist in transferring information off an Excel Spreadsheet into the database format so it can be imported.***

***Once the database is set up, maintenance of our mailing lists will become a piece of cake.***

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW HOSTED STUDENTS

Welcome to the following eight hosted students who have recently arrived in our chapter. We look forward to getting to know you and hope you have an amazing semester/year in New Zealand.

### SEMESTER PROGRAMME

Student	From	Hosted by	School
Victoire Rue	France	Clarke family	Whangaparaoa College
Bianca Sampirisi Jaleff	Argentina	Davis family	Long Bay College
Beatriz MacDonald	Germany	Bassett/MacDonald family	Rangitoto College

### YEAR

### PROGRAMME

Felix Orczech	Germany	Davies/Amor family	Whangaparaoa College
John Diedrichs	Sweden	Dawson family	Rangitoto College
Nao Ishida	Japan	Muir family	Long Bay College
Snorre Bigseth	Norway	Pyle family (1 <sup>st</sup> fam)	Rosmini College
Luca Pinheiro de Aquino	Brazil	Tauroa family (1 <sup>st</sup> fam)	Glenfield College

## WELCOME HOME

Welcome home to the following students who returned during December and January. We hope you had an amazing year overseas, and wish you the very best in your future studies back here in New Zealand.

Lily Boreham	Argentina
Cindy Park	Argentina
Monica Benfatto	Brazil
Catherine Bell	Chile
Aaron Carbines	Chile

Stephanie Negri Chile  
 Gwyneth Bassett Costa Rica  
 Stephanie Kitchen Germany  
 Kaitlin MacKenzie Panama

And welcome back to Freya Schaumkel and Lixing Wei who took part in the KIZUNA Project 2012. This was a 2 week long, fully funded scholarship to Japan departing 2nd December. We hope your time away was a fantastic experience.

### FAREWELL to our departing students

Yes, it's a busy time! February/March sees the departure for their experience of a lifetime of the following students:

Jan/Feb/March 2013 departures

Brianna Tither	USA	11 January
Briana Brockliss-Lodge	Brazil	22 Feb
Jessica Torkington	Chile	22 Feb
Olivia Coleman	Germany	22 Feb
Isabelle Cohen	Japan	20 March
Bryar Renshaw	Japan	20 March

May you all have an awesome time - make the most of every moment!

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<b>NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>	<b>YOU.....?</b>	All members and helpers welcome! Next meeting: 27th February 2013 7.30pm Africa Bar, William Pickering Avenue, Albany	