



AFS NORTH SHORE NEWSLETTER

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April 2013 AFS Meeting

Sunday 14th April 7pm

Venue: Sunnynook Community Centre

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Hosted Students: Create a little slice of your country for the rest of us to visit. Create a stall displaying posters, photos, flags,, interesting facts, a few common phrases and etc of your national country. Dress in your national costume or wear your AFS t-shirt from your country, Create some food unique to your country and bring it along to share.

Selected students, returnees and their families will have the opportunity to 'fly around the world' learning more about the country they are about to visit.

Listen to the stories from the recent returnees from Germany, Argentina, Panama and Brazil.

This will be a truly international fun night– so don't miss it!

President's Report

I had the privilege of attending the Gateway camp for the hosted students and getting to know some of the hosted students a bit better. It is wonderful to see all of our hosted students are now living happily here on the North Shore. School holidays are coming up and I hope you use this time to get out and about to explore Auckland or further afield. Just remember those travel rules AFS have in place to ensure your safety.

For those of our students in other parts of the world, I know some of you have been facing challenging times recently - kia kaha - it's all part of your experience and you will be developing strengths that will help you through in later life. As with the fundamental principles of AFS, differences are often not right or wrong, just different, and that is an everyday event for all of us everywhere.



This month we celebrate Anzac Day on Thursday 25 April, a day to remember those that fought to preserve our culture and way of life. I encourage all students to attend one of the dawn services held around Auckland as this is a great opportunity to participate and learn more about the NZ culture. We celebrate both our veterans and the bonds that were forged in war. AFS was formed by the ambulance officers of World Wars I & II, who firmly believed that personal interaction and friendships could build international peace, so this is also a chance for us to acknowledge the part AFS plays in fostering world peace..

In July we will welcome IP students, so please get talking to friends and family and help us find homes for our short-stay students.

A big thank you to the AFS North Shore team for the great job that you continue to do! And especially to Andrea who has volunteered to take on the hosting role.

Robyn

Public Information:

ANZAC Day Commemorative Services

On ANZAC day we honour those soldier who fought at Gallipoli during World War I. It also commemorates those who have served in all conflicts that the country has been involved in. This ANZAC we remember the contribution to war by Pacific neighbours, and how their people, culture and homes have been shaped by conflict. We honour all soldiers' selfless sacrifice and celebrate the freedom and privileges they secured for us all.



OUR SYMBOLIC MEETING PLACE

New Zealand sent more men to fight in World War I per head of population than any other nation. Of those killed, almost a third were buried half a world away in unmarked graves. Following the war, subscriptions were raised to construct the Auckland War Memorial Museum. The Museum opened in 1929 and became a symbolic meeting-place for Aucklanders to focus their grief. Join us on Anzac day for a special free guided tour around the war memorial galleries.

PROGRAMME

6am, Court of Honour, **Dawn Service**

9-10.30am, Te Kakano, **Expert Session – Pacific Conflicts**

11am, Court of Honour, **Civic Service**

12-4pm, Weird and Wonderful, **Poppy Making**

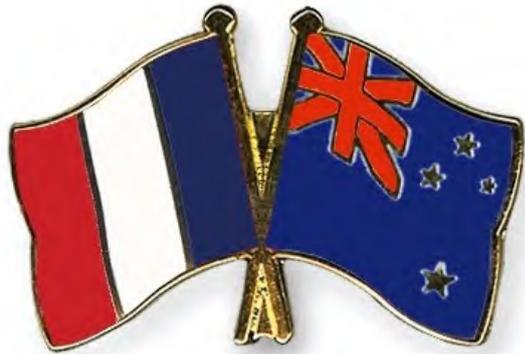
12.30-3pm, Museum Library, **Library Talks**

1pm, Hall of Memories, **Lest we Forget Poetry Competition Finalists**

Inbox

La Nouvelle-Zélande est un pays incroyable. Les différents paysages que nous propose ce pays sont magnifiques. Les gens ici sont très accueillants et se soucient peu de comment vous vous habillez. La Nouvelle-Zélande est un mélange de deux cultures, l'anglais et le maori, ce qui est très intéressants. Au lycée on porte un uniforme et on a 6 matières que l'on peut choisir. Ce qui est très différent qu'en France, mais super ! Les manières de vivre, d'être sont différentes de celles que l'on peut avoir en France, mais il ne faut pas les refuser, il faut juste les accepter pour que le voyage et l'intégration ce passe le mieux possible.

J'adore ma famille d'accueil et j'ai de la chance d'avoir une sœur d'accueil qui a le même âge que moi, on partage donc beaucoup d'activités ensemble. Partir avec AFS c'est vous offrir un voyage, une expérience extraordinaire qui apporte énormément.



New Zealand is an amazing country. The different landscapes that is offered in this country are very beautiful. The people are very friendly and don't care about how you dress. New Zealand is a mixture of two cultures, English and Maori which is very interesting. At school we wear a uniform and we have 6 different subjects that we can choose. This is very different to France, but it's great! Ways of life, is very different, but I don't reject them, I just accept them for the trip and the integration goes as well as possible. I love my host family and I am lucky to have a host sister who has the same age as me, we shared so many things together! Leaving with AFS is to offer you a trip that provides a wonderful experience.

Vicky Rue

Inbox

Hello, my name is Felix Orzech and I am from Germany.

I arrived in New Zealand on the 25th of January and I am going to stay here until December.

I am living in Whangaparaoa and go to the local Whangaparaoa College.

With my family I have visited a few places, we went to Auckland a few times , we have been to Taupo and have done a lot of other activities like trips to Goat Island or to Muriwai so far and it was great fun!

I get along very well with my family and I'm happy to be here.

My school offers a lot of sports activities, actually I'm playing Soccer and started playing Rugby.

There are a lot of differences between Germany and New Zealand, the school is very different, but the people are different as well, there is always a kind of relaxed atmosphere here, everyone is friendly and I have met a lot of great people so far.

The subjects I could choose here are very different from those in Germany, it was hard to choose the six best subjects, in Germany I have more than ten different subjects each year, but we have no real choice and no subjects like "Hospitality" or "Outdoor Education".

I also love the nature in New Zealand, it's great for outdoor activities and family trips, Whangaparaoa is a peninsula and it is great for fishing, kayaking and swimming and there is a lot to explore in our environment, but I went to several other places and they were all beautiful.

At our AFS meetings I met people from all over the world and it was interesting to see what is different for them, what their reason to come to New Zealand was and how the culture is in other parts of the world. We had a lot of fun together and I'm really looking forward to the first AFS-Camp.

I'm really enjoying my time in New Zealand and I hope I'll have the most amazing year of my life.

I hope all the other exchange students are enjoying their time as well and having a fantastic time.



Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Venue
North Shore Chapter Meeting 'Around the World'	April 14th	Sunnynook Community Centre
School Holidays	April 20th— May 5th	
Public Information Night	May 6th	Epsom Girls Grammar School
Motutapu Tree Planting Community Service	May 19th	Motutapu Island

What's On

Pillow Fight Day

Aotea Square in downtown Auckland will be home to New Zealand's biggest ever Pillow Fight!

Yep, it will be just like the pillow fights you have at home, except there'll be hundreds of other people battling with you, and all this fun is for a good cause.

Pillow Fight Day is a way for Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) to raise money to help those kids in the South Pacific that are in desperate need of life saving or life changing operations.

Venue: Aotea Square

Address: Aotea Square, Queen St, Auckland CBD
Date: 6/04/2013 12:00PM

Ticket: \$15 for your entrance and pillow

Silo Cinema & Night Market

The mega-popular Silo Cinema has had a brilliant 2013 summer season, bringing with it an epic line-up of cult and indie films, and of course the accompanying night markets, with an eclectic array of street food style stalls, a variety of pop-up clothing stores and craftmakers and the Silo Park Bar. Markets from 5pm, films start at 9pm.

5 April: Forrest Gump

12 April: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory - 6.30pm start / The Goonies - 9.00pm start

Venue: Silo Park

Address: Silo Park, Wynyard Quarter, Auckland CBD

Date: 25/04/2013 5:00PM

Ticket: Free to view



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NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS	YOU.....?		All members and helpers welcome! Next meeting: 24th April 2013 7.30pm Africa Bar, William Pickering Avenue, Albany