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Midwinter Christmas

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Join the night where **EVERYONE** (returnees, families, hosted students etc) come together and celebrate the annual midwinter Christmas evening!

Sunday 28th July 6pm-10pm

Dairy Flat Hall: Corner of Postman Rd & Dairy Flat Highway

Please bring to share:

A salad AND dessert (big enough for the number of people in your family coming). AFSNS will be supplying the meat and rolls. Hosted students bring your Secret Santa present.

For yourselves:

Dress up in a Christmas theme— an elf, a fairy, green and red. Bring amazing decorations for your table. Prizes to be won!

Bring your own plates, cutlery, glasses and whatever you wish to drink.

President's Report

The last few weeks have been the heart-wrenching times that being involved in AFS invokes as we say good-bye to our overseas students that were here for a semester programme, and lead up to saying good-bye to our NZ students about to embark on their overseas adventure. Once again I got to watch the Culture Shock DVD that we show to departing students, and their families, to educate them on what it might be like when the buzz wears off and you are in a foreign country with a different family, trying to cope with everyday life as a teenager with cultural and, usually, language differences. Although this DVD was filmed in 2004, it is still just as relevant 9 years later and my daughter (a returnee from 2012) commented on how realistic it portrays the ups and downs of your time away. Those airport scenes always bring a tear to my eye!

We are also welcoming back our 3 students that have been away for a year, and they too will be going through reverse culture shock as they assimilate back into their natural family and NZ life as quite a different person to the one that left NZ a year ago.

We welcome our 2 Intensive Programme students both from Spain, newly arrived. For the year long-hosted students here in NZ – keep making the most of everyday as your time will start to go much more quickly now in the remaining 4.5 months and I look forward to seeing you all again at the Mid-winter Christmas dinner on 28th July.



Bian from Argentina and I did some yeast cooking (actually we were making Easter Hot Cross Buns!)

Robyn

Inbox

Hello!

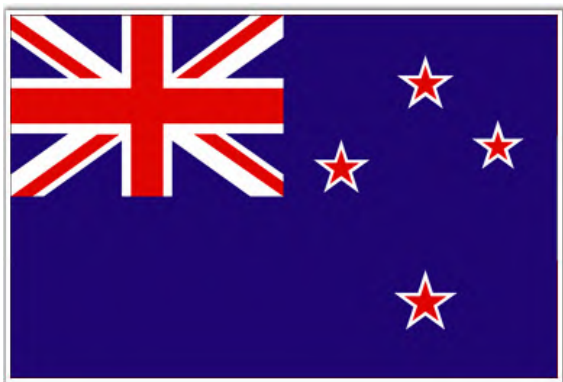
My name is Snorre, and at the moment I live in Murrays Bay. I am 18 years old and go to Rosmini College in Takapuna.

I come from the very top of Norway. The town I come from is called Honningsvåg and is the city center of North Cape municipality. I am one out of 2,500 inhabitants, and Honningsvåg is still considered a city! It was quite a change for me to come to Auckland because it is such a big city. Coming from a town with 2,500 inhabitants, to a city with over a million is quite a contrast having to get used to bus systems, lots of streetnames, shops, schools etc.

Coming to Rosmini was quite a change for me as well as it is a school for boys only, and that is not a big thing in Norway. The first couple of weeks at Rosmini were a bit weird and I felt rather misplaced, but as everything else I got used to it and I now consider it normal.

Although I find some things here in New Zealand quite different to what I am used to it doesn't stop me from getting out there trying to live the Kiwi life. At school I am the lead trumpet player in the orchestra and the jazz band, so I spend a couple of hours every week practicing with them. I also take music as a subject at school, so I am doing quite a bit of music-related activities here in New Zealand. I am not really a sports person, so on that field I don't really contribute that much to the school. It's maybe a bit sad I won't be able to bring some fantastic rugby skills back to Norway to show off to my friends. However, I am happy with my effort in terms of music.

So far I have really enjoyed my stay in New Zealand, and I hope I will enjoy it just as much for the next 5 months with many new experiences to come. It is amazing how fast the time goes by! I am already half way through the exchange year. I haven't even had time to be homesick yet. Good times in New Zealand!



Snorre



Farewells

This week we had to say farewell to our 6 month programme students– Bianca (Argentina) Beatriz (Argentina) and Victoire (France).

We would like to wish them good luck for their continuing life and experiences back in their home country and hope for them to come back and visit us one day.



Bian Sampirisi, Argentina



Victoire Rue, France



Bea MacDonald, Argentina

Hosting

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

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

and please contact: hosting@afsns.org.nz for more information.

Host a student



Welcome the world to your place

Hosting an AFS international student gives you the chance to experience a new culture in your own home. It's a fantastic opportunity.

You'll be introducing someone to Kiwi life. And you'll expand your own horizons too.

If your kids are planning an AFS exchange, this will give them a taste of what they are in for. If they have already been on an exchange, this is your chance to repay the favour.

AFS offers the support you need. All you have to do is carry on as usual and treat your international guest like any other family member. That's why they have come to New Zealand.

AFS friendships last a lifetime. By welcoming an AFS student, you are making the world a friendlier place and giving your family an unforgettable experience.

Dates for your Diary

Event	Date	Venue
Midwinter x-mas dinner	July 28th	Dairy Flat Hall
Bay of Islands Trip for students	August 2-4	TBA
Public Information Night	August 5	Epsom Girls Grammar School
Day Trip to Hobbiton	August 25	TBA

What's On

Pick & Mix Arts Program—Get a taste of performing arts

Get down to Aotea Centre on Saturday mornings for The Edge's free programme of performances and workshops – Pick & Mix. Performances include Fairytale Theatre, Revolting Rhymes, Hip Hop Clowning and much more. Pick & Mix 2013 has a great selection of performances and workshops every Saturday from 22 June to 31 August, free for the whole family.

Venue: Aotea Centre
Address: Aotea Centre, Auckland
Date: 6. July—31. August
Ticket: Free



Sassy Latin Night

Head to Atico Cocina's Sassy Latin Night for a central American fiesta of music dance and fusion Caribbean food. Experience a contemporary and popular Cuban dance extravaganza with live music encompassing Son-Boleros, Bossa Nova and Baladas. Entry to the event is free, but you may also dine from the special \$65 Caribbean Degustation Menu, available only for the night.

Venue: Atico Cocina
Address: Atico-Cocina, Drake St, Freemans Bay, Auckland
Date: 2. August, 8.00 PM



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