



OTAGO GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS **NEWSLETTER** TERM 2 2024

Message from our Principal, Mrs Bridget Davidson

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Warm greetings to you all in many parts of the world.

This year we have welcomed many international students into our school. It is wonderful to have international student numbers back up above 20 and to be welcoming many more during the rest of the year and in 2025. Girls who come to Otago Girls' High School are well looked after, gain valuable English language and broader education, and make friends for life. They also try many new sports, arts, service and cultural activities. Students who come to our school get to experience our traditional Māori culture and to get out and about in nature amongst the amazing New Zealand scenery and wildlife. Outdoor education and ski trips are popular.

Our new Director of International Students, Mrs Rose Gilani, works tirelessly to make connections, enrol, look after, and farewell our international students. Our English language teacher and Dean of International Students, Mrs Katherine Boomer, sees



the students daily and provides a home base where the girls often have meetings, pizza lunches, fun activities, and support. Our international student community is a family and our Kiwi students also like to come and visit often! In their activities out of school, the girls have many friends and meet students from all year levels.

We are sad to farewell our departing students Marlena Pfeiffer, Jara Rabbe, Rawisara (Rika) Sukhakul, Lotta Kohler, and Saki Hayakawa. We wish them well and look forward to seeing you somewhere in the world in the future. You have given much to our school and we encourage you to keep in touch and visit often.



Last week in Aotearoa New Zealand we celebrated Matariki - the Māori New Year - focused on the mid-winter rising of the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. This is a time when people come together to remember the people who have passed, share food, tell stories, and reconnect with home and family. I hope one day you are able to come and celebrate Matariki in Aotearoa New Zealand. At Matariki, we say: Manawatia a Matariki - Happy Māori New Year!

Ngā mihi nui
Bridget Davidson
Tumuaki ~ Principal

Results 2023



93%

Level 3



85%

University Entrance



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Scholarship results for girls in all Otago schools

Message from our Director of International Students, Mrs Rose Gilani

This term, the leaves of the trees changed colours into beautiful golden hues: yellow, orange and pastel brown. As autumn passed us and we moved into winter, the trees became bare and the bitter cold kicked in. Despite this, our international students have been as active as ever with various winter sports and cultural activities. I am always blown away by the positivity, the perseverance, and the leadership exhibited by our international students. They have faced many challenges and despite each challenge, whether it be at school or in their homestay, they have adapted and grown. This is something to be admired.

As Term Two passed us by, it has been a pleasure to get to know our international students on a deeper level. I would highly recommend potential new international students to consider studying for more than one term as this gives more time and a greater opportunity to build long-lasting relationships with your teachers, your school staff, your homestay families, and of course, your school mates and friends. Taking advantage of sports and cultural activities gives the opportunity to bond with local students as well as forging those long-lasting relationships with your fellow international students. I witnessed the enduring relationships formed amongst international students which are built on shared experiences, all being in the same shoes, and all going through similar challenges during their time here.



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Our international students tackle challenges head-on and they seek help from us, but also compare issues and seek solutions from fellow international students. They are strong and resilient and truly, their transformational experience at Otago Girls' High School has helped to create them into leaders. Leaders who will bring about a change to their schools back home. Leaders who will make an impact in other peoples' lives in their home countries. Leaders who, in big or small ways, will make a difference. You can read about the experiences of this term's leaders in our new Q&A section on page 8.

Lastly, I would like to express my utmost thanks and gratitude to our wonderful homestay families and to our amazing team at school who support the growth of our international students: from teachers to support staff to our admin team. We couldn't do it without you - thank you!





International Team

Mrs Rose Gilani (Director of International Students)

Mrs Bridget Davidson (Principal)

Mrs Katherine Boomer (Dean of International Students)



Term 2 International Students

YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12	YEAR 13
Moana Li	Gale Jan	Christine Cai	Allison Han	Grace Dong
	Sherry Ji	Saki Hayakawa	Lotta Kohler	Hebe Leung
	Sumika Moriya	Chihiro Homma	Mai Someya	Marlena Pfeiffer
	Alisa Song	Ada Hu		Jara Rabbe
	Yiling Zhang			Pauline Strauss
	Rika Sukhakul			
	Silei Chen			

Reflections of Term 2 from our Dean of International Students, Mrs Katherine Boomer



What a term it has been! It is always exciting welcoming new students to our school and seeing them develop confidence and language skills so quickly. The term was as busy as always, with many fantastic opportunities for the students to extend their skills and challenge themselves.

Early in the term, we had the *Loves Me Not* programme which is run by the police to help educate young people about good relationships and how to help friends. Next came swimming sports with lots of colours in the pool. There were competitive races, along with tabloid events for the less-confident swimmers and those just enjoying the fun in the pool.



There is enormous talent amongst the students and the Smokefree Rockquest is one place where the student bands can show off their musical skills. OGHS had two rock bands do well in the competition and we are looking forward to hearing the results from the next level of the competition.



Puketeraki Marae at Karitane is a most glorious location for our students to visit and experience some Māori traditions and culture. This year, the international students had a full day at the marae where some students were lucky enough to do waka-ama on the river. The Year 10 students got to go there again the following week with their whanau classes and did some different activities.



Outdoor education as a subject is popular at our school and there are many camps and trips for the students to explore and challenge themselves. This term, the Year 11 students went mountain biking at Naseby under clear blue skies. The Year 12 and 13s had snorkelling and tramping (hiking) outings. Year 11 geography had their annual trip to Mt Cook, and they had some spectacular views of the mountains.





Students taking commerce as a subject had their Market Day in the hall where each group set up their business and sold goods to the school's students and staff. Slime was a popular product for the students but not so much for the teachers.

Incredible talent was on display in the senior production of *Legally Blonde*. Everybody who attended the show was in awe of the astounding performances of the students. You would not believe it was a high school production. All their hours of practice certainly paid off.

The last two events of the term were held in the last week. The house haka competition was highly contested and some would say a controversial result. The feeling that comes from a large group performing a haka is something that can be hard to explain as it can be very powerful.

Our Year 12 students transformed themselves into beautiful young people for the Year 12 Formal which was held at the picturesque Glenfalloch. Hair, nails, and make-up were done in preparation for the evening in lovely dresses. The dance floor was busy and many photos were taken. Everyone had a fabulous time.

Next term will also be jam-packed and we are pleased to offer so many opportunities to our students.



FAREWELL TO OUR LEAVING LEADERS



Wow!

Lotta Kohler

Nationality: Swiss

Lotta will be leaving her mark on OGHS as part of the school video. She has helped the filming team with the German translation and her voice recording in German will now be a part of our school's history. Lotta was always incredibly polite, warm, and hard-working during this process.



Lotta's hard-working and supportive nature has come out in all her subjects and activities from hard materials to badminton. She contributed her thoughts to other students' designs, and completed projects which have shown her design sense as well as her understanding of materials and processes. She was also a valuable member of the Year 12 Borland camp to Fiordland.

As a very keen horse rider, Lotta has been able to go hunting on horseback in the beautiful countryside around Middlemarch. Her love of the sport is evident and we are so happy she has been able to pursue an outdoor love of hers.

Lotta engages well with people and has made some lasting friendships that will continue well into the future. We have thoroughly enjoyed having Lotta at our school for one year and wish her all the best for her return to Switzerland and her future.

I've met amazing people, learned a lot, and had amazing experiences!



1. How long did you study at OGHS?
Three terms.
2. What did you love about studying at OGHS?
That everyone is really nice, and you can ask everyone for help.
3. What is one OGHS memory that you will never forget?
My friends, of course! And the Year 12 Biology camp.
4. How has your experience at OGHS transformed you?
My language skills have improved, and I have been exposed to a new culture.
5. Would you encourage other international students to study at OGHS and why?
Yes! Because I've met amazing people, learned a lot, and had amazing experiences!
6. What advice would you give to other students who are thinking about studying abroad?
Do it, you will learn a lot - you'll learn a new culture and a second language; and you will meet many nice people.

Saki Hayakawa

Nationality: Japanese

Saki has explored as many opportunities as possible in curriculum and co-curricular activities. In the Japanese class, Saki has been an asset. She has always been supportive of students learning Japanese but equally has enjoyed learning about some aspects of Japanese that she had not noticed as a native speaker.



When I first came to OGHS, I was very shy and quiet. Now I am more confident, more open, and my bubbly personality has truly come out.

She went on Year 10 camp last year and many other exciting challenges in the outdoors this year such as rock climbing, mountain biking, and orienteering. She has become so much more confident in her use of the English language and always stops to chat around the school. Saki interacts well with other members of her classes and takes on challenges when they present themselves. Her classmates and teachers will miss Saki's infectious smile and positive attitude. She has developed a "go out and get it" personality and has managed to squeeze so many activities into her short time here.

Saki has many extraordinary memories to take home with her and to treasure for years to come.



1. How long did you study at OGHS?
One year.
2. What did you love about studying at OGHS?
Outdoor Education, Maths, and DVC (Design & Visual Communication).
3. What is one OGHS memory that you will never forget?
I didn't have to do actual studying in my Outdoor Education class. Instead, I had rock climbing, mountain biking, and orienteering. The Outdoor Education class was so much fun!
4. How has your experience at OGHS transformed you?
When I first came to OGHS, I was very shy and quiet. Now I am more confident, more open, and my bubbly personality has truly come out.
5. Would you encourage other international students to study at OGHS and why?
Definitely yes because the teachers are very nice, the Kiwi girls are very kind and pretty, and the international friends are very warm and welcoming. I love it here and I want to come back.
6. What advice would you give to other students who are thinking about studying abroad?
You are so lucky to be given the opportunity to come to OGHS. Focus on yourself and you will improve yourself.



Marlena Pfeiffer

Nationality: German

Marlena has gained more confidence during her time at our school and is able to engage with many people. This has helped her to make some strong friendships. Her teachers all have positive comments about her personality and work ethic.



I've never experienced anything similar to this, and I had to step out of my comfort zone so many times which ultimately made me more confident.

In Media Studies, Marlena has worked steadily and made good gains academically. She has completed a digital essay on New Zealand representation and a feature article on the German milk industry. Marlena has made a good group of friends in the class and will be missed by her peers.

Marlena has been a great addition to the Digital Technology classroom and has fit in really well with the students. She has a great sense of humour and is a polite and intelligent young woman who sets high standards for herself right from the beginning, wanting to do the best she possibly could. It was great to see Marlena get involved and form positive connections in class.

We all wish Marlena the best for her future and hope she makes it back to New Zealand again.



1. How long did you study at OGHS?

For two terms.

2. What did you love about studying at OGHS?

The school system and the people.

3. What is one OGHS memory that you will never forget?

Making new friends here and getting closer to them.

4. How has your experience at OGHS transformed you?

I've never experienced anything similar to this, and I had to step out of my comfort zone so many times which ultimately made me more confident.

5. Would you encourage other international students to study at OGHS and why?

Yes, because you will learn to step out of your comfort zone and meet amazing people.

6. What advice would you give to other students who are thinking about studying abroad?

Don't be afraid to put yourself out there and make the most out of your time.

Rawisara (Rika) Sukhakul

Nationality: Thai

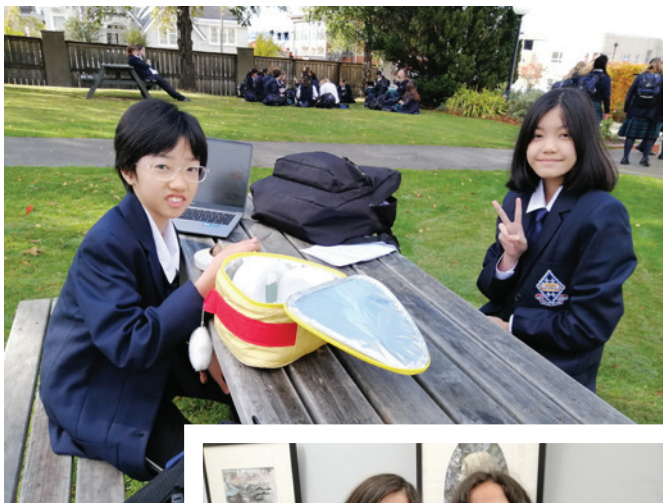
Rawisara has only been with us for one term and has shown her quiet, hard-working study ethic. She has made some positive connections with a few students, and her confidence to share ideas in small groups has grown.



In Japanese, Rawisara has made good progress in learning hiragana, and has a very good understanding of the Japanese language patterns they have covered. She also willingly engages in all tasks and works well with others in her group.

Rawisara is a fine writer and takes any opportunity she can to write. She has written some lovely descriptions and stories from picture and movie prompts. We look forward to reading her fantasy novel when she completes her writing.

I will never forget the Pink Shirt Day - it was very new and interesting to me!



1. How long did you study at OGHS?
I studied here for one term.
2. What did you love about studying at OGHS?
I love that OGHS has so many subjects I can choose to learn.
3. What is one OGHS memory that you will never forget?
I will never forget the Pink Shirt Day - it was very new and interesting to me!
4. How has your experience at OGHS transformed you?
Throughout my time at OGHS, this school has made me more confident in using my English skills.
5. Would you encourage other international students to study at OGHS and why?
Yes, I would really encourage other internationals to come here. Studying at this school has been a fun experience for me.
6. What advice would you give to other students who are thinking about studying abroad?
My advice for other students would be: stay positive because it might be hard to adjust in a foreign country at first, but it will eventually be okay. Don't be afraid to ask for help adjusting to the school, too.

Jara Rabbe

Nationality: German

Jara has been fantastic at setting goals for herself and working hard to achieve them. She has fully immersed herself in opportunities presented to her and has had exceptional results for the two terms she has been at our school. Her teachers have said she has been a pleasure to teach as she interacted articulately and positively, and she has been an asset to her classes.

Jara enjoys the outdoors and in Outdoor Education she participated positively in all activities. She was organised with the correct gear and communicated well if she needed anything. Jara has formed good relationships with others in the class showing strong interpersonal skills.

In Chemistry, Jara completed two of the internal achievement standards and joined the students at the University of Otago for two days of quantitative analysis (titrations) where she measured the chloride ion concentration of water samples at different locations along the Tomahawk lagoon.

Taking advantage of different subjects on offer, Jara has immersed herself fully in the Tourism class and has completed three of the four unit standards of this course. She has demonstrated a sound understanding of the New Zealand, Australian, and Pacific Islands tourism industries.

Jara is a lovely young woman and her photography class will miss her greatly. She approached the learning enthusiastically and completed a very high standard of work during her time with us, and recently featured as our Artist of the Week. We wish her all the best for the future.

We look forward to hearing about Jara's future studies and accomplishments.



1. How long did you study at OGHS?
Six months (two terms).
2. What did you love about studying at OGHS?
I love the opportunity of new subjects and being able to work on my projects at my own speed.
3. What is one OGHS memory that you will never forget?
1. Finding so many new friends. 2. Meeting Hebe Leung (Help!).
4. How has your experience at OGHS transformed you?
Definitely, I feel like I have learned a lot about new and different ways to study and deal with stress.
5. Would you encourage other international students to study at OGHS and why?
Absolutely! OGHS is a great experience! The teachers are supportive, the activities amazing, and the people are all very nice.
6. What advice would you give to other students who are thinking about studying abroad?
At first, I would advise them to definitely do it, it's going to be the best time of their lives! And I would also advise them to ask or go talk to somebody if they ever happen to have a problem because it is going to make their stay so much more enjoyable.

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COMPETITION WINNERS

Competition Winner Ada Hu

Young Dunedin photographers put their skills to the test in the Town Belt Kaitiaki photographic competition, the winners of which were announced last week at a ceremony hosted by Otago Girls' High School.

The competition, organised by members of the group for rangatahi attending school in Dunedin, was designed to encourage young people to showcase one of the city's natural assets.

Town Belt Kaitiaki senior education co-ordinator Dr Maureen Howard said the rangatahi-led environmental programme aimed to put young people in the driving seat to promote and protect the Dunedin Town Belt.

The photographic competition was split into junior and senior age divisions each with three categories – water and weather, flora and fauna, and trails and views. The images were judged by Otago Daily Times illustrations editor Stephen Jaquier.

The overall winner of the competition was Otago Girls' High School year 11 pupil Ada Hu, with her photo of a kowaowao/hound's tongue fern (*Microsorium pustulatum*), a native ground cover plant that is common in the bush around Dunedin.

Congratulations to Ada Hu for her winning photograph!



Grace Dong accepted into GirlBoss Edge

Our heartiest congratulations to Grace Dong on her acceptance into the highly esteemed GirlBoss Edge: Tech for Good Programme. This is an incredible accomplishment.

GirlBoss New Zealand is committed to helping young women like Grace reach their full potential and become the best version of themselves. The 10-day online journey that Grace will embark on is designed to enhance her leadership and career skills, grow her network, and develop her confidence. This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Once again, congratulations to Grace on this amazing accomplishment! We are truly inspired by her drive and dedication, and we look forward to seeing where the journey takes her.

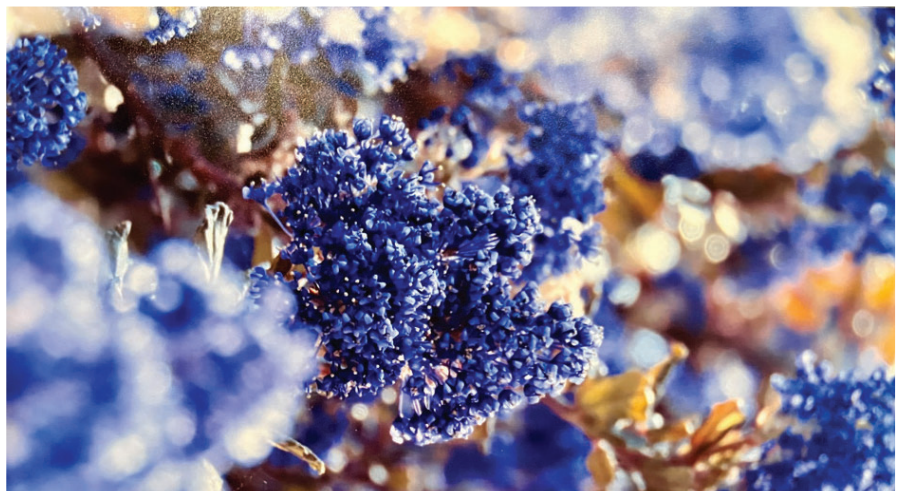


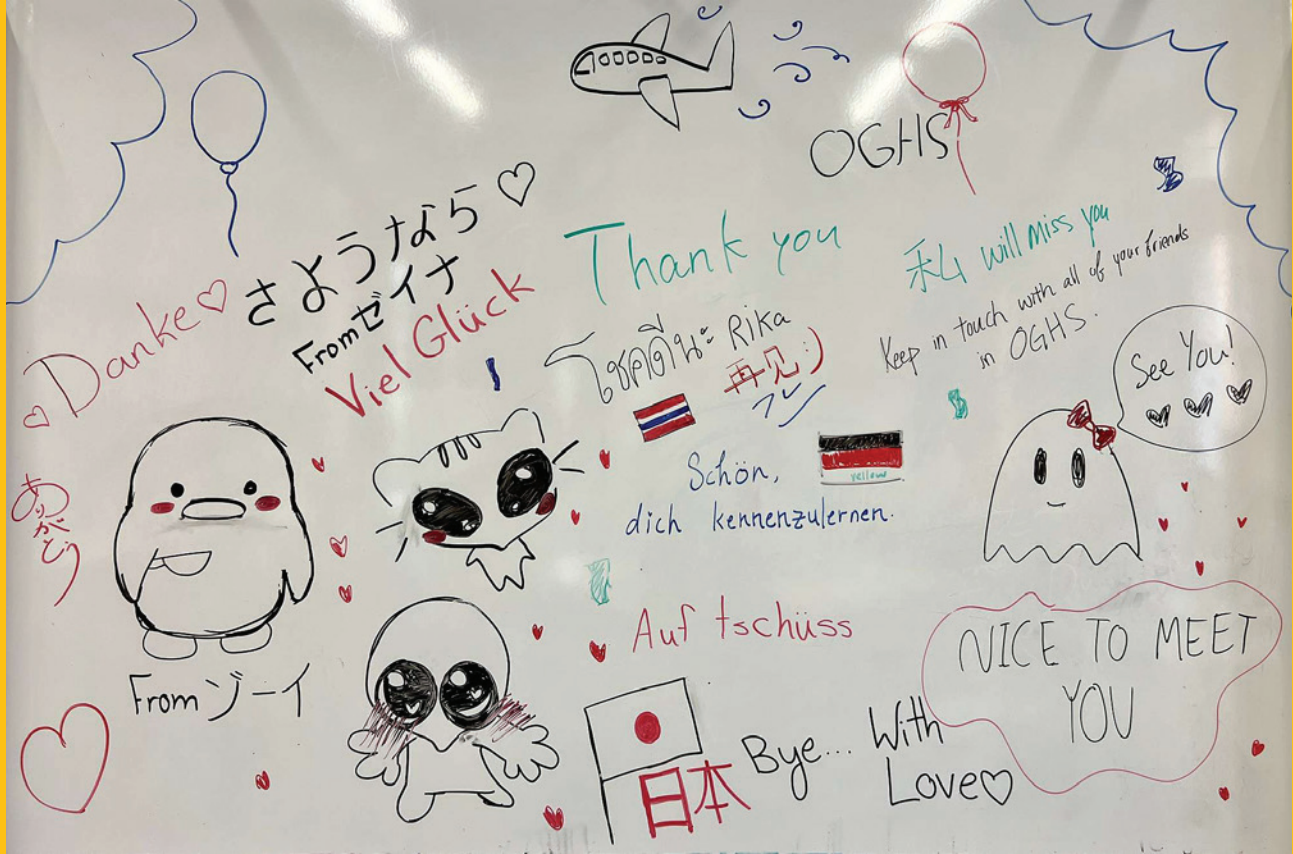
Artist of the Week: Jara Rabbe

Congratulations to Jara Rabbe in Year 13 Photography for becoming our OGHs Artist of the Week! Here is her winning photograph.

Ada Hu in Tūhura Photography Competition

Ada Hu had one of her stunning photos featured in the Tūhura Photography Competition and Exhibition at the Otago Museum in the Botanical Youth section. Here is her photograph entitled *Ordinary yet Extraordinary*.





International Student Farewell

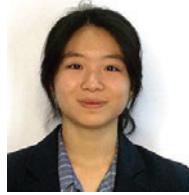
On Wednesday 3 July we had a lunch time cake and ice cream party to farewell our international students who are returning to their home countries. Each student had a citation read about their time at OGHS, and received a certificate and goodie bag. We treasure what they have given us all as a school and community. We wish them all the very best for their studies back home and look forward to welcoming them back some time in the future.



STUDENT ARTICLES

My School Holidays

By Ada Hu



I am a senior student. I study at Otago Girls' High School. We will have two weeks or more holidays after each term. I had autumn/Term One holidays in the last two weeks. I went to St Clair Beach with my friend. She likes to take videos and then turn them into vlogs which is the same as me. We met together to go to the beach on a beautiful sunny day. She was 40 minutes late on that day. That made me unhappy because the meeting time was set by her. Although she was late, I had fun that day. First, we went to a camera store in the city but we just looked around the store. There are a lot of cameras in the store. All the products are expensive. So I wish I can get a new camera when I am in a nice university.

Then we took bus eight to go to St Clair Beach. I bought a cup of cappuccino and she bought a juice, tea and chocolate brownie. We sat on the bench facing the sea. Wind blew through my body. Sunshine shone on my body. The weather was very comfortable. After eating, I used my camera and she used her phone to take photos and videos of seagulls, people, dogs, and waves. When I took photos or videos of the waves, I would watch carefully as every wave hit the bar. All the waves were different.

Some waves were so strong that hitting the bar would build a lot of water splashes, but some waves just touched them gently. That is why I love nature very much. My friend went back home earlier than me because she didn't want to walk for a long time at the beach. I still stayed at the beach after I said goodbye to her. Then I walked into the water by myself. The water was really cold even though it was a sunny day but there were still a lot of people surfing. It was high tide in the morning. It's not easy to surf so all the surfers were great at surfing. They did a cool position that made me want to surf with them though I am not really good at surfing.

That day ended with me taking many nice photos and videos. I went back home by bus. I reviewed the whole day from getting up to now. This was a small trip with two parts. One part involved two people travelling together, and the other part involved travelling alone. I like the second part more than the first part because my opinion of the trip is too different from her.



Horseback Hunting

By Lotta Kohler



While I have been in New Zealand, I've been horseback hunting. Before my first hunt, I was working for a few months at Hare Hill Horse Treks, a horse-riding school in Port Chalmers. And as a reward, the owner of Hare Hill Horse Treks took me to my first hunt, and I was riding one of his horses.

I was really excited on my first hunt because I didn't know what was going to happen, I didn't know if they were going to shoot or if there would be dead animals. But luckily horseback hunting is not like usual hunting where you shoot animals.

When you go horseback hunting, there are around 20 hounds, and those hounds are following a scent of a hare and you and the other riders are following the hounds really fast. The hunts were all with the Otago Hunt Club and on farms all around Middlesmarch. Because we were riding on farms, there are fences, and to be faster, we jumped over most of them. You could also go through the gates but jumping is just more fun. And that's the most important point for the hunt club: fun for the riders and the hounds.

I love hunting, you can gallop with a huge group of riders on a never-ending landscape, jump fences and just forget everything else around you. Especially because I'm used to riding only in arenas and jumping jumps in jumping shows. I hope that I can come back to New Zealand and go hunting again.







North Island Tour By Jara Rabbe



From 15 to 23 April my friends Pauline, Marlena, Lean and I went on an educational North Island tour.

Between seeing and experiencing amazing sights and activities I made a lot of new friends and enjoyed evenings on the beach full of laughter, smiles, and stories.

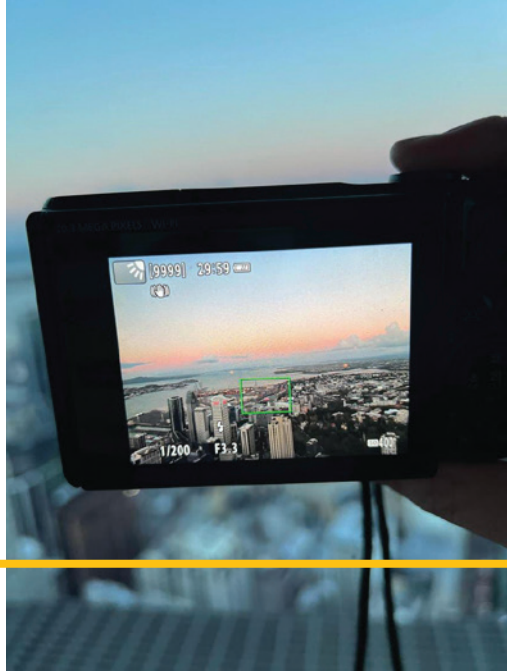
Our airplane to Auckland left early in the morning on 15 April 2024. We had our suitcases ready and went through the security checks, unsure of what to expect and what we would experience during the next eight days.

Once we landed in Auckland and met all the other 32 people it didn't take us long to figure out they were not only all very friendly and funny people, they were also all Germans. Now, a couple of months later I can say that it might have been even more interesting if that wouldn't have been the case. I personally love meeting new people from different cultures which is why I decided to go to New Zealand in the first place. Only interacting with Germans during my trip wasn't exactly bad, I would just consider it a bit disappointing and confusing to talk so much German again after getting used to talking English.

After a couple of welcomes and games to fasten up the process of name learning, we started our adventure. Little did we know at that point that the next eight days were going to be the best holidays of our lives. We had a look around Auckland the day of our arrival to get to know the city and the atmosphere and went up the Sky Tower before we left for one of my highlights the next day. That day I got to go diving on the reefs of an uncivilised island miles away from the coast. Blue fish filled the waters in front of that island with life and I was able to dive through a whole shoal of blue fish. I was so close to those hundreds of fish, some even touched my hand. On our way back to the coast and our accommodation that night, little dolphins accompanied us. I personally never saw dolphins so close, playing around and performing a little show for us, before - that was definitely one of my highlights.

The next few days were filled with lots of bus drives. Even though it was very tiring I would definitely consider it worth the experience, because between those bus rides I got to experience things I never did before. I went sandboarding on Ninety Mile





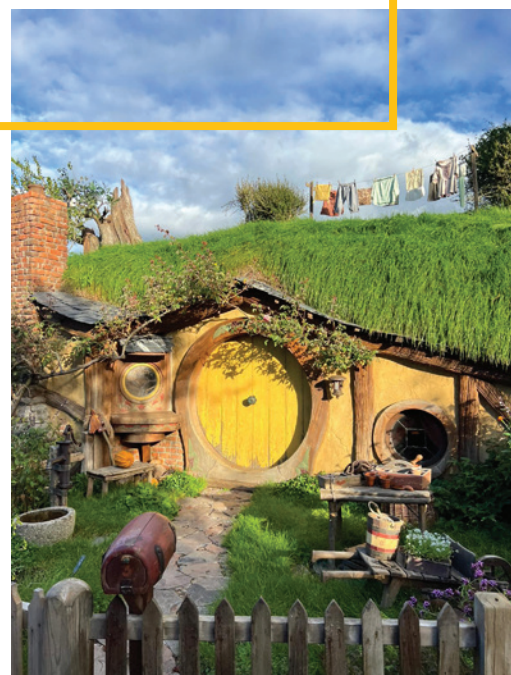
Beach and tramping at Cape Reinga, which I would consider heaven on earth. It was the most beautiful place I have ever been to.

We cooked food together and finished every evening with long and entertaining talks.

On our last day we went to the Hobbiton movie set and this tour through "the Shire" was my absolute highlight. I have been a big fan of the Lord of the Rings movies for years and never thought I would actually get the chance to see the real movie set and from the moment I booked the North Island tour a year ago, I waited patiently to finally go. To my own delight it was even better than I had hoped for it to be. I got to run through the hills of the Shire, stand in a Hobbit house and of course, I took a lot of funny photos together with Pauline.

On that last evening, we had a fire on the beach and talked about our experiences and highlights and ate lollies until our stomachs were hurting. I am still in contact with some friends I made on that tour and we exchange messages almost every day.

Overall, I can say that I am thankful I got the opportunity to do one of those tours and met so many new and amazing people. I saw so many things and got so many wonderful impressions that I will cherish for the rest of my life. From a Māori village to the top of the Auckland Sky Tower, every kind of activity I could dream of was included. Truthfully, I can say that this trip was one of the best experiences of my life and even though it is over now, the memories will stay with me for a lifetime.



Picture Description

By Rawisara (Rika) Sukhakul



A long time ago, when humans still lived with magical creatures. Even though humans and these creatures shared lands and forests, humans feared these creatures because they're scared of what they're capable of doing. Bastian is a confident and brave young man who wishes to defeat The Wild Tes, that's his only goal in life. What is The Wild Tes? A species of mythical creature... tall skinny body made of woods, probably 12 feet tall but some could grow higher than oak trees. This one that wanders around the forest he lives in is known as peaceful but will not be afraid to harm anyone who dares to try and hurt him. This is why this one is so interesting

because usually this species is weak. The village called this one Onyx; it means claws of darkness. He is pretty hard to find but right now, Bastian is standing right in front of it with a knife in his left hand. He does not hesitate to attack but the creature is so strong that the fight took days, even his mom who waits for him at home thinks he's dead. Four days passed by, in front of Bastian is Onyx's corpse. Bastian breathes heavily in tiredness and he is also relieved. He finally did it, he did what many hunters couldn't do in the past ten years. He brings back Onyx's head to the village with joy. Little did he know... rumours spread like wildfire and not long until the mythical kingdom finds out. They know that Bastian is not a normal human, he's a harm to them and with that, Bastian starts a war that continues for the next hundreds of years. The teacher closed the book with a smirk. The students are talking about how fun this story is, not knowing that the teacher was also in this war many centuries ago.



Our Naseby Bike Camp

By Chihiro Homma



On Thursday and Friday, 6 to 7 June, we had our Naseby bike camp. We left school at 11 o'clock. It took about three hours to arrive at Naseby and I slept in a car. When we arrived at Naseby, the weather was good. We started biking. First I really enjoyed biking because I felt good wind, and I could see nice scenery. Gradually I could feel my pedal was heavy. After an hour we went through the big tunnel. We took a picture in front of the tunnel. In the tunnel it was dark so I couldn't see around well. I was scared to touch other people. After finishing through the tunnel, we could decide to keep going or return. I tried to keep going. I could feel myself getting out of breath and my pedal was really heavy. My speed was really slow but I tried to keep pedalling. When I arrived at the goal, I was really happy and felt tired. At night my group had nachos. It is easy to make nachos so almost all of the group had nachos. I was really hungry so it felt more delicious than usual. After dinner we did some night activities. We played hide and seek. The weather was chilly but when we finished the activities, I could feel my body was warm. We stayed in the cabin and we had a heater so we could stay warm. But the space was narrow so I couldn't sleep well.

Next day, we woke up at 7 o'clock. And we ate weetbix with yoghurt for breakfast. It was good. And we left the cabin to start biking! The second day we separated into 3 groups. Our group went slowly and we biked with the teacher's explanation. The scenery was really good. Last day, I felt really tired but this time I could enjoy biking. At morning



tea time, we shared some snacks. After morning tea time, we continued biking. I like steep roads. Then we finished biking. We ate lunch and left Naseby. At night when I slept on my own bed I felt really comfortable.

I really enjoyed this camping trip. I'm looking forward to the next camping trip.



TERM 3 EVENTS*

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| Week 1 | SS National Swimming Champs
(25 July) | Week 7 | Winter Tournament Week
(2 September) |
| Week 2 | Open Night (30 July) - students finish
at 12.25pm
Otago Uni Course Planning (31 July)
Yasuda School Exchange Students
Arrive (31 July)
Dunedin Youth Jazz Festival
(2 August) | Week 8 | Highlanders Year 9 & 10 Rugby
Tournament (6 September) |
| Week 3 | OGHS Student Art Exhibition
(5 August) | Week 9 | Sports Council Quiz Night
(10 September) |
| Week 4 | X-Country Ski Camp (15 August)
Big Sing Cadenza (16 August)
Aerobics Regionals (17 August) | Week 10 | Māori Language Week
(16 September) |
| Week 5 | Year 11 Outdoor Education Tramps
(22 August)
Amnesty Youth Otago (23 August) | | Hip Hop Nationals (20 September)
Aerobics Nationals (21 September) |
| Week 6 | Junior Production Matinee & 7 pm
(27 August)
Ski Trip (30 August) | | Year 12 Science Geology Field Trip
(23 September) |
| | | | Year 13 Geo Camp (24 September)
Media/Textiles Students Trip to
Wellington (24 September)
Spring Night Market (26 September)
Year 12 PE Camp (27 September) |

*There are numerous other events and activities taking place during the term.

