



Tauranga Boys' College **International**

Dear Parents, Homestay Parents, Caregivers and International Students.

I am delighted to announce that we currently have 44 International students enrolled at Tauranga Boys' College. They come from a variety of different countries including: _ Germany, Japan, Taiwan, Switzerland, Thailand, China, Hong Kong and Korea as well as our new exchange student from Chile. Our International students are an important and valued part of our school community.

We all look forward to supporting and encouraging our young men as they continue to experience the many opportunities our school and community has to offer them. It gives me immense pleasure to be part of their lives as they journey from boyhood to manhood.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you as homestay parents for your continued support and guidance in looking after our students. It is always reassuring to the parents of our boys that we do provide caring and nurturing environments for all our students.

The following articles and photographs identify and celebrate the numerous events and opportunities that our boys have been involved in over the last term.

Warm Regards
Mrs Roff
Director International Students



Orientation for our new students, at Mt Maunganui.
A walk around Mauao followed by
'fish n chips' on the beach.

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Welcome to our new students
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- Captain Buasree (Thailand)
 - Robert Benson (Germany)
 - Lukas Hoerstel (Germany)
 - Tony Jeong (Korea)
 - Johannes Justus (Germany)
 - Niklas Kanehl (Germany)
 - Daniel Koglin (Germany)
 - Kenya Kubozoe (Japan)
 - Ricky Lai (Hong Kong)
 - Preben Lathe (Germany)
 - Shawn Liu (China)
 - Danny Luo (China)
 - Stephen Ng (Hong Kong)
 - Kenji Ohira (Japan)
 - Atsunori Sugimoto (Japan)
 - Alex Schopper (Germany)
 - Philipp Stauffer (Germany)
 - Shoki Tainaka (Japan)
 - Alan Weiss (Germany)
 - Niklas Wolf (Germany)
 - Rooney Yang (Korea)
 - Jorge Oyarzun Ampuero (Chile)
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International Camp - Bowentown

13th to 15th February 2013



Bowentown camp
On the 13th February
It was sunny .

We took a bus . We stayed for three days .
We stayed in a tent . I stayed with with master T , Mr. Taitoko ,
Kenji, Jae , Sam , Mrs. Roff , Mr Ter Wal .
Our students went snorkeling, kayaking , and had beach games .
It looked very interesting for everyone . Today , I was the most
interested in the kayaking .

Tonight we played DARK . I was very tired .

On the 14th February

It was sunny .

In the morning , we ran up the hill . I was a little tired .

Then after, we ate breakfast. My breakfast was bread.

After the breakfast, we went to the sea.

We played fishing, climbing the mountain and beach games.

I fished. But, I didn't get to catch the fish....

I ate lunch with Japanese people . Lunch was sandwiches. it was
yummy !

Then after, I went to buss room . I took time at 10 min .

After, we went to bed . At 22o'clock .

On the 15th February

It was sunny .

We ran up the hill in the morning .

I ran the fastest in the class .

And , we went to the beach .

I was riding on the surfboard .

Other students played kayaking and beach games .

Surfing was the most interesting of all .

After , we had a lunch . Lunch was sandwiches.

After lunch , We went home .

I want to surf again, it was the most interesting of all .

SHOKI TAINAKA



The Bowentown camp

On 13th February our International students went to Bowentown. It's one hour from Tauranga by bus we stayed at the camp for 3 days and 2 nights We had to build our own tent by ourselves and for the first dinner all international boys had to cook our own food. I was less prepared sadly so instead noodles were necessary for this situation so it became the main lesson when I came to camp. That day we also began activities in the afternoon. We went to Anzac bay to do snorkeling, kayaking and beach games at night we got to play tally ho, that day was a very heavy day for me. The next day (second day) we went to Waihi beach for nothing with sun. The weather was nice also hot and sunny as well this part is my favorite but after that we had to carry out kayaks back. The camp had teachers to take care of us like master Taitoko (chief) Master T, Kenji, Joe, Sam, Mr ter Wel We also had Mrs. Roff and Miss Percival too. Last night we got to play tally ho again it was very exciting when you flank another team in the dark and the last day, before we went back to school we went to Waihi beach again to do activities like before. Then we took the gear back, had lunch and grabbed our things and back to school. Seriously I forgot to ask Master T 'why you don't have Mohawk?'
CAPTAIN BUASREE (Year 10)

Monday 18th February 2013

The start of the day was so hot and my bag was so heavy.

Our transport was by bus, thirty minutes later, we arrived in Bowentown. We met master T. He said "if you didn't bring your tent, you are sleeping in my tent" so we slept in the tent but in my tent there were live ants. It was terrible and we ate lunch and went to the beach, the beach was so beautiful, and I did the beach activity first. The beach activity was good!! I and the other German boys did cricket and then we did snorkeling. I saw star fish and we came back to the camp site and ate dinner and slept but I couldn't sleep very well, so I counted sheep. The next day was beautiful weather, we ate breakfast I ate porridge and went to the beach again and we did kayaking and surfing, it was great!! But the sea water was very cold and I did a sand sport game. The sand sport game is so hard because the sand was so hot. We went back to the camp site, we ate bread (Mrs Roff bought it) and went to the beach again, played and came back. At night, we did tally ho! Tally ho is my favourite sport in the camp and we slept, and the next day I packed my bag and I went home but I will go to the beach again with the year 9 camp and go to Bowentown camp. And I thanked master T, Mr Taitoko, Mrs Roff, Miss Percival, Ken, Joe, Sam, Mr ter Wal.

TONY JEONG (Year 9)

Bowentown Camp

On the 13th february, we went on camp for three days .

The place is Bowentown.

Bowentown was one hour north of Tauranga by bus.

I stayed in a tent. The tent was very big , so many students stayed there .

I was helped by some teachers.

Master T , Mr. Taitoko, Kenji, Joe , Mrs. Roff , Mr. Ter wal and Sam

Master T and Kenji can speak Japanese.

On the first day .

We pitched a tent I had never pitched a tent before. After pitching a tent, we ate lunch. My lunch was a sandwich and an apple. After lunch we enjoyed snorkeling and kayaking and beach games. I especially enjoyed kayaking .

We went back and ate dinner. My dinner was curry and rice . After the dinner we played Tally Ho ! and we played a game in the dark then I was very tired .

The next day.

I got up and ran up the hill. After the run we had breakfast. I had toast and an apple. After breakfast we went to Waihi Beach and I enjoyed kayaking .

We had bread for lunch. After lunch I went fishing in Cave Bay. After fishing we ate fish and chips. After dinner we played games.

On the last day

I got up and we ran up the hill. After we ran, we had breakfast .

After breakfast, we went to Waihi Beach and I enjoyed surfing .

After lunch , we came back to school by bus .

I enjoyed surfing the most on this camp. because I had a lot of fun .

Three days were sunny .

If I go again, I want to talk to many people, because I can't talk to many people .

KENJI OHIRA



Leo Feng enjoying the waves

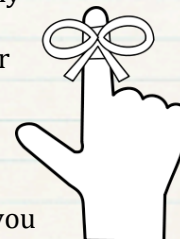
•••••**HOMESTAY CORNER**•••••

•We are nearing the end of term one and by now you have all had a chance to get to know me and hope you
•feel comfortable to talk to me if needed. I have also been a homestay parent and know what it is like and can
•share some of my thoughts and experiences with you.

•**Farewells:** It is with sadness that we say goodbye to **Luca** and **Moritz** who will be returning home to
•Germany this month. It has been a pleasure meeting you both and I wish you well with your studies upon
•your return home.

•**House Keeping:** we have now changed the process around approval to leave Tauranga. We require the
•completed Permission to Leave form no later than two weeks prior to your trip and students are required to
•contact their natural family for their permission in writing prior to handing the form in. This will speed up
•the process but travel will still need to be **approved by Mrs Roff**. Please don't make any
•bookings until you have approval.

•The permission letters from home can be either attached to the form before handing it in or
•you can have parents email it directly to my email address
•ladams@taurangaboyscollege.school.nz Failure to follow these instructions will result in
•students not being allowed to go.



•**Just a Reminder:** If your student is staying with another homestay family for a night or two you
•must email me to let me know, as it is important that we know where our students are at all times.
•Also we must have natural parents permission if students want to participate in any dangerous
•sports e.g shooting, diving, jet boating, white water rafting, bungee jumping etc. If you are not sure about
•whether a activity is dangerous or not please contact myself or Mrs Roff before booking.



•**Computer use:** Due to some students spending too much time on their computers and
•other electronic devices we now encourage you to support us and restrict use to about
•one hour a day and monitor what they are doing on their computer as you would with
•your own children. We have talked with students about this and explained that they may
•find that their computers might be taken off them if they don't conform.

•**Important:** We recently held a professional development work shop for our homestay families, thanks to
•those host families who gave up their time to attend. Attending one of these functions a year is a requirement
•of our school, those families who were unable to attend our term one work shop, will receive an invitation in
•late July for our next professional development night in term three. We had a lot of great feedback from those
•who did attend. This is a good opportunity to meet other host families and share information and ideas.

•**Host Family Function**

•You should have all received an email from me regarding your thoughts on some options. If you haven't given
•me any feedback can you please do so as soon as possible so the function can be organised. I want to do
•things that will interest you and work well for your families budgets.
•I have penciled in sometime in the last week of May (to be confirmed).

•**My Hours:** I'm available in the office from 9.30am until 1.30pm Monday - Thursday and from 9.00am until
•12.30pm Fridays but if you need me for an emergency I can be contacted on my cell phone any time My
•**cellphone number is 021 946 374**

•**Please Note:** Due to Mrs Roff being away overseas, for any emergencies over the holidays please feel free to
•contact me **cellphone number is 021 946 374**

•I will be away from the afternoon of **Wednesday 15th May** until **Sunday 19th May** so any emergencies over
•this period should be referred to **Mrs Roff** on **027 284 9378**

•Regards
•Lisa Adams
•**HOMESTAY MANAGER**

OUT and ABOUT

We recently celebrated Thai New Year with our Thai students, Net, Pond, Captain and Boss, plus host brother from Germany, Preben and visiting Thai short stay student, Khem. They all enjoyed a special take away Thai Lunch.



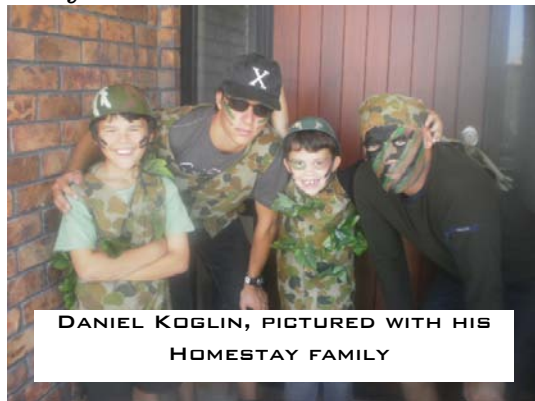
Takeaway Lunch for Thai New Year



Lunch out for Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year was also celebrated with all the international students enjoying a lunch out at a local Chinese restaurant.

The boys also enjoyed our once a term combined function with Girls' College, the students played beach volleyball and then tucked into Pizza back at the International Department.



DANIEL KOGLIN, PICTURED WITH HIS HOMESTAY FAMILY



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW INTERNATIONAL HEAD BOY ZHENHAO HUANG. ZHENHAO IS PICTURED ENJOYING A DAY OUT FISHING.

ESOL - Term 1

We have had a busy and exciting beginning of 2013 in the ESOL department with many new students from a variety of countries starting ESOL courses. Particularly interesting has been learning about each other's cultures and customs, interests, hobbies and families. We are pleased to welcome Miss Cable to the ESOL department. Miss Cable has joined in her role as ESOL tutor to the Foundation and junior classes.



Thai student Net Suwanwatthana at the Thai Temple in Welcome Bay

ESOL students have been introduced to all things 'Kiwi', learning about the culture, language, geography and history of their new home. They have prepared some fantastic presentations to the class, comparing New Zealand life with life in their own country.

Students have started their programme of extra-curricular trips, the first being to the Mount. This was a first for some new students who were told all about Mauao and its significance by the International students from 2012! ESOL students also had the opportunity to visit the Thai temple in Welcome Bay, eating authentic Thai food, meeting and talking with the Monks and

learning about Thai culture and Buddhism.

Planned trips for the rest of 2013 include a trip to Rotorua, visiting the Skyline Gondola and the Luge, mini-golf, bowling, Mc Claren's Falls Park and a trip to a marae.

Miss C Percival