

Cambridge High School

International Newsletter



Welcome to our new International Students for Term 1

Hello and welcome to our first newsletter for 2007.

Our staff hope that you are enjoying the start of the year and look forward to showing you some of the great things that our international students are involved in at Cambridge High School.

It is wonderful to be able to welcome so many new students to our school. We have both long term and short term students who have started with us this term . We are thrilled to be able to introduce them to you all.

Calendar of Events for 2007 Term 2

- Senior School Ball
- School Assessments
- School Production



Tarit
KASEMSUPAPAN-
Thailand



Pattara
LERYOTCHAIPONG
-Thailand



Apinat
TIENTHAVORN-
Thailand



Noraphatara
CHUENCHITRA—
Thailand



Narathip
PRAPAITHONG -
Thailand



Ki Sang
LEE—Korea



Sung Eun
YANG—Korea



Sung Gin
YANG—Korea



Da Eun
JUNG—Korea

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New International Students for Term 1 continued



Mai NAMIKI—Japan



Ayumi
MATSUOKA— Japan



Kyoko
KAWABE— Japan



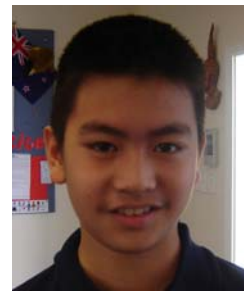
Samuel Borsari La
Bella—Brazil



Thanh Nam Bui -
Vietnam



Wasupon
Nilwatcharamanee-Thailand



Pornpong
Nilwatcharamanee-Thailand

Short Term Stay Student



Byoung Ju
LEE—Korea

New International Ambassador for Thailand.

We have selected another International Ambassador for 2007.

Poonyawat (Ber) Rojchanavisart is from Thailand and will be assisting Phatsorn (May) Leelasuntaloet with any new Thai students to Cambridge High School.

Ber has been studying at Cambridge High School since 2004 and is an excellent student who will do a wonderful job in his new International Ambassador role.



Swimming and Athletic Sports Day.

On the 20th of February all of our students were involved in our school's Swimming Sports. The following photo's were taken of our international students on that day.



Narathip and Pattara



Front left to right: Marea, Karla, Asami, Rei and Marta.



Haruka and Khoa



Kyoko and Mai



Dayeon



From left to right: Sung Gin (Alex) Kenta, Brian, Ayumi, Sung Eun (Sue) Da Eun (Valentina) Jae Woo (Eric)

From left to right: Back Songyos (Tom) and Lloyd. Front:



Daniel and Chun Yin (Crosby)



Rei in red and Ayumi running.



Mitch, Dannie, Pattara, Narathip,



Alex, Valentina, Sue, Byoung Ju (BJ) Kwan Won Lee (Brian) and Ki Sang (Maru)



Min Sun (centre in yellow) ready to run.

Year 13 Camp at Waitomo.

On Tuesday the 20th of February until Friday the 23rd all of the Year 13 students went on a camp to Waitomo. While they were there they stayed in tents and were expected to cook their own meals while they were away.

Some of the activities that the students were involved in were black water rafting, abseiling, exploring caves, rock climbing, and looking at the local waterfalls and glow worm caves.

All of our international students got fully involved in all of the activities that were offered and had an amazing time.

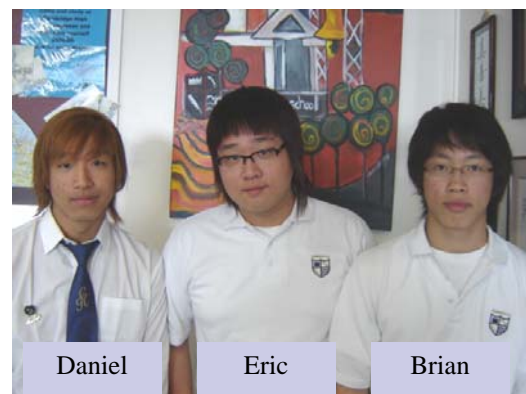


“ On camp I enjoyed the black water rafting experience. Each of us wore a wetsuit and a helmet with a light on the top. We were given a black inner tube from a tyre and travelled underground in a river through a cave. The trip was great and we all turned off our lights so that we could see the glow worms above on the ceiling of the cave. Even though we had wet suits on we still got a little cold. It was lots of fun.”

Xavier Ye— China

“Camp was a great chance to make some new friends and to try new things.

It was fun to try tenting and also to cook for ourselves. We did a pretty good job at both of those things. The most exciting experience was caving and there was a great waterfall that I got to see as well. Camp was lots of fun. Daniel Lee—Korea.



“Camp was good because I had some time away from my family. It was a special time with my friends. Sleeping in the tent was great and it was a new experience for me. There was too much walking on camp though” Eric Cho—Korea.

“ Cooking was hard and we couldn't cook very well. I liked black water rafting because it was easy to do. Mr Tong took me there while other students had to walk” Brian Lee—Korea



“ Camp was great because I got to hang out with my friends. I also got to make lots of new friends as well. I shared a tent with Min Sun and Asami and we had lots of fun. As all of the students had to cook their own food we decided to cook Japanese curry on the first night. On the second night we had pasta.

I enjoyed the caving experience because it was something that I had never done before and it was a really good experience. Camp was truly awesome.” Rei Harada (Left)—Japan

“ It was a hard decision to go to camp because I was worried about who I would share a tent with. It was great sharing with Rei and Asami and we cooked some great food. I was scared about caving and black water rafting as I had heard that it was going to be difficult. I was really surprised at how easy caving was. It was an exciting challenge to do the black water rafting as I had to jump off a one metre high spot into the river below. It was great to be able to do it.” Min Sun Kim—Korea



“ On the first day we went on a bush walk and in the afternoon we went caving, rock climbing and abseiling. Caving was so much fun, we went into a cave and with a light attached to our helmet. As it was dark and hard to see, a lot of people were falling over, slipping and screaming. The water in the cave was up to my chest.

On the second day we went to the Squeeze and black water rafting. The Squeeze is called that because we have to go through a really small space that squeezes you. The black water rafting was also in the cave but you wore a wet suit and boots and then you use a rubber tube to float across the water in.

The whole camp was a great experience for me and I really enjoyed it.” Asami Terui—Japan

Academic Success

Some of our international students have already been recognised for their academic excellence. In a recent Academic Assembly these International students were some of the top scholars in our school. Their awards were based on their performance in Year 11 and Year 12 internals and external exams during 2006.

Level 1 2006

Bronze Scholar Award for attaining 8 or more Excellences last year.

May Leelasuntaloet: 10 Excellence Grades



Level 2 2006

Gold Scholars Badges are awarded for attaining 20 or more Excellences

Ju Young Oh : 21 Excellence Grades.

- **NEWS FLASH**

Ju Young Oh has just been chosen to be one of two Year 13 students to become an Academic Captain at Cambridge High School.

Ju Young needed to show academic excellence, a commitment to learning and also be enrolled in a University Course.

Ju Young will be a role model to other Year 13 students and will be organising academic speakers, helping with hints on how to study effectively, do examination countdowns and will also assist with peer tutoring. This is a very prestigious position and we are confident that Ju Young will do an outstanding job.



Level 3 2006

TA Kim Long

Achieved a scholarship in Mathematics.



Show- Jumping Success—Asami Terui

"I went to a Horse Show which was held at Te Teko in the Bay of Plenty on the 25th February.

I normally go in the show jumping classes that jump at around 1.00m, but since the show jumping season was coming to an end in New Zealand I decided that I should try and go in the class of 1.10m.

There were about 30 other competitors in the class. In the first round I was clear and I hadn't knocked any of the jumps over. In the second round which was a jump off I also had a clear round. As it was a jump off I went as fast as I could but apparently there was no one else who went clear in the jump off and I was told that I had won.

Although it wasn't a very exciting jump off, I am very pleased with the result and the way that Rose (my horse) jumped during the competition."

International Homestay Barbeque

On the 20th March we held our International Homestay Barbeque in the Cambridge High School Staffroom. We had a wonderful turnout and many of our families came along for a meal and a chance to meet other homestay families.



Homestay Family Profile– The Coles Family

We decided to share our home with a foreign student because we felt we had a lot to offer a visitor to NZ. We have travelled quite extensively and are very interested in different cultures and cuisines.

We loved our travels though Asia and when asked if we could host someone from Taiwan we looked forward to the prospect of learning more about that country. Prior to Michael arriving at our home, his sister Falina had visited us and was very happy for her brother to stay with our family.

Michael Wu arrived at our house one night in mid-2006. He was very shy, spoke little English and looked like he needed some fresh country air on his cheeks. We live on the outskirts of Cambridge on the bus route to Cambridge High. For the first few months Michael took the school bus, but he has now purchased a bike and rides everywhere which is a bit of exercise for him as well as badminton on a Friday night.



Michael gets on well with our 4 year old twins. We look forward to learning about Taiwan and Michael has indicated that he would like to cook a meal for us one day which we are looking forward to.

Homestay Family Profile– The Lewis Family

My husband Roy and I have been home hosting international students, periodically for 13 years. We have hosted one student from Singapore, two from Thailand and our last two from Japan. We requested a student from Japan as Riki and Becky have travelled to Japan on school trips.



Tai joined our family in 2003 and in turn his sister Rei is now with us and has been since 2005. This is her last year with us as she is hoping to attend Wellington University in New Zealand next year.

Rei's mother, father and grandparents have been to New Zealand during Rei's stay here. We have all spent some time together, it was wonderful meeting them all and we enjoyed their visit immensely.

We encourage our homestay children to participate in activities that will enhance their ability to adjust to their environment. It has given us much pleasure to watch our students develop into young adults, learning to grow in confidence, adapting to the "Kiwi" way of life and progressing with their command of the English language.

In our opinion home hosting is a rewarding and valuable experience to both students and hosts and very often the relationships built during this time remain constant even after the students return home.

Roy, Riki, Becky and June Lewis

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Staff Profile Phil McCreery

I have been the Principal at Cambridge High School since 2005. I am married with three children and really enjoy the opportunities to get to know the international students at our school.

Our International Student Programme is a long established and highly successful part of our school life. Our students represent a wide cross section of nationalities and cultural backgrounds. All of whom add another dimension to school life here at Cambridge High. With over 85% of our students being born in New Zealand and having little if any overseas experience, having a group of international students within the school is an ideal opportunity for them to gain an understanding of other cultures and to gain a truly global perspective on life.

I am looking forward to another successful year, to having our international students make a real academic progress and for them to have ample opportunities to experience the real New Zealand.

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