

2024 NZ trip Newsletter #4

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HAPPY TO SEE YOU ALL!

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Piggy back me please?

Do you know what "piggyback" is? It means to ride on one's back. I don't remember how many times we did, but more importantly, they are sooo cute, and that was super fun.



We went to Lower Moutere School again, and joined the classes and played with them. There were about 300 students from 5 to 13 y.o.

In addition to piggyback, we did painting, singing songs, doing math games ,playing chess, and some sports. Then we had lunch with the kids.

One of the activities, there were some challenges to the world records. We joined them and all of the challenges were kind of silly but so funny.



Welcome party from Motuaka committee

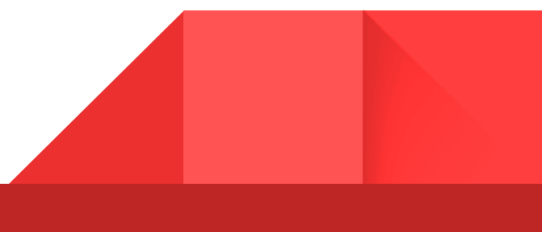
We were invited to a welcome party by the Motueka committee. We got some drinks and a bunch of food and snacks there.

Mr. Peater, a chair of the Motueka committee, and Mr. Tim, a mayor of Motueka town, gave a speech for us. They talked about the history of the relationship between us and showed their warm welcome. We all should thank everyone related to this program.

There were many people there to welcome us. We met Brooke's family and Cassius, an exchange student last year again!

As a gift from the Motueka committee, we got a necklace of green stone called "Pounamu" which is sacred and powerful.

That was a special night for us and it's sad there will be only one more day we could be in Motueka town.



Students' Comments Vo.4

#4 How was your day? What are you looking forward to doing tomorrow?

“Today I went to Motueka elementary school. All the elementary school students were kind and we had a lot of fun. A girl did her best to explain things slowly, so I was able to do my best to understand English. I'm going to Motueka high school tomorrow, so I'll do my best to improve my English.”-Saaya



“Today, I went to Motueka's primary school. Students were very cheerful. I studied math, similar games to Sugoroku with them...and so on. Games similar to tag were fun. Tomorrow, I will go to Motueka high school. I want to do my best to introduce Japanese culture.” -Konoha

“I went to Motueka elementary school. The school students were so energetic and cute! Their English was so fast that it was difficult to hear them. In the evening there was a welcome party. It was a very good time. I have a speech tomorrow at the high school and I want to do my best!” -Nachi“



“I went to elementary school. We were told many things by elementary school students today. And it's easy to understand how to play games. So I had a lot of fun! I am looking forward to going to high school tomorrow.” -Keitsu



“I was not feeling well this morning, but thanks to the smiles of the elementary school students, I was able to regain some of my own energy! At the welcome party, I made friends with Brooke's younger sister and other Motueka High School students.” -Runa

“Today we were able to communicate more actively than yesterday! Tomorrow is the main event, so I want to give it my all.” - Aoto

“We went to elementary school today. I played various games with children. I couldn't understand their talks, but they were so kind to me. I want to try the presentation with a smile like them tomorrow. - Yota



“Today, I can make good experiences such as playing with elementary school students. It can be good memories with high school students.” -Sae

“Today I went to Motueka South School. All the elementary school students were very energetic and tried their best to convey their words. There was a welcome party in the evening. It was very refreshing for me to stand and eat with the locals. I'll have a speech at Motueka High School starting tomorrow, so I'll do my best to look them in the eye.” - Hiroto

“It was fun to play with the elementary school kids. I got really sunburned. I didn't have one today, but I have a presentation tomorrow so I'll do my best. I want to talk to Jess a lot.”- Saki

To Be Continued...⇒