

# 2024 NZ trip Newsletter #5

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## TIME GOES FAST...

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### High school life in NZ

We went to Motueka HS. First of all, we joined a Maori ceremony to welcome us with song, haka dance, and food. Then, we played some Maori games with unique gestures, voices, dance and sticks. They were super fun to do! "Pukana!"

After that, we had art class. We made a bookmark with a Maori pattern. Then, we had a presentation about Japanese cultures, chopsticks, *origami*, retro games, *onigiri*, and *shodo*. The Kiyosato students did so well and the Motueka students seemed to enjoy our performance. After lunch, we had music for the last class of the day.

That was such a great experience to spend time as a part of Motueka students. Buddies helped us a lot and they showed us many things about their cultures. Btw, they have time for morning tea after the 2nd period. I'm so jealous and it must be a good way for teachers to focus on their duties.



## Find the best sweets in Motueka!



We had the last dinner in Motueka with our buddies and their families. They brought many dishes from their home and all of them were delicious!

These students study Japanese with Ms. Yuki, a Japanese teacher at the school. And they're planning to come to Japan next year. It's going to be super fun experiences for both of us.

We had only two days to be with each other, but had a wonderful time also. I'm so glad they got along really quick and happy to see what they have done for each other. Ms. Yuki said "To speak several languages means to understand the culture and point of view of them" ms. We need to keep studying English!

The friendship will last forever! Kia Ora!



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## Students' Comments Vo.5

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

“Today I went to Motueka high school. My buddy kindly guided me around and talked to me so I had a lot of fun. I was happy because we all ate lunch together and became friends with other friends. My buddy and new friend gave me sweets. Also, my buddy and Rin gave me a present, which included my favorite character from Sunday Market, which was really nice. At dinner, we ate and talked with students from Motueka high school. We also exchanged Instagram. The tramplng was fun too! It was such a wonderful time that I wanted to be with them forever. I'll be moving to Auckland tomorrow, so I'll try my best to change my mindset.”-Saaya

“Today, I went to Motueka high school. I did a trial class in art and music. I ate lunch with my buddy. My buddy's name is “Rin”. She is good at singing. I hope to see her again. Tomorrow, I will go to Auckland. I want to get a good rest for tomorrow.” -Konoha

“Today I went to Motueka high school to learn about Maori and other things. I also taught calligraphy, a Japanese cultural art, to the students of Motueka high school. I was able to enjoy my presentation because everyone was so interested in what I had said. At dinner, my buddy and various people gave me gifts! I was very happy. I look forward to seeing everyone again next year!” -Nachi“





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“I went to high school today! Motueka high school students told me about Maui ritual and traditional games. Students were more active than elementary school students. Break time, so many students played basketball and volleyball together. It was very fun. I did introduce the presentation very nervously. But students looked like they were having a lot of fun. I will do my best for the remaining 4 days!” -Keitsu

“Today I finally went to Motueka High School! I was very nervous at first but my buddy helped me a lot. After the ritual and social games, my buddy and I played badminton in the gym. After badminton, she took me to the art room, where I had a class on how to make a bookmark bright with lame. It was difficult, but I learned a lot about Maori patterns! My group presented origami and I was amazed at how well all the students from Motueka High School folded! We folded hearts, cranes, and shurikens, and everyone wanted one, which made me very happy! I had lunch with my buddy, my friend and my friend's buddy. After that, we had a music class where they taught us the instruments and songs that are found in New Zealand! I was very sad because I thought I would not see my buddy again because she said she was leaving soon, but it turned out that I would see her at night! At night we all played on the trampoline outside until dinner was ready! I had dinner with my buddy and we had a



lot of conversation! She was twins with Nachi and Sae's buddy, so she gave me a twin quiz! Mr. Natausaka also came along on the way and we had a conversation together! He also gave a twin quiz to him! I took a picture with me, my buddy, and him!

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My buddy gave me my favorite chocolate, a cat key charm that she made by hand, and a card with my favorite idol! She let me choose from several different faces for the cat key charm and added a heart to the face in my favorite color! I received so many gifts, but I haven't been able to give any of them back, so next year when my buddy comes to Kiyosato, I want to give a lot back to her! I've missed her so much since I went back to my room and can't wait until next year!

I have a new goal today. I have been thinking of many reasons to study and speak English, but today I finally found one! I have decided to study a lot so that I can understand and speak English better than I do now before my buddy comes to Kiyosato next year!" -Runa



"Today was the most proactive day I've ever been able to communicate. I'll take a good rest tomorrow and try to regain my strength again, and I'm looking forward to seeing the view from the tower tomorrow." - Aoto



"Motueka high school students were very energetic! I was amazed and I respect them. I finished my presentation today, so I'd like to relax and focus on getting a good experience tomorrow." - Yota

"Today, we made a presentation for Mitueka high school students. I was glad that many students were listening to our presentation. I think I want to become like Motueka high school students. " -Sae

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“Today I went to Motueka High School. First, they did a Maori ceremony for us, and I was surprised at how powerful it was. Then, I gave a speech before lunch. I was very nervous, but I was glad that all the students were excited. In the evening, I had a meal with my buddy Sam and Jake and the students of Motueka High School. This was the most fun day. I will be careful about my health tomorrow..” - Hiroto

“It was fun to eat meals and play volleyball with lots of people. I'm looking forward to visiting the peanut factory.” - Saki



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