

# AKPS Morning Post 2019 New Zealand Shoot



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## Launching



The long-awaited New Zealand exchange trip has finally begun today! Although I was with nine other teammates, Principal Po and Ms. Chiu, I was nervous

because I had to leave my family for twelve days. It was also the first time I passed through the immigration checkpoint by myself. There was a mix-up with one of my teammates, Anson's documents, so it took him a bit longer to pass through. Finally, everyone could get on the plane. It took eleven hours to fly to Auckland, so I watched English movies on the plane to relieve my boredom. After the flight, we took the bus to the recreation camp for one night. I was looking forward to every new thing in New Zealand which is in the Southern Hemisphere. ~by Jayden Huang

Landed We, ten students and two teachers, took the eleven-hour flight to New Zealand. I watched two movies on the plane and they were very nice. After the flight, we took a bus to Holiday Park. We spent one night in this big campus. There were plenty of facilities, including trampolines, slides and campers. I was so excited while I was bouncing on the trampoline. Ms. Chiu looked after us and we all were so relaxed and bounced crazily and sweated a lot. It's a pity that we could stay there for only one night! ~by Calvin Yeung

## Our First Day at Elim

Today is the first day at Elim and right away we met our Kiwi teachers and buddies. They were very kind and cheerful. They showed us what to do during morning tea time and lunch time. After school, Sally and I went to our host families. They have a cute dog and a fat cat! They are so cute. I like them very much. ~by Tiffany Fung

## Kiwi School Life

It was sunny and hot today. We arrived at school at 7:50 in the morning. Our English teacher is called Mrs. Stevenson. She is kind. We played some games with her, like "Go Fish". We had a lot of fun!

After the morning English lesson, I had lunch together with my buddy. When I opened my lunch box, I found that my host mom had prepared a lot of food for me. There was a hamburger, an apple and some cookies. They were yummy! After school, my host family picked me up and took me to a



shopping centre where I bought some snacks. That is the life of a Kiwi child! ~by Monica Li







My School Life On day two, I went to Elim Christian School and learnt English with Mrs. Stevenson. She was so nice and patient with me. I learnt sewing and drawing. During recess and lunch time, I played and ate with my buddy, Emma, who is so nice and beautiful with a tall nose. She took care of me during every recess. We chatted and ate together. After lunch, I went to her classroom and had lessons. It was really challenging! ~by Yoyo Leung

## My School Buddy I went to Elim



Christian School
Auckland which is
very big and had a
fresh new campus. I
had a school buddy
here, his name is
Jack. I played

football with Jack at lunchtime. Sometimes, I played basketball with Jack and other classmates during recess. I had lessons with Jack in the afternoon. On the second day, I had a Chinese lesson with him. I felt that they were interested in learning Chinese. On the third day, I had a science lesson with



him. It was fun. ~by Anson Lau



#### Football

I like playing football but I seldom play football in Hong Kong. In Elim, I had



plenty of chances to play football. Chad, my buddy at Elim, brought me to a very big football field. Although it was sunny and hot during morning tea time or mid-day lunch time, I was still so excited to go with Chad. I played with Chad's friends. We had a short match during recess every day. Not only playing football, I enjoyed running around in the enormous field too! ~by Charley Yu

## Kiwi Birds

Today, Mrs
Stevenson
taught us
about the
special birds
in New
Zealand.
People could
find Kiwi



birds only in New Zealand. To remember it, we would sew a kiwi bird. It was not easy to sew as it was my first time! After the lesson, I played basketball with my buddy. I knew that foreigners play basketball very skillfully, so we had to try very hard. It was tough but it was so much fun!

~by Jayden Huang

**Homestay** On the second day in Auckland, I met my host family, the Rams. They are very friendly. There is a grandmother, a mum and a daughter. They are



Indian. Most of the time, Mrs. Ram cooked Indian food for us and we enjoyed all the food. It was very yummy. The first day after

dinner, I watched a movie with the girls. The movie title was "Tooth Fairy". It was very funny. I enjoyed the time with them. On Sunday, my host family brought Tiffany and me to a park with their dog. It was a very beautiful park with lots of roses. We had a great time. On the last day, Mrs. Ram took us to the airport. ~by Sally Chau



## Mrs. Stevenson

Mrs Stevenson is not only our English teacher at Elim but also the host mom of Leena and me. Every evening we ate at home with her, and sometimes also with

her daughter and grandchildren. One night, she prepared Kiwi-style dinner. Tonight, we wanted to show our gratitude to her, so we prepared a dinner for her, our host mom. We made tomatoes with egg, stir fried vegetables and beef with potatoes.

Unexpectedly, there was an egg shell in the dish and Mrs.
Stevenson ate it! It was Leena who made that egg dish! ~by Emily Law

## Walking around Auckland

Today, we went to the Auckland Zoo. It was so big. There were a lot of animals. I saw kiwi birds, brolga and kekeno. The



most interesting animal was the kiwi bird in the dark. We had to be very quiet and follow them around in a very dark place. So fun! We also went to the animal hospital. Here, we could watch how the vets work. After that, we walked up a hill. I never imagined that I would ever be so close to a volcano! It was amazing! We were at the highest point of Auckland. The view was so beautiful. We could see everything from there. I saw five more craters around Auckland too. All of

them were dead volcanoes. On the next day, my host family took Jayden and me to a car show.



It was interesting. ~ by Calvin Yeung & Tiffany Fung

## Sheep World

We went to the Sheep World on the third day. We fed baby lambs and watched shepherd dogs herding sheep. When we were watching the sheep show, the shepherd asked our classmate Sally to go up on the

stage to help. Sally
was so brave and
looked like an expert!
She could control the
running route of the
funny clumsy sheep. I
was so excited. ~by
Leena Tam



#### New Zealand Culture

Today is Sunday. We went to the Auckland Zoo and saw many animals, such as the kiwi bird and cheetahs. Then, we went to the Museum of Culture where we learnt about

> New Zealand culture. The thing that I remember the most is that the DNA of New Zealand people from a long time ago has a 20% similarity to



people. That's amazing! Then, we went to learn about volcanoes. We went into a fake house simulating a real house beside a

Chinese

volcanic eruption. I sat next to Leena and Anson, I didn't know that I followed Anson the whole trip. Next, we went to see the animals of New Zealand, and to some extent that was fun, too. After the museum we climbed to the top of a dead volcano. The view was amazing and the crater at the top was very big! The weather was great, sunny and breezy. After that, we went to Sal's Restaurant to have pizza for dinner. ~by Monica Li

## Our Farewell

Thank you, Elim School! It was our second last day at Elim School. We

went up the stage and shared our thoughts with the whole school. We thanked the school and our buddies for everything they did for us in those few days. Then, our school principal Ms Po presented a Chinese Painting to Elim School as a gift to thank them. I know that it would be hung up on the wall in the school general office. At the end, we all sang "Count on Me", a song about friendship. ~Tiffany Fung They were all so happy!

#### I'll Miss You

Today is the last day of our New Zealand trip. NOOO! I would like to stay at least one more day, but I can't anything about it.



Today the homestay family took us to the pool to swim, it was so fun! Then we went to the supermarket to buy food for the day. After leaving the groceries at home, we went to Duder Park and climbed the hill. We saw the beautiful view from up there! It was also fun. Finally, we went home for dinner. After dinner, we went to the airport and waited for the flight home.

Bye Kiwis, Auckland, bye Elim, bye Mrs. Stevenson. I'll miss you all. ~by Monica Li





