

# 'NUA News

Term 3 2009 update from  
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Dear Families, Friends and Agents

It is hard to believe that we are fast approaching the end of Term 3. Term 3 has been very busy with much learning, activities and many new and great experiences. NCEA students are working hard with examinations and deadlines ahead of them.

We welcomed 11 new students at the beginning of the term. They were: Gero Boethig, Christian Kropp, Gregor Knobloch, Iida Heikkila, Nils Zahn, Nina Matikainen, Frederique Rolland, Bruna Moraes, Leonard Hommernick, Laura Arnhoelter and Anika Schreiber. This intake included students from Germany, Finland, France and Brazil. Our two day orientation programme enabled the students to learn their way around the school and town, have a one-on-one interview discussing their future career goals and selection of subjects, how to adapt to the New Zealand culture and more.

Our Homestay Parents' meeting was well attended in August and gave opportunity to go through the updated Homestay Handbook. The International lunch held each term is always well attended by internationals and their invited kiwi friends.



**Ski Trip (photos above):** This was a great trip on Mt Ruapehu staying at the Levin Waiopahu Tramping Club hut. We were very comfortable in the hut situated on the mountain and enjoyed skiing for the first two days. During the second afternoon the weather turned very cold and was raining so we all headed back to the hut and enjoyed puzzles, playing cards and for some, cooking. Teaching each other's languages meant that students were able to greet each other in Finnish, German, Portuguese and Korean. Nils and Christian's baked apple dessert was very well received! The third day we went to Turangi, some enjoying the hot pools, and later in the day back on the mountain some students tramped with Peter Wolfenden (accompanying teacher) to some of the spots where 'Lord of the Rings' was filmed.



**Waitomo/Rotorua/Taupo Trip (photos above):** Four action packed days with 11 students. Our trip to Waitomo Caves was a long day but well worth the visit. Our time in Rotorua (over two days) included the Agradom (third picture), Zorbs, the Buried Village, the luge, Kiwi experience and Rotorua Museum. On the way to Taupo the following day, we visited the amazing Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland. On the final day we had an early start as per usual to make the most of the day. We began with the Taupo Bungy (three students succeeded, - Nils (see photo on far right), Leonard and Bruna, all very brave I have to say, and from there to the Hukafalls Jet before heading home. This is a very popular trip.

**Congratulations to Alan (Chihiro) Nakazato (Japan) for his wonderful performance at our recent School Talent Quest.**

By the end of the term we will have farewelled Frederique Rolland (France), Hannah Theinert, Lea Weber, Tobias Bulla and Ulrike Lauff (Germany). We have so enjoyed having them part of our school and wish them all the very best as they settle back in to their schools in their home country. You have all been such awesome students! We will be finishing the term with a special morning tea for our leavers.

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