



Recent School Excursions

September 2009

A Message from your Principal

We have had a very busy and successful year at English Advantage. Early on we welcomed Jessica and Bridget to the team and they have been involved with the Elementary class and the IELTS group. These two are very talented teachers who deliver quality in all of their classes.

Our Indian nurses in Amanda's class have all achieved their goals and many have found jobs in New Zealand as registered nurses. One of our great strong points is helping students pass the IELTS examination with a 7 Band average. This is not an easy task but our wonderful results speak for themselves!

We have had students from all over the world this year which is fantastic. We have started a Facebook site for the school and are hoping to put up some of the more interesting things which have been going on at the school. Please join up and share with us what you are doing in your lives. I am always curious as to what my old students do with their lives.

The unchanging aspect of the school is the consistently great results we get out of our students. The New Zealand Qualification Authority mentioned in our audit report that we as a school "met or exceeded" our educational goals so that is something to be proud of.

As a school we often have ex-students recommending students to us. If you have friends or family who may wish to come and study with us we would love to hear from you!

Bring on a fantastic 2010!



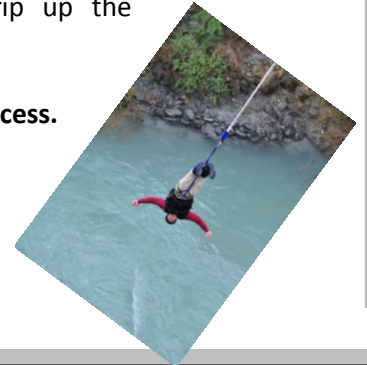
Bridget's Trip to Queenstown

On August 28th Bridget took her first group of students to Queenstown. It was a wonderful adventurous packed weekend.

They left school at 1pm on Friday and travelled through to Queenstown, stopping off at Lake Waiholo, Roxburgh Dam and Butchers Dam in Alexandra. Both Hadi and Dawood stayed at Base Backpackers which is in central Queenstown

They managed to pack so much into the weekend—a day's skiing at coronet Peak, Bungy Jumping, 10 Pin Bowling and a trip up the Gondoliers.

The weekend proved to be a **great success**.



Jessica's Train Trip to Central Otago

On the 29th of August, a small group of EA students woke to a wonderful spring like day. We headed to the Dunedin train station where we boarded the Taieri Gorge train.

Along our journey we enjoyed the beautiful landscape of the Taieri Plains, the Wingatui viaduct, Hindon, Mount Allen and much much more. Eriko was very brave, and spent most of her time outside feeling the breeze through her hair. Teresa thought the wind was too cold, but Jessica convinced her to go out and breathe in some beautifully fresh air. Once we arrived at Pukerangi we met our tour guide Dave, Jess's uncle, and boarded the big yellow bus. We drove through the plains of Maniototo, stopping along the way to see some rare NZ Marino sheep and the first New Zealand ski field, before arriving at Clyde. Once at Clyde we were fortunate enough to see the flood gates open on the Clyde Dam, our friends from Tahiti took many photos and they thought Jessica could speak French.

After Clyde we headed to Cromwell, where we stopped for some good old New Zealand fish and chips. Eriko had her first New Zealand hot dog and Stacy, Teresa and Teresa's husband Earl, chowed down on burgers bigger than Stacy's head. After a big stretch, pictures in front of the gigantic Cromwell fruit, we boarded the bus back for Dunedin. Along the way we enjoyed the clear views of the central Otago night skies and Stacy and our new friend from Malaysia fell asleep. When we arrived into Mosgiel Jessica, Stacy, Teresa and Earl popped into Jessica's parent's house in Mosgiel to say hello and meet the family cats. We had an awesome time and some of us plan to go back and bike along the rail trail.

