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## Sayonara Japan!

What an adventure we had! Our journey took us to Kyushu, the southernmost of the main islands. We had two days by ourselves (Darnum & Jamieson schools) in Fukuoka, so we ventured to the Marine World park and enjoyed watching several shows—dolphin, seal and whale performances, as well as wonderful displays and enclosures. We watched the feeding time of the Magellanic penguins and otters. Our hotel was an old-fashioned Ryokan (guesthouse) with all of the features of the traditional homes of old Japan.



On Saturday our International Cultural Exchange members collected us and took us to Innai, where we had a BBQ party with them, letting off firecrackers and generally getting to know everyone. Once back in USA

City we then went to our host families. Georgia, Loki and I stayed with Jun and Ryoma Matsubara, both potters, and their children, Rintaro and You. Here Loki had the opportunity to try his hand on the potting wheel. They very kindly then fired and glazed the goblet and presented it as a gift to him on the last day!

Throughout the next week, we visited numerous schools where the Australian students took part in songs, dances, origami and other traditional crafts and games.

Every lunchtime we were provided with a school lunch—this



always included miso soup, milk and gohan (rice) with variations of curry, fish, eggs etc. Their recycling is excellent and the only rubbish was the straw and the plastic cover from it. Evenings were spent with the family or the group would go out to a buffet

restaurant. Georgia and Loki's favourite restaurant had an all-you-can-eat fairy floss machine and ice-cream bar!

Our hosts took us to many shrines and temples and places of interest.



An item of fascination were the toilets in Japan. They have heated seats, play music or white noise if you need it! They come with a bidet and squirter and dryer if you don't want to use paper! Also worth mentioning is the wearing of shoes. It is customary to remove your outside shoes in the foyer and slip on inside scuff-style shoes before entering the house, hall, school etc. etc. We soon learnt that shoe laced footwear was problematic!

Our students took part in festivals and school activities—we sang Waltzing Matilda and taught several groups how to do the Heel & Toe Polka as an interactive social activity.

The whole journey was an experience that our students will never forget. We now look forward to hosting the returning group of Japanese students next March/April as part of this International Cultural Exchange. Further information will be going out to the town and school community to seek support to host them and offer our friendship in kind.

Arigatoo to our new friends in Japan.

## Before & After School

Please be aware that Mr. Moyle and Mrs. B have meetings after school.

**School hours are: 8.30-3.30.**

*Please contact the school if alternative times need to be arranged. Thank You*

## Yr 7 Transition:

Orientation day—Tuesday Dec. 10th.

Travel by bus both ways.

## Healesville Sanctuary and P-2 Camp:

Permission forms have been sent home for this excursion.

Zoos Vic has offered this free entry, so we thought the day trip would be achievable to Healesville and back. Also note that the students in Prep-2 are invited to stay the night at school as part of their annual camp experience.



**Walk to school  
decorated shoe  
competition.**



## DATES TO READ AND REMEMBER

**NB— Please log on to [www.jamiesonps.sentral.com.au](http://www.jamiesonps.sentral.com.au) for calendar updates & parent messages.**  
**NB— Keep checking this website as things change !**

Wednesday Nov. 13th.	Mr. Moyle to Network Meeting Somers & Writers Camp groups return home.
Thursday 14th.	Mrs. B & Mr. Moyle on-site preparation of school curriculum documents.
Monday 18th. Nov.	Transition morning new Preps am. Swimming p.m.
Monday 25th.	Swimming p.m.
Tuesday Dec. 3rd.	Whole School Excursion to Healesville sanctuary. Sleepover/Camp for Prep– 2 students
Thursday Dec. 5th.	The Past is our Future. Mansfield Secondary College— Year 7 Expo. 1 p.m.-3.15 .
Tuesday Dec. 10th	High School Orientation and Transition day
Thursday Dec. 12th	School Council dinner & Grade 6 Graduation Night.
Tuesday Dec. 17th.	Christmas Concert & family BBQ

### P-2 Camp + Healesville Sanctuary Trip Reminder

Permission slips for these events have been placed in pigeon holes. Can these please be returned to school in a timely manner. Please ensure that the phone numbers and emergency contacts are correct for your child.

**Huge Congrats to the performers in MMuDS show— Seussical. Great shows Abi, Ivy and Bec Heron.**



### HEAD LICE.

Wednesday Night ( Maybe twice a week for the time-being?) is ‘Nit Night’!!

Please check every week and treat as needed. Please keep up the treatments. Also, if long hair is tied back, it helps to limit the chances for transfer.



## Remembrance Day

A smaller than usual group of students attended this year's ceremony at Matthews Reserve due to Somers camp and the Writers Camp being on at the same time.

We performed the song "One Day".

Our school has also been conducting research and taking part in the Brass Plaques project. Students use their own handwriting to write the name of a service person from the Honour Board situated on the wall in our wall at school. Onto template. These are the names of service men and women from the 'Great War'.

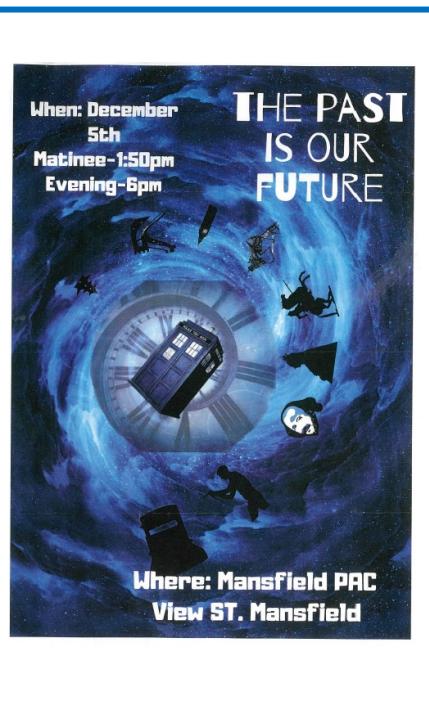
The templates will then be used to create a plaque that will be affixed to the matching trees along the newly restored Avenue of Honour in Matthews Reserve.

## Stop Press

*We have just had word that the project has been awarded funding through a grant! This means we are keen to get it completed asap. Could all forms be returned by:*

*15/11/2019 at the latest. After that we will offer the opportunity to other young people who have connections to the families named on the honour board.*

*Thank You*



## Xmas Concert

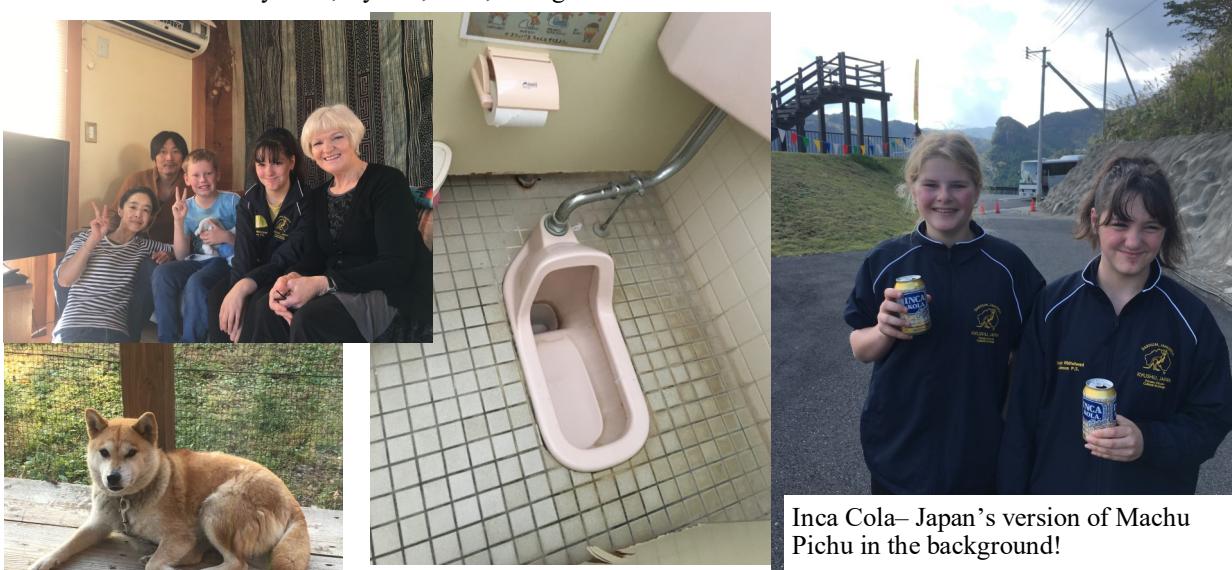
Tuesday December 17, 6pm at the Jamieson Memorial Hall  
Songs, Plays, Speeches, Santa!

Following the concert there will be a Family BYO BBQ at Big Pool River Reserve.

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Loki— pleased to use a knife & fork. Doing pottery in the wheel.  
Below: Our host family— Jun, Ryoma, Loki, Georgia and GB.



Above: Ku. Right: Toilets in Japan!

Past ESS members— Misato (2010), Shiho (2016), student Georgia, Kosuke (2017), student Loki, Hiro (2018), Mrs. B, Taiki (2015). Many travelled long distances to see us.



Loki loves writing— especially calligraphy!! Ha ha

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