



International Student Program Newsletter

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ආයුබෝවන් "Ayo Bowan" (pronounced I-U Bow-On with your hands together and a bow) or හලෝ (halō) is hello in Sinhalese. Sheriden Fernando and Dilan Hiralu in Year 11 are from Sri Lanka.

This term has been very busy as it is a short term. It seems like yesterday that school started and suddenly students are sitting for exams!

Our Year international students who graduated last year are all doing well.

Patipan **Kaewsawang** is doing Hotel Management through Griffith University – he did not receive an OP. Huy (Bobby) **Le** received an OP 2 and is studying B Medicine at the University of New South Wales. Marcel Strümper received an OP 10 is waiting for University to commence back home in Germany. Shiyu (Vivienne) **Zhao** is studying B Statistics at Australian National University. She received an OP 4.

Joanna Smith, from Germany with us just for Term 4, really enjoyed her Woodwork classes. When she returned home to Germany, she did a week's work experience in a carpenter's workshop – see her Father's email below.

"She did her weeks work experience in a carpenter's workshop and really enjoyed the "hands on" experience. According to Joanna, they were pleasantly surprised at how well she fitted in and did a lot of useful work. To cut a long story short the owner of the company asked her to contact him again after passing out of Higher School if she would like to serve an apprenticeship with them."

Students

This term we have welcomed the following students into the International Student Program here at Cavendish Road High.

Year 10 – Yuchen (Harry) Han (China) Graduate Program, **Huilin (Mia) Zhang** (China) Graduate Program, **Riko Yamaji** (Japan) Study Abroad – Tokyo Government Scholarship for one year → Study Abroad Program.

Year 11 – Tong (Mario) Ding (China) Graduate Program.

Continuing from last year we have:

Year 10 – Lotte Thierbach (Germany) Study Aboard Program – finishing at Easter, Yuet Chak (**Jacky) Cheung**

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(Hong Kong) Graduate Program, **Yen Nhi (Nhi) Truong** (Vietnam) Graduate Program

Year 11 – Qianrui (Sherry) Zang (China) Graduate Program, **Sheriden Fernando** (Sri Lanka) Graduate Program, **Dilan Hiralu** (Sri Lanka) Graduate Program, **Ji Hoe** (Jean) **Jang** (Korea) Graduate Program.

Year 12 – Te-Wei (Felice) An (Taiwan) Graduate Program, **Filippo Capurso** (Italy) Study Abroad (here until June).

If you have any concerns with any of the students listed then please contact me on mmass2@eq.edu.au or extension 709.

Birthdays this Term

Only three birthdays this term.

6 January – Felice An
12 January – Mario Ding
10 March – Miss Masselos

Grammar Lessons

A very big Thank you to Mrs Ann Carius for her work with our international students since our program started. Mrs Carius is currently on leave. We have been very lucky to secure the services of Mrs Susan Sneddon to provide ESL help for our students.

Mrs Sneddon will be coming every Wednesday morning from 8:50 – 11:40 am to provide ESL help. She has requested copies of assessment/assignment task sheets to enable her to help provide the students with more meaningful help. Please either email me with the task sheet or inform me where to find it on the student drive.

Use of Dictionaries

Some students have told me that they have been allowed to use their electronic dictionary in exams. **Please do not allow this.** They are only allowed to use a paper dictionary as the electronic ones can be programmed. By letting students use an electronic dictionary you are leaving yourself open to being sued by the Agents.

Homestay News from Lesley

I welcome Mrs Lesley Huxley to the position of Homestay Co-ordinator.



Lesley recently moved back to Queensland after spending 3 years in Western Australia. During her time in WA she worked in state schools in the Pilbara and Perth. In her last role she dealt with students newly arrived to Australia who were eligible for Intensive English schooling in a specialist program before graduating to mainstream classes.

Lesley has travelled extensively overseas and is looking forward to placing new international students at Cavendish Road High School in a caring homestay environment.

Lesley will be working in the office on Tuesday and

Thursday from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm. If you need to contact her please either come and see her or send her an email on lhuxl6@eq.edu.au.

Cultural Differences

Sri Lanka

Population **20 million**



Location: Southern Asia, island in the Indian Ocean, south of India.

Climate: tropical monsoon; northeast monsoon (December to March); southwest monsoon (June to October)

Ethnic Make-up: Sinhalese 73.8%, Sri Lankan Moors 7.2%, Indian Tamil 4.6%, Sri Lankan Tamil 3.9%, 10.5%

Religion: The main religions of Sri Lanka are Buddhism and Hinduism that both have large influences on political, cultural, and social life.

Buddhists make five promises:

- ❖ Not to harm or kill any living things.
- ❖ Not to steal or take anything that is not freely given.
- ❖ To control sexual desire.
- ❖ Not to tell lies.
- ❖ Not to drink alcoholic beverages or take drugs.

Gift Giving Etiquette

Gifts are usually given at birthdays and religious holidays. As a rule, gifts are not usually lavish or expensive but symbolic.

Avoid flowers - they are used in mourning

White or black are the colours of funerals and mourning.

Hindus should not be given gifts made of leather

Give and receive gifts with two hands. To demonstrate graciousness, some Sri Lankans will touch their right forearm with their left hand while offering the gift with their right hand

Gifts are generally not opened when received

Dining Etiquette

If you are invited somewhere at 7pm to eat, it is likely you may wait a few hours before the food arrives, so do not go with an empty belly.

Use your right hands to eat.

Leaving a small amount of food on your plate, finishing all your food means that you are still hungry

Expect to leave within half an hour after the meal ends. Most socializing occurs before the meal.

Other Etiquette

Never openly criticise people

Always present your business card with two hands.

ගිහිල්ලා එන්නම් (gihillā ennam) - when leaving

මම යනවා (mama yanawā) = 'I'm going'- හා (hā) - reply to above.

Until next term!

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