



International Student Program Newsletter

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안녕하세요 (annyeonghaseyo – hello in Korean). JihHoe (Jean) Jang, our Year 12 student is from South Korea. Jean has been with us since Year 9 (2011).

This term has, like the start of all terms, has been very busy. The international department is currently looking after 18 students – 13 Graduate Program (here for longer than 12 months), 1 Study Abroad (here for between 1 – 4 terms), 2 Dependant students (parents are here, usually studying) and 2 Tourist Visa (here for 1 term) students.

Please note that Mrs Huxley now has a direct phone line 3394 0797.

Our four Year 12 have already started to work hard with their preparations for QCS (Queensland Core Skills Test – university entrance testing). Jean, Sherry, Dilan and Mario will be sitting for this test at the beginning of September.

Felice An, our Year 12 from last year received an OP 8. She is going to study Business/

Journalism Dual at the University of Queensland. Felice will be deferring until the end of 2015, because she wants to complete her missionary work for her church.

Birthdays this Term

Four birthdays were celebrated over this term.

12 January – Mario Ding
10 March – Jona Hoffman & Miss Masselos
1 April – Nhi Truong

We have combined the birthday party with the end of term party. It was also a farewell celebration for Jona Hoffman and Neeske Roskam (both Year 9). They are students here on a Tourist Visa for the whole of Term 1.

Grammar Lessons

Mrs Sneddon has once again been providing ESL help for our international students for this term.

We have also organised for additional ESL help for all students (International and Domestic) during sport time. This has been designed to help with paragraph and sentence structure along with tenses. We also wish to include structured essay writing.

We will also be including some grammatical help or common mistakes made by students whose first language is not English.

Students

Our students this term are:

Year 12
Mario Ding (China)
Dilan Hiralu (Sri Lanka)
Jean Jang (Korea)

Sherry Zang (China)

Year 11

Miekal Al Zoubi (Germany)
Jacky Cheung (Hong Kong)
Harry Han (China)
Cathy Leung (Hong Kong)
Juan Martinez (Columbia)
Nhi Truong (Vietnam)
Grace Xian (China)
Mia Zhang (China)

Year 10

Vicky Chang (Taiwan)
Mari Sekiguchi (Japan)
Mook Wongsoontorn (Thailand)

Year 9

Jona Hoffman (Germany)
Neeske Roskam (Germany)

Year 8

Barbara Simon (Hungary)

Next term we will be joined by Chiaki and Chizuru Hettiarachchi (Sri Lanka), Abhinav and Dhruv Singla (India) Wave Seelsut (Thailand) and Franc Kalpana (Thailand).

Homestay News from Lesley

Homestay Payments

You will have noticed by now that the homestay fee has been increased in 2014. The new weekly payment amount is \$254 per week. Payments are made one week in advance and one week in arrears. We are unable to process a payment for a student until they have actually moved in to their homestay. The payment is processed with the next fortnightly payment to our other homestay families. If this will cause you any difficulties please let me know in advance.

Homestay documentation

The Homestay Co-ordinator is required to keep a copy of the

following documents and they must be up to date:

- The home and contents and legal liability policy of the homestay provider
- Both homestay parents current drivers licence
- A Risk Management Self - Assessment Form (the homestay provider is required to complete and submit a new form every 12 months)

If you have renewed your home and contents insurance policy or your driver's licence in the past 12 months (and you have not already given me a copy) could you please take a copy and send it in to me.

Microwave

You have probably heard from your student that we now have a microwave in our office. Students can now bring leftovers and heat them up for lunch. Lots of our students are doing this already and some wonderful smells are filling our office at first break.

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

Many cultural differences exist between different groups. Over the next year I will be including some of these differences in the newsletter.

It is interesting to know that students from China usually have between 35 – 50 students in class and they study 11 – 12 subjects.

In Japan, activities are held after school at school and many students do not get home until after 8 pm.

Korea

Population **51 million**



Size: 100,032 sq km
South Korea will fit into Australia 77 times

Location: Far Eastern edge of Asia, opposite Japan.

Climate: South Korea experiences a humid continental climate and a humid subtropical climate.

Seoul (the Capital) has been populated for over 2,000 years.

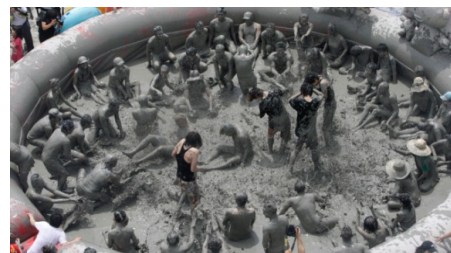
Population: Seoul has a very high density of approximately 17,288 people per sq km. .

Religion: There is no main religion however Buddhists make up 22% while Christians make up 29% (2007 census).

Interesting Facts

- ⊗ South Korea is known for its automobile, shipbuilding and steel making industries as well as IT.
- ⊗ It hosted the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games
- ⊗ South Korea hosted the 2002 FIFA World Cup with Japan.
- ⊗ The language is called Hangeul
- ⊗ The South Korean President is elected to a single 5 year term by direct popular vote
- ⊗ Elections for the National Assembly and Local Government are held every 4 years
- ⊗ The National Flower is the Mugunghwa (Rose of Sharon)
- ⊗ The flag symbolizes the principles of Yin and Yang
- ⊗ The 4 trigrams on the flag represent the 4 universal elements: heaven, earth, fire and water

- ⊗ The language consists of 10 vowels and 14 consonants
- ⊗ Due to its long occupation Seoul has 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites – Changdeokgung Palace Complex, Hwaseong Fortress, Jongmyo Shrine and the Royal Tombs of the Joseon Dynasty.
- ⊗ South Korea is the home of LG, Hyundai and Samsung
- ⊗ Psy put Korean music on the world stage with Gangnam Style
- ⊗ When you order fast food it is delivered via motorcycle. Once you have finished just leave your dirty dishes outside your door and the delivery driver will come back to collect them
- ⊗ McDonald's will deliver 24/7
- ⊗ For 10 days you can revel in the Boryeona Mud Festival



- ⊗ In 2010 the Government launched it R-Learning program to fill schools with automated assistants – one comes equipped with a TV screen which displays the face of an English speaking teacher.
- ⊗ Genibo, a robotic dog teaches dance and gymnastics and iRobi which keeps track of which students are in class and asks them how they are feeling.
- ⊗ A baby is 1 year old at birth and everyone turns a year older on 1 January

다음 시간까지 안녕히
계세요 da-eum sigankkaji
annyeonghi gyeseyo –
goodbye until next time.