



International Student Program Newsletter

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أهلاً وسهلاً – (ahlan wa sahan)
Welcome in Arabic). Miekal Al
Zoubi in Year 11 is from Germany
and Qatar. Miekal joined us at the
beginning of this year and he
hopes to complete Year 12 with
us.

Term 4 was slightly quieter than
Terms 2 and 3. This term we
welcomed Bu Yang (Terry) Feng
into Year 10 and Yuxin (Christine)
Duan into Year 9. Both students
are from China.

We had one Study Tour and one
Professional Visit this term. Jochi
Fukuoka Junior High sent a total
of 135 students over three half
days to visit us. They enjoyed
playing Thepan with their Cav Rd
buddies. They also did some
presentations about Traditional
and Modern Japanese culture.
Our football students are
travelling to Fukuoka next year to
participate in the Sanix Cup.
Jochi presented the school with a
beautiful blue silk hanging. The
Fukuoka area is famous for its
textiles. Mr Dickson has framed
the hanging and it will be on
display in the Administration
Foyer. The students enjoyed

their pizza lunch. A massive
THANK YOU to all staff and
students who helped with this
visit.

The Professional Visit was from
the Zhejiang Provincial
Department of Education in China.
They wanted to observe some
classes as well as ask Ms
McMillan about the operational
procedures for running a large
Metropolitan high school. The
visit had a Deputy Director
General of the Province, two
Deputy Supervisors from two
cities and three high school
Principals. One Principal told us
his school has 2900 students.

Sadly we say goodbye to some of
our students this term.

Year 12

Jean Jang (Korea) 2011–14
Mario Ding (China) – 2013–14
Dilan Hiralu (Sri Lanka) – 2012–14
Sherry Zang (China) – 2013–14

Year 11

Niklas Napp (Germany)
Marco Manzo Margiotta (Italy)
Riccardo De Nardis Di Prata
(Italy)
Bridget Nsiah (Ghana)

Year 10

Mari Sekiguchi (Japan)

**This newsletter is
published 4 times a
year at approximately
mid-term**

Birthdays this Term

Birthdays this term were:

1 Oct – Marco Manzo Margiotta
4 Oct – Bridget Nsiah
21 Oct – Juan Matinez
8 Nov – Mia Zhang
19 Nov – Chizuru Hettiararchchi
22 Nov – Vicky Chang
2 Dec – Grace Xian
13 Dec – Sherry Zang
15 Dec – Terry Feng

23 Dec – Niklas Napp
27 Dec – Jean Jang

They also enjoyed pizza at the
end of term break up.

Grammar Lessons

Mrs Carius has been providing
ESL help for our international
students for this term after school
on a Monday or Wednesday.

Mrs Carius's goal when teaching
the International students is to
provide an organised, balanced
series of teaching/learning
procedures to enable students to
master components of English as
they work towards acquiring it as
a whole. These components
include grammar, spelling,
vocabulary, and pronunciation.

Ultimately, students should
become successful
communicators – competent,
proficient readers, writers and
speakers of English.

To achieve this, Mrs Carius will
be assisted by her familiarity with
the curriculum. This will help
students learn in context by
incorporating those texts, and
themes being studied.

Tips from Mrs Carius – make
sure instructions are clear.
Students should seek to clarify
the question/assignment/instructions.

ESL students often pretend to
understand and say they do
understand when they do not.

Be aware of cultural differences.
When students are studying
“*Looking for Alibrandi*” they have
major problems with the cultural
setting.

Students

Our students for Term 4 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)
Riccardo De Nardis Di Prata (Italy)
Harry Han (China)
Cathy Leung (Hong Kong)
Marco Manzo Margiotta (Italy)
Juan Martinez (Columbia)
Niklas Napp (Germany)
Nhi Truong (Vietnam)
Grace Xian (China)
Mia Zhang (China)

Year 10

Vicky Chang (Taiwan)
Mari Sekiguchi (Japan)
Sukritta (Wave) Seelsut (Thailand)
Paphawarint (Franc) Kalpana (Thailand)
Chiaki Hettiarachchi (Sri Lanka)
Chizuru Hettiarachchi (Sri Lanka)
Guangpu (Up) Wang (China)
Bu Yang (Terry) Feng (China)

Year 9

Yuxin (Christine) Duan

Homestay News from Lesley

Lesley works in the office on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. If you need to contact her please come and see her, call her on 3394 0797 or send her an email on lhuxl6@eq.edu.au. Next year Lesley's hours will increase from 15 to 20 hours per week.

Homestay Holding Fee

In previous years it has been \$100 per week for the 6 unpaid homestay weeks. This year it has been changed to \$100 in total for the whole 6 weeks.

ESL Classroom Tips

The following tips have come from a booklet produced by Rebecca Kirtley from Glenala SHS.

What constitutes a supportive and successful mainstream classroom for ESL students?

- A place of mutual respect for all cultures and languages – no discrimination
- Relaxed and encouraging
- No negativity
- Teacher centred instruction needs to be modified to suit the ESL students' level, repetitive and explanatory, contains many workable examples (both visual and auditory) and is hands on, encouraging demonstration.
- The classroom is community minded, teachers using appropriate questions and examples to reflect the students in the class.
- Includes small group activities, ESL students prosper when peer learning.
- Teachers need to facilitate two types of learning: concepts and the English language needed to express such concepts.
- Content based language teaching should be theme based (unit based, similar to what we already implement), adjunct (language and content taught separately but coordinated) and sheltered (course taught in simple English, at the level of the students).
- Largely idiom free (e.g "Turn over a new leaf")

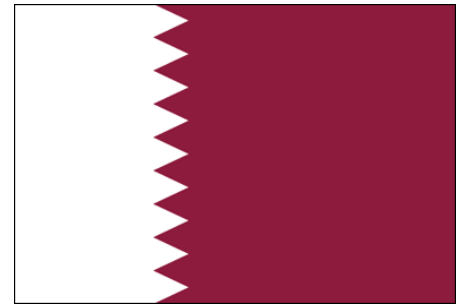
Questions?

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 709 or email mmass2@eq.edu.au. Drop in and see us in B22.

We do have language dictionaries in our for use by students during exams. They are allowed to have access to a paper dictionary – not an electronic as they can be programmed. The languages we have are: Chinese, Vietnamese, Italian and Spanish.

QATAR

Population 1.8 million



Size: 11,586 sq km

Location: Located in the Middle East it shares its sole land border with Saudi Arabia to the south and is surrounded by the Persian Gulf.

Climate: It is very dry and hot. Most rain falls Nov – May. The summer (June → September) sees the average temperature above 40 °C.

Doha is the Capital. Arabic is the official language.

Interesting Facts

- ⊗ There are 1.5 million expatriates around the world
- ⊗ It was under Ottoman rule and then became a British Protectorate in early 20th C
- ⊗ It has been ruled by the Al Thani family since the mid 19th C – it is an absolute monarchy
- ⊗ It will host the FIFA World Cup in 2022
- ⊗ Weekends fall on Fridays and Saturdays
- ⊗ Arabic is the official language but due to a large expatriate population that lives there, English, Urdu, French, Malayalam and Tagalog are widely spoken
- ⊗ If Qatar was you home instead of Australia you would:
 - Make 3.1 time more money
 - Have 91.23% chance of employment
 - Consume 3.5 times more oil

مع السلامة (ma's assalamah) –
goodbye until next time.