

February 2008



INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF AUCKLAND

# What's Going On?

## ICA NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the International College Of Auckland's February issue.

All the staff here at the International College Of Auckland would like to wish you all a happy new year. We hope you have had a nice Christmas break and had a good time with your friends and families.

This year is an exciting time for us as a new year is always a good time to start afresh and re-view how we can provide a better service to all our clients. We are rested and ready to get back into work.

We had our first staff only day on the 15th of February and the vision for delivering quality education was shared.

The horticulture team have had their first team cluster meeting out at Point Chevalier beach. They were able to relax in the sunshine and brain storm ideas of improvement over a shared lunch together.

The Academic English school started back on the 14th January. Some of the staff have had a catch up with the students and they seem happy to be back and studying English. To enroll in our academic English classes or any enquiries you have please contact our college. We look forward to helping you and your clients needs for their study in 2008.

### February Intake

February 25th sees the start of the first horticulture intake for 2008. For the first time ICA will have students from Europe attending the programme. We welcome students from Holland and Hungary as well as eight other nationalities.

Here at the International College of Auckland we are very proud of our multi cultural environment. It makes for very interesting discussions and creates exciting and challenging classes.

Our staff are busy preparing tutorials and field trips for this new group and we look forward to following their progress.

The team at the College are committed to welcoming all students and helping them settle into their classes and assisting them through to their graduation, this involves a dedicated group from administration recording all student progress.

*All ICA staff would like to welcome our new students and we wish them a successful time while completing their studies here with us.*

*Our Horticulture intake dates for 2008 are as follows:*

*12th May*

*14th July*

*15th September*

*17th November.*

*Business intake dates*

*2nd June*

*15th September*

*Academic English intake dates are the first Monday of each month, except public holidays.*



# INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE of AUCKLAND

## Mission Statement

*To provide quality education which enables students to optimise their potential and become internationally competitive in the market place.*

**P.O Box 15388**

**New Lynn**

**Auckland**

**Phone: 09 826 1521**

**Fax: 09 826 1529**

## John Zeng

Having completed a Master's degree in Horticulture science and practiced as a researcher in this area for many years, I joined ICA in 2005 as a horticulture tutor.

I teach Soil Science, Pest Management, Amenity Horticulture, Production Horticulture and Plant Selection at Certificate and Diploma level. I also run my own business of landscape design and construction. My interests particularly lie in New Zealand native plants and plant propagation issues. Landscaping and gardening should be the best things for me to satisfy my creativity.

Other passions include sports, music, traveling, fishing and Chinese cooking.

“I'm so proud to contribute my horticulture knowledge and experience at ICA and I'm also proud of the fact that as a landscape designer my works bring beauty and style to people's life”



group 9 student with her nursery crop

## Unitec Practical Site

International College of Auckland has signed an agreement with Unitec to share their practical facilities at the Mt Albert campus. The facilities at Unitec are first class with up to date equipment and glasshouses.

At this site the students will be using modern equipment for propagation of plants and then growing these on to be sold at the Garden Center that is located at the Unitec campus.

As part of the students practical units students will be growing a vegetable crop in their individual allocated plots or in the Organic gardens.

This crop must be designed and monitored closely by the student in order for a successful completion of this unit.

The tutor assesses the student plot with a strict marking schedule which is set by a Horticultural moderation committee. All of our students must complete the units using this format of marking guidelines to achieve the National Certificate in Horticulture.

**“Don't forget to check out our web page”.**

**[www.ica.ac.nz](http://www.ica.ac.nz)**

We are always up dating our site with new and exciting information.



Mr Park working on his seedlings.

***Plant your future with ICA***