

ICA NEWSLETTER

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July Intake

It has been a very busy time at the International College lately. We started our third intake for 2008 and once again we are encouraged by the high numbers of international student's choosing to study with our college. In an ever changing and sometimes worrying market we believe because of our high quality establishment, potential students from overseas are making an excellent decision to study with us. We continue to deliver quality from the beginning enquiry and enrolment service from our marketing team to the New Zealand focused delivery of the study offered by our tutors, the on going student service and support, right through to on job placements, completion of individual study and help to further study if requested.

The July intake saw 26 students arrive keen to meet each other and get started on their new life and study in New Zealand. The group has become very close already and are on their way to completing our specially adapted NZ industry and lifeskills induction time. This is a very valuable time where the International students settle in to their programme and good group dynamics are built. Below are some photos taken while they were on a field trip and were welcomed onto a Marae. A great day was had by all involved.



The University Of Auckland and The International College of Auckland.

As many of you know The International College of Auckland is a great supporter of other institutions including Manukau Institute of Technology and Otago Polytechnic, ICA is always moving towards better relationships and development of study opportunities where we can work together to improve the quality for our International students. We are encouraged by a recent group of University senior staff visit to China. They were excited by seeing the potential that is available in building better value and sharing of research costs. The International College of Auckland and The University of Auckland already have an on going relationship and ICA established a research Scholarship in 2007. This Scholarship was to assist with the study of plant sciences and to strengthen links between both China and New Zealand.



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What's Going On?



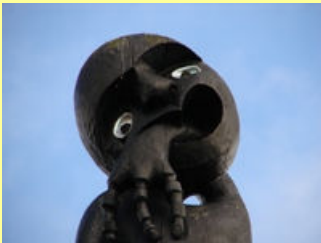
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Orakei marae

In this issue of our newsletter we will be looking at our successful relationship with Ngati Whatua o Orakei. The International College of Auckland has been involved with Orakei for a number of years and as a college we fully support the community project that the board has undertaken. The area that the Ngati Whatua o Orakei are responsible for sits between Okahu and Mission Bays. Sites include Okahu Bay and Domain, Takaparawhau headland, Tai Hara Paki Gully, Kohimaramara cliffs and slopes leading to Mission Bay. In 2001 Resource Manager – Ngarimu Blair put into action a development plan for a core ecological restoration centre. This plan was also aimed at providing employment through the development of a nursery and maintenance programme. Below is a list of some of the priorities that guide the landscaping and maintenance practices of the Whenua Ranga-tira.



1/ Protect and enhance plants that are native to Tamaki.

2/ Increase native bird numbers.

3/ Grow native fauna on the land.

4/ Non-use of chemicals in weed management and maintenance.

5/ Reduce potential flooding and cliff erosion.

6/ Practice their rights and obligations.



To undertake this huge project on going training is administered and staff requires training in Horticultural papers'. ICA assists staff with Health and Safety, Growsafe, Specialist plant knowledge.

ICA has had very close contact with delivering the National Certificate in Horticulture to the workers at the marae nursery and will continue training staff towards the Advanced National Certificate in Horticulture.

More recently our students have been able to visit and become involved in the Orakei development by planting days, regular visits and student exchange. The ICA tractor (lola) is stored at Orakei where it is used by the staff to fulfill the contract that they have with the Auckland City Council and ICA students are able to use our tractor to gain useful on job skills.

We see this as a very successful project that benefits so many people in the community starting from the Orakei people, student study programmes, visits and sharing of educational knowledge and of course this land is enjoyed by many of the general public.

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