



# INTERNATIONAL KINGS

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## NEW STUDENTS WELCOMED

We welcomed Micha, Moritz, and Gerrit at the beginning of the year. It is good to have them all here and they are already making positive contributions to the school. Moritz has been participating successfully in a local fencing competition – obviously he has a fine thrust and parry!

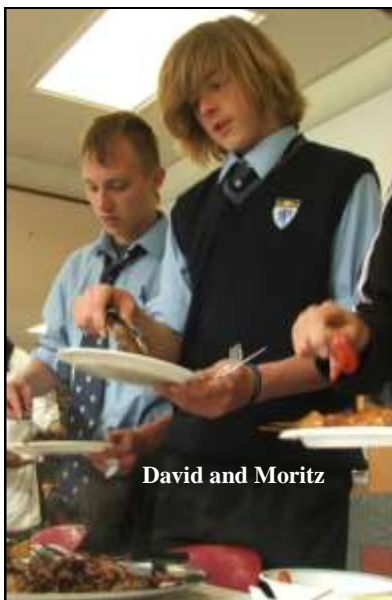


Gerrit, Micha and Philippe looking smart in their King's uniforms.

Micha has become involved in the school choir, Stage Challenge and soccer. His excellent sense of humour is much appreciated! Gerrit has spent much time sailing on the Dunedin Harbour.

Philippe Brun joined us in March. He also comes from Germany. On his first day he was playing interhouse soccer and he is taking part in "Les Misérables" as well as Stage Challenge.

We also welcomed David Bahro, an exchange student from Germany. David has shown an interest in playing rugby.



David and Moritz



Masakuni

Masakuni Amenemori arrived from a sister school in Japan – Shiga Gakuen. The school softball team was quick to recognize his skills in this sport and he has played in the competition games as well as the interschools.



Luis speaks to the school at the Prefects' special welcome assembly

Another new face is Luis Alfaro, who is an AFS student from Costa Rica. Luis is playing basketball and social soccer.



Junya, right, who comes from Fukuoka in Japan, is also keen to play basketball.

Youhei, left, has also recently arrived from Japan. Rugby is his passion.



## MAYORAL WELCOME AT KING'S FOR NEW STUDENTS

All high school international students in Dunedin came to King's in March where the Mayor of the city, Mr Peter Chin, at right, officially welcomed them to Dunedin. There was much excitement as the students met up with previous friends and also made new ones. This is an annual event and is held to emphasise the importance of international students to the education available in Dunedin. All boys were given a Certificate of Welcome.





## SPECIAL ASSEMBLY WELCOMES INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

At this special International Assembly, the boys were welcomed to King's by Head Boy Kai Daniel. All the international boys were seated on the stage and, as a representative from each country introduced himself and his country, he was supported by the others as they stood.

Speakers included Duc from Vietnam, (left), Luis from Costa Rica, Julian from Germany, Ricky from Hong Kong, Ryohei from Japan, and Eakawit from Thailand.

While it was somewhat nerve-racking for some of the boys, they all acquitted themselves well, and their families can be very proud of them.



## INTERNATIONAL PREFECTS ANNOUNCED

Naming the International Prefects this year was a very hard decision!! There were so many worthy candidates! However, I am delighted to announce that those chosen by Mr Donald and Mrs Klitscher were Julian Kunderinger (Germany), Ryohei Miyazaki (Japan), and To, Anh Duc (Vietnam). These three boys are excellent ambassadors for their respective countries. They also get along well with all the other boys and mix freely with all nationalities. They have organized an international basketball team to play in the Friday competition.



Mr Donald watches as Julian Kunderinger receives his Prefects' badge from School Prefect, Wade Pearson, at a special International Students' Assembly lead by Kai Daniel, King's Head Prefect for 2008.

## SCHOOL FORMAL THIS MONTH!

This year's King's High School Senior Formal is already generating much interest! It will be held on 23 May and is a popular evening well-attended by pupils and also staff.

The Year 12 and 13 boys are getting suits hired and, of course, partners arranged. One of our boys has a girlfriend at the moment but he may change her before the Formal so he wanted to know if it would be OK to take two!!

## BARBEQUE HELD TO WELCOME INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Jacob and Max lend a hand cooking the sausages, patties, kebabs and steak for the International barbeque.

As always, this was well attended by students and their host families alike. Of course the boys enjoy the food, but they also like to spend the time with each other. It is good to see them playing some made-up ball game at the end of the meal while the parents compare notes!



Above, Junya, Ryohei, Book and Gun tuck in to huge plates of good Kiwi grub while below another group enjoys the chance to get together at the barbeque.





## MARAE VISIT INTERESTING CULTURAL EXPERIENCE FOR BOYS



Han Kyuduck

In February, the International Students and the School Prefects had a visit to a marae. This was an opportunity for all to experience the formal welcome by the Maori of that marae. The school party was called on to the marae, speeches were made by the Maori elders and a waiata was sung. In return, boys from the various countries spoke, giving some details of their ancestry and country of origin. They then had to sing a waiata in return and were invited to hongi (shake hands and press noses) with the Maori.

Morning tea was served and then the local people explained the significance of the meeting house and also involved the boys in some Maori Tai Chi! It was a special experience for all concerned.

On a beautiful Dunedin day, Micha Schell gets into the spirit of things with some Maori Tai Chi.



## SPORT & MUSIC INVOLVEMENT

Summer sports are completed for the early part of the year and it is great to see the participation rates. Tennis, softball, surfing, athletics, golf are all available to the students.

Winter sports practices have started and trials have been held. Again the participation rates of students from this department are high. Some of the boys have been determined to play rugby even though it is not played in their country! Soccer remains popular and many of the boys play during the week as well as on Saturdays.

It certainly is a great way for the student to become involved in the school life. Many of the students are also in Stage Challenge as well as practising long hours for the musical production. We produce shows with Queen's High School, so it is always a good opportunity to mix with the girls!



Tin Prabphai shows plenty of determination in the 100m at the school athletics sports last term.



Akihiro Matsuyama enjoys himself at the beach on House Day in February.



## HOMESTAYS REWARDING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL

Welcome, also, to the new host parents for 2008! This can be a very rewarding partnership and I am aware that lasting relationships are formed with both the boys and often with their parents who choose to visit while their sons are here.



Julian Kunder, left, relaxes with his host sister and Dad at the International Students' barbeque.

We do appreciate the time and energy you give to the boys. It is a real strength of the International Programme that we can offer such caring environments.



Homestay parents, students and King's High School staff mingle at the barbeque in February.

## INTERIM REPORTS ISSUED LAST TERM

These were available to the students on April 18. They are an indication of the way the student has settled into work and homework during Term 1. There is no assessment detail on them at this stage. The report will be discussed with your son by Mrs Klitscher and some further suggestions made if necessary! As usual, we will endeavour to send all reports to you by fax or email early in Term 2.

## MARKETING TRIP

I have recently returned from a marketing trip to Korea and Japan. As always on trips such as these, it is a real privilege to meet with some of the parents in these countries.

Thank you, to Junya's parents who came to dinner in Fukuoka, Kyuduck's parents who entertained me in Seoul and Masakuni's mother who came to meet with me at Shiga Gakuen. Photos are keenly sought after for both boys and parents!

Visiting these countries, which are so different from New Zealand, also helps to understand something of the background of our international students. I return full of admiration for them as they cope with the many differences in their home and school while they are in New Zealand

## SURFING JANNIS



Jannis Rothkegel on surf camp at the end of Term 1



Relaxing for a moment on sports day are, Tin, Akhi and Duc. International students enjoyed running, jumping and throwing things like javelins as the whole school took part in the annual athletics sports.