



## Waitakere News

June 18<sup>th</sup>

This week our IYE student Vincent gave his presentation on all the 'firsts' he's achieved this year – from his first photo with a 'giant carrot', to his first taste of 'hunting bambi', his first meeting with a Prime Minister, to his first meeting with a Swiss Ambassador. He's had numerous interesting experiences and will be taking a host of special memories to take home with him next month. He thanked his host families for giving him such a great time, his counsellor Craiger who has been so supportive, and his fellow IYE students for their friendship. To conclude he likened his year in NZ to a being a bottle being tossed into the ocean, being tumbled around and around and finally having all his rough edges rubbed off and turning into well-rounded sea glass. A powerful analogy!



And a couple of 'new firsts' this weekend ....



CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to in-coming President Patrick, whose company, [The Web Company](#) have been selected as a finalist in the 2014 [AUT Business School Excellence in Business Support Awards](#).

Recognised for excellence in the Idealog Business <5M Turnover - Technology category, they will join finalists across eleven categories at this year's Awards. Well done!

#### ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

We have received an invitation from District 5110 Oregon, USA to send a Friendship Exchange to their District. Could anyone interested to contact Alan Boniface on 094256696 or E.Mail [aljoy@paradise.net.nz](mailto:aljoy@paradise.net.nz). Many thanks, Alan Boniface, Chairman D9910 Friendship Exchange Committee

*"I am the new Rotary Friendship Exchange Coordinator for District 5110 in Oregon USA. As you know we sent a team to your district a few years back. We still have not hosted an inbound exchange from your district. I am emailing to see if you still plan to complete the exchange to the United States / Oregon. We visited New Zealand several years ago and it is such a wonderful scenic place not unlike Oregon. We want you to know that we will host your team if one is selected. I do need to get a possible calendar in place for our district and therefore am trying to tie up loose ends. I would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions."*

*Camille Ronzio Rotary Friendship Exchange Chair District 5110*

(I did a Rotary Friendship exchange to Northumberland, England in 2012 and can thoroughly recommend the experience ... we had a wonderful two weeks there. Sheena)

#### DG FINAL NEWSLETTER:

I have attached the latest DG Newsletter ...

Please advise Alan if you will **not** be attending on Wednesday (or if you're bringing a guest) [apology@details.co.nz](mailto:apology@details.co.nz) by Monday evening please. **Members not tending their apology will be charged for their meal.**

#### Dates to remember

25<sup>th</sup> June Waitakere Changeover at the Grandstand Stadium – "Red, white and blue" theme.