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Elementary Morning Class Report

It is the end of June already! We have just had the Winter Solstice – the shortest day of the year. From now on the days will get longer.

In the Elementary class we have been learning how to describe people (e.g. tall / handsome / interesting / in her forties) and compare different things (e.g. He is taller than her. She is the oldest in the class.) We have spent a lot of time on cities and directions too. The students can give directions easily now. E.g.

A: Excuse me, is there an ANZ bank near here?

A Word from Wendy

B: Yes, Just go straight down Matipo Street until the lights. Turn right into Riccarton Road. It's on your right just after the Post Office. It's on the corner. You can't miss it.

We went to Riccarton Mall one morning to say farewell to one student and celebrate another student passing their driving test.

Have a great holiday and don't forget to practice your English every day!



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The 2016 Summer Olympics (Portuguese: *Jogos Olímpicos de Verão de 2016*), officially known as the Games of the XXXI Olympiad and commonly known as Rio 2016, is a major international multi-sport event being held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 5 August to 21 August 2016.

More than 11,000 athletes from 207 National Olympic Committees, including first time entrants Kosovo, South Sudan, and the Refugee Olympic Team, are taking part. With 306 sets of medals, the games features 28 Olympic sports, including rugby sevens and golf, which were added to the Olympic program.

Rio became the first South American city to host the Summer Olympics. These are the first games to be held in a Portuguese-speaking country, the first to be held entirely in winter, the first since 1968 to be held in Latin America, and the first since 2000 to be held in the Southern Hemisphere.



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Cities around the World

By Emily

In China, Wuhan is the biggest city. The cherry trees in Wuhan University are beautiful.

New York is the biggest city in the world.

Lijiang is the most beautiful city in my country. In the world, Venice is the most beautiful city.

Xi'an is the oldest city in China. Turkey and Athens are two of the oldest cities in the world. There still remains in the city a large number of ancient ruins.

Shanghai is the most expensive city, but in the world it isn't. In 2013, Singapore replaced Tokyo, so Singapore is the most expensive city in the world.

Tibet is the cheapest city in China. India may be in the top 10 cheapest places in the world.

Shenzhen is the best city to work in.

New York is the best city to work in.

Yunnan is the best area to raise a family in.

New Zealand is the best country to raise a family in.

Chongqing is the best city for nightlife.

Las Vegas is the best city for nightlife.

Beijing is the best city for public transportation in China.

London is the best city for public transportation.

Beijing is the best city to meet foreign people.

LA is the best city to meet foreign people in the world.

Guangzhou is the best place to eat great food in Guangdong.

Singapore is the best place to eat great food in the world.

Qingdao is the best place to see a sporting event in China.

Brazil is the best place to see a sporting event in the world.

Elementary Class Writing

Class teacher: Wendy Gacsal

On the 25th Oct 2015 I arrived in New Zealand for the first time. My friends and I wanted to play in Queenstown. On the 28th Oct we drove to Queenstown from Christchurch. We drove about two hours. We wanted to have a rest at a shop. There were many goods, for example Honey propolis, wool cushion, etc. After a while, I came to the shop back. There was a small farm. There are many alpacas on the farm. Those alpacas were very lovely. They had a pair of big eyes. The big eyes were black and lovely. The alpacas had a long neck and small head. Their wool was different colors. Some were white, some were brown. They were not afraid of people. When I put out my hand to them, they came to me and smelled my hand. They wanted to have some food. For their health I didn't give them anything to eat. This was my first time to see alpacas. I love them.

(By John)



Hi Wendy

I'm having a good time in Taiwan. I traveled to Taiwan five days before we almost spent one day in every city of Taiwan. I thought Taichung city is the most beautiful. There is Ali Mountain and Sun and Moon Lake. Song Meiling has lived here. And you can buy the best coffee beans-Civet coffee. It is the most interesting coffee. And yesterday we arrived in Gaoxiang city. We are going to Hualian city. It has more delicious fresh fruits. I will bring some for you.

Love
June

Hi Wendy

I hope you are having a great day. I'm having a wonderful time in the Switzerland! I spent one week in Germany and then took a bus to Switzerland. Switzerland is a beautiful place. There is a lot of famous brand watches. Yesterday I went to do parachuting. It was my first time doing it. It was an amazing experience. After one week I will come back to New Zealand. See you soon.

Best regards

Emily

Hi Wendy

I'm having a wonderful time in Akaroa. I'm spending two days in Akaroa, and then I'm coming back to Christchurch. I'm staying in Akaroa cottages. It's very nice and close to the sea. The weather is good and there's lots to see here. I went to a nice restaurant for dinner and I went to the Museum to learn Akaroa's history. It's a small town, but it's very beautiful and fantastic! You will feel the charm of the town. Tomorrow I'm going to Christchurch and I'll be back in class. See you soon. Have a nice day.

Love
Rose



Intermediate Class Writing

My Successful Brother-in-law

My brother-in-law, Daniel, is a young, successful man. He's 21 years old and he is in his 4th year of studying medicine at university.

In high school, he won every year's academic awards for his effort and grades.

When he took the exam to enter university, he got the maximum score in the science exam and besides he was the only one. He could enter university with a scholarship.

As a result, he was invited to have breakfast with the city mayor.

(By Maria)



A success story

I knew a actor who I think is a successful man, even though he had a difficult childhood in many years. His parents divorced when he was eight and he went to Canada with his mother for ten years so he can speak English very well. He likes to play basketball, in 2015, he went back to China , joined a basketball match and won the first prize. In 2007, he realized he wanted to become a singer and actor, so he went to a Korean entertainment company which is very famous. During that time he worked hard because he knew what he wanted. After five years he became a very popular actor and singer in both China and Korea. Recently, he joined the NBA star team and played with MC Grandy, which was his dream, and he will play a role in a Luc Besson movie.

I thought he was successful because he knew what he wanted and his dream all became true.

(By Tina)

Class Teacher: John McLister

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I dreamed about becoming a designer when I was in junior high school. I started when I was in kindergarten. The reason why I love drawing and design is because I have a dream to design and build houses for people who need them. When I see the smile on their faces that makes me happy.

Tina

My interest in business began in high school. I'm always changing my mind about my dream job. However, from high school up to now, my dream job is to have my own business and I will never change again.

I am now ready to take on a further challenge by studying for a degree in Ara which is famous for business management.

Kelvin Hsu

My name is Kelvin Hsu. I have been in Christchurch for 1 year. I used to be tour leader and tour guide before. In this job I had many chances to communicate with different kinds people. To be honest, that's why the tourist industry in my favorite career.

Nelson

My interest in IT began in childhood. I love all technical items, e.g. cell-phones, TV, radio machines and so on, I learned how to use and fix them. My major was computer & communication in university. This helped me to have complete skills and knowledge about computers.

When I have free time, I am a volunteer in the information center beside my home. I'm not afraid of the challenges of the job.

Personal Statements



G.E.M. is one of the most popular singers in China. She was from a musician family. Her parents both were musicians. When she was a child, she always inspired by her parents. At the age of 16, she wrote a song call "The Sleeping Beauty". This song raised her to stardom. In the Cantonese's area, she attracted numerous fans, when she was 18, she was the youngest singer ever to sing in the biggest concert in Hong Kong. After she won a singing competition call "I am singer". She became famous in the mainland of China. Last year, she had a concert tour around the world. Her fans who came from many countries poured out their affection via social media.

Moreover, the reason why G.M.E. is a favorite of many fans, in addition to her beautiful voice, is a gorgeous figure like an hourglass. She is down-to-earth, sincere and friendly, as she's always been. She loves singing, so to be a singer for her means her dream has come true.

(By Irene)

Macaroni Cheese Edmonds Recipe

Ingredients

2 tablespoons butter
1 small onion, finely chopped
2 tablespoons Edmonds plain baking flour
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
2 cups milk
salt and pepper
2 cups grated tasty cheese
2 cups macaroni elbows, cooked



Method

Melt butter in a saucepan.
Add onion and cook until clear.
Stir in flour and cook until frothy.
Add mustard.
Gradually add milk, stirring constantly until sauce boils and thickens.
Remove from heat.
Season with salt and pepper to taste.
Stir in half the cheese.
Add macaroni, stirring to combine.
Pour mixture into an oven-proof dish.
Sprinkle over the remaining cheese.
Cook at 190°C for 20 minutes or until golden and heated through.



Chopped cooked bacon or ham can be added to the sauce if desired.

Serves 4 - 6

When you are old

--- William Butler Yeats

When you are old and grey and full of sleep,
And nodding by the fire, take down this book,
And slowly read, and dream of the soft look
Your eyes had once, and of their shadows deep;
How many loved your moments of glad grace,
And loved your beauty with love false or true,
But one man loved the pilgrim Soul in you
And loved the sorrows of your changing face;
And bending down beside the glowing bars,
Murmur, a little sadly, how Love fled
And paced upon the mountains overhead
And hid his face amid a crowd of stars.

Key Dates

30 Jul 2016: Term 3 starts

24 Sept 2016: Term 3 ends

15 Oct 2016: Term 4 starts

10 Dec 2016: Term 4 ends

Soong Ching-ling & Rewi Alley Culture Exhibition: Oct 2016

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