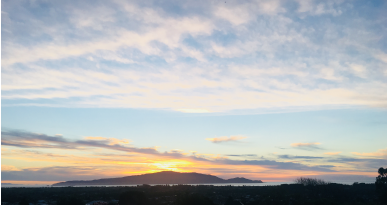


RANZSE 2ND MONTHLY REPORT



Hi, I am Tahlia Barwick and I have been participating in the Rotary Australia New Zealand Student Exchange for 2 months now. This experience has been once in a life time and has taught me a lot about myself.



I was going to play my last game of hockey for the season on Saturday for the Kapiti women's team but the game was canceled because the other team pulled out. Last week I played for the Paraparaumu College 2'11 in the finals against Kapiti College, we lost 2-1 which was not the best way to end the season but the girls played amazingly and we had a great game. In Australia it has not rained all Hockey season, but over here I have had two trainings and one game cancelled because the fields have flooded. Ariana is about to go on her hockey tournament for college. On Saturdays I watch TeHuia's football game as well as watching some of Ariana's and Meretene's netball game, depending on what time my hockey game is.



I am fitting into school well, I have found a nice group of girls that I hang out with. The school work is the same level that I am doing in Australia. I have been receiving some work from my school mainly from my English teacher, I have been doing this work in a study period three times a week.



I haven't attended any Rotary meetings this month though I have talked to the year nines about the exchange, how to apply and the differences between the two countries. I have met with the principal, Mr Stead who has been supportive of the exchange and he has asked if Ariana and I would like to be interviewed about the exchange for the school newsletter.

I am becoming accustomed to the lifestyle here. Although it is different to mine in Australia I have been able to adapt easily. We have not done any touristy things this months but we have been extremely busy with sport instead, now that sport is finishing up in a few weeks we are going to go up the mountain and go skiing. I have never seen snow before so this will be an amazing experience.



I have been able to contact home at least once a week. There have been some times when I have been extremely home sick and I find that by talking to my parents helps. Because of the two hour time difference I am able to Skype my friends at home while they are at lunch which means I can talk to all of them at once. Sometimes I am able to talk to my grandparents and other relatives when my parents Skype me with them.

