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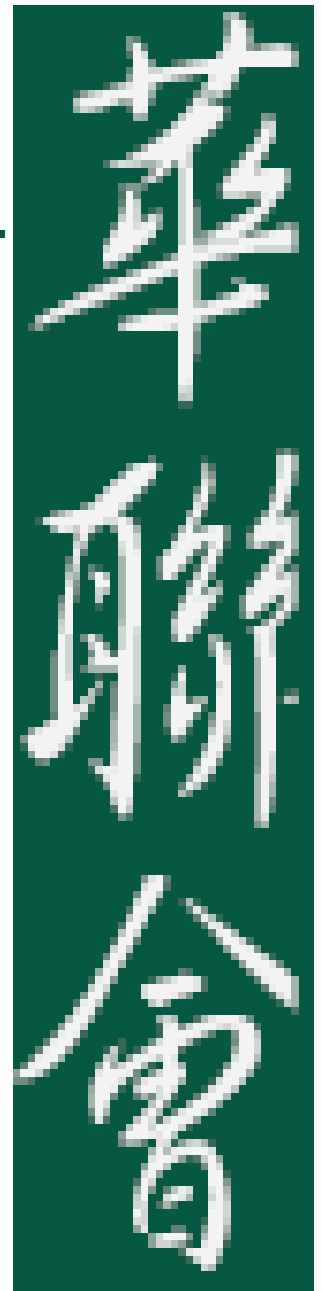
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NZCA Chinese Bilingual Language Music School performance at Xmas BBQ..



DRAGON Lanterns displayed @ Albert Park Lantern Festival – FEB 2008



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

EARTH RATS 1948 – 2008



4076 or (2008) is the year of the RAT – from February 7th 2008 to January 25th 2009

A Ratty Year Legend has it that in ancient times, [Buddha](#) asked all the animals to meet him on Chinese New Year. Twelve came, and Buddha named a year after each one. He announced that the people born in each animal's year would have some of that animal's personality. Those born in rat years tend to be leaders, pioneers, and conquerors. They are charming, passionate, charismatic, practical and hardworking. (source: *infoplease*)

How did you enjoy the summer issue? I had to rack my brain (well some of it !) to do the best with the material that was submitted ! Where are all the motivators and whingers amongst you all? You seem to be quite a happy lot but I (we) could do with some input . Yes, your items would be most welcomed (it can only be edited out) and all contributions would only enhance our publication!

Waiting to hear from you ! PARTICIPATE ! Be part of your Community now ! Upgrade you lifestyle with new acquaintances

Apologies for those that were looking for our **NZCA Foodstall** at the Lantern Festival this year ! As the costs for Stall hireage has increased again it was decided that it has now become uneconomical way to fundraise ! A good percentage of our voluntary help would have been absorbed in the initial costs. Sorry to disappoint ! Maybe we can enjoy more dinners together ?

JK Ed.

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"I CAN HEAR JUST FINE!" Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day. One remarked to the other, "Windy, isn't it?" "No," the second man replied, "it's Thursday." And the third man chimed in, "So am I. Let's have a beer."

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

National President's Speech at the Chinese New Year Parliamentary Reception in the Grand Hall, Parliament Buildings on 19 February 2008



Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Helen Clark ;Minister of Ethnic Affairs & Minister of Education, Honourable Chris Carter; Ministers of the Crown and Members of Parliament Ambassador of the Peoples Republic of China; Mr Zhang Yuan Yuan Distinguished guests Members of the Chinese Community **Ladies and gentlemen**

The New Zealand Chinese Association would like to wish everyone here tonight a very happy and prosperous Chinese New Year. **Gong hei fat choi, sun nean fai lok.**

On behalf of all the guests here tonight, I wish to thank the Prime Minister and the Minister of Ethnic Affairs for graciously hosting

this parliamentary function to celebrate our Chinese New Year. This event, to welcome the **Year of the Rat**, is highly appreciated by the Chinese community.

Prime Minister, I still remember very vividly being present for

your public apology to the Poll Tax payers and their descendents at a similar reception on **Chinese New Year Day, 12 February 2002**. This was a very emotional and historical occasion for the Chinese community who had personally suffered hardship and injustices under the past selective discriminations.

Your subsequent announcement of the reconciliation package on 11 February 2004 and the setting up of the **Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust** later in 2004 has provided appropriate closure of the Poll Tax grievance issue. The Poll Tax descendant community will be eternally grateful for this courageous action by you and your Labour Government.

The annual income from the trust is being used to fund projects that provide tangible support for our Chinese New Zealand history, our Cantonese heritage language, our unique identity and Chinese arts & culture, particularly that of the early settler Chinese community.

As you and many others are aware, the **New Zealand Chinese Association**, worked tirelessly from the early 1990's on the Poll Tax issue, and as a national organisation with many Poll Tax descendants as members, we have initiated or enhanced many activities with the financial support of the Poll Tax Trust.

Major NZCA events that have benefited from the support of the Poll Tax Trust include the series of very successful **Banana events** which examined the identity of Chinese New Zealanders both in a local and global context, two Leadership Camps attended by about 40 young Chinese on each occasion to learn more about their cultural heritage and to acquire leadership skills, and the annual **Easter Sports Tournament & Cultural Event** which attracts many participants and supporters from throughout NZ.

Our association is the only truly national Chinese organisation in NZ whose aims and objectives are summarised by the following succinct mottoes **Serving NZ Chinese for over 70 years with 13 Branches nationwide** Leading NZ Chinese into the future NZCA considers it is very important that we enhance the relationship of the descendants with all Chinese residents in New Zealand and and united Chinese community and a stronger multi-ethnic society in New Zealand for the benefit of all New Zealanders. **"We are all children of migrants. The only difference is when our parents came here"**.

I am tonight launching a fundraising appeal for a gift by all Chinese New Zealanders to the **NZ Olympic Team** going to the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. It is proposed that the gift will sit outside the NZ Team living area in the Olympic village and be presented to the Chinese Olympic Committee at the end of the games. This is an unique opportunity which may not re-occur in our lifetime to demonstrate to all NZers that NZ Chinese feels an integral part of our adopted country and that we greatly appreciate the opportunities to settle here and enjoy the better lifestyle here. And to China, our former home country, the gift signifies that NZ has fully accepted Chinese as worthy citizens who have made immense contributions to their new home country.

Messrs Ron Sang and Guy Ngan, eminent NZ Chinese artists, have organised an appropriate design for the gift consisting of a two metre long modern stylised dragon (symbolising China) with a greenstone pearl on its tongue (symbolising Maori) on a granite base at a total estimated cost of about \$40,000. The sculpture needs to be completed by mid - May to ship with other equipment for the NZ Olympic Team.

A charitable trust is already in place and hence any donations made are tax deductible. The names of all persons and organisations who donate \$1,000 and more will be suitable engraved on the sculpture for all to see. (And if you are ready to write that cheque out now, please see Harvey Wu or myself after this speech).

At this stage, I would like to introduce Mr Dave Currie, Chef de Mission, and Robyn Wong, Team Services Manager Team for the NZ Olympic Team who will ensure safe delivery of our gift to Beijing and the handover to the Chinese hosts after the games. I now unveil a model of our gift for you all to view.

Once again, I wish to thank the Prime Minister and the Hon Chris Carter for hosting this Chinese New Year celebration, and thank you all for attending.

Kai Luey NZCA National President

LITTLE LADY: A little old lady was running up and down the halls in a nursing home. As she walked, she would flip up the hem of her nightgown and say "Supersex." She walked up to an elderly man in a wheelchair. Flipping her gown at him, she said, "Supersex." He sat silently for a moment or two and finally answered, "I'll take the soup."

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?

The Annual NZCA Xmas BBQ was held on Sat 1st December at the Auckland Chinese Community Hall in Mangere. The large crowd of over 300 were entertained by the pupils from the NZCA Bilingual Language /Music School ,Solo Keyboard item by Thomas Wong and Tae Kwon Do demonstration by Kirsty Leong and fellow practitioners.

The abundance of sausages, steak and xmas ham was dealt by all in a most cordial manner .The food, gossip, and social mingling amongst the old friends and acquaintances created a great festive atmosphere.and the afternoon was enjoyed by the young and the NOT so young alike

Naked Chefs Jack Chong and Sherman Lowe (below)



Tae Kwon Do demo by Kirsty Leong



NZCA Members preparing for Xmas Party Time 2007



Make a wish with SANTA !

Sarina, Connie & Jennie conducting the Raffle draws Dinner



Gillian being familiar with the Lion @ CNY



The Auckland Branch of the NZCA held their Chinese New Years Dinner on 3rd February 2008 at the Coral Reef Restaurant to celebrate the early beginning of the 'Year of the RAT' This was another highly successful function attended by more than 340 members and friends.

Waiheke Island Trip

Doesn't seem 8 years since the women's group, spouses and friends went on a day trip to Waiheke, but it was in 2000 we went. Time flies when you're having fun.

Listening to the forecast the night before didn't augur well for a fine day but the Gods must have been smiling upon us as apart from a shower now and again we were blessed with the sun coming out. A very smooth crossing and we were met by Mike the Fuller's bus driver. What an affable chatty person he was. Just the type of person you need in a tour guide driver.

First stop was to the **Mudbrick cafe**, but just for a gander and a look-see and not to eat. It's easy to see why the "would be if they could be" choose to have their nuptials and receptions over here with magnificent scenery, water views, restaurants and vineyards all within a stone's throw of each other, combined with a laid back almost idyllic lifestyle. A far cry from noisy bustling Auckland and it is only a one hour by ferry stretch of water between.

Next stop was to the **Farmer's market** and we were given 2 hours to browse around the craft, fresh produce, bric-a-brac and what was probably the most popular of all for most of us, the many and varied food stalls. You could eat as healthily or as decadent and guiltily as you liked with all the food choices available and all at very reasonable prices.

Call to order, and we were on the bus again and Mike the driver kindly took us to the top of the hill so we could stroll downhill to the shops, art galleries and museums so we didn't have to show how unfit we were going uphill and also to have lunch. Those who brought their own lunch found spots to sit, out of the wind and the others headed for cafes or lunch bars.

Back on the bus, we were to spend the rest of the afternoon sightseeing with our knowledgeable driver Mike. We were shown homes of the prominent wealthy residents and one bit of information he imparted was a property with a private beach bought for \$675,000 about 6 years ago and was sold for \$13.1 million to a persistent overseas buyer!

Many photo opportunities were afforded us and those who had cameras didn't waste any time and the rest of us got out and stretched our legs. Can't afford to get deep vein thrombosis by sitting too long!!

Before we were finally deposited back at **Matatia wharf** for our journey back home Gillian said we have enough in the kitty to have an ice cream each. Can you imagine the shop assistant's face when she ordered 45 and we all had different flavours. We were asked to go around the corner where the ice cream window was opened so we would not impede customers in the main part of the shop. Bang goes the diet!

What a lovely ending to a very happy outing. There could be another trip to **Waiheke** in the offing at some future date but of a different nature. Our wonderful driver Mike suggested we book with Fullers and come to a concert at the music library museum and perhaps have dinner and a twilight sailing back Home. Any takers. We'll have to twist Gillian's arm.

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NZCA SENIORS YUM CHA

held at KK Restaurant Eilerslie 13 February 2008

Senior's yum cha at KK restaurant. where the "young uns" honoured the 70's plus to a yum cha. What another happy occasion this was and the chatter was quite deafening at times with everyone catching up with each other on grandchildren, activities etc. etc. The number who turned up was greater than the replies but with a bit of re-arranging of the tables we were all happily seated. All's well that ends well.

Gillian our very competent facilitator has to be congratulated on her organizational skills and she is so unflappable too. Her menu selection was to everyone's taste and the quantity was more than adequate. Last year we had more than enough choice, we couldn't get through it all and there were quite a few doggie bags to be taken home.

But it is not only about food. It's the camaraderie and friendships created by these outings so we oldies thank you youngies for honouring us, and also to Gillian for the time she puts into organizing it and emails to remind us. For many of the senior citizens .it can be quite lonely at times with families grown up and perhaps living in another town or busy with their careers, so get-togethers are a real joy. The noise level must have been off the decibel scale from the happy chatter.

EW



Contented Senior members enjoying the 'Seniors YUMCHA ' at KK Restaurant

MEN :

It finally makes sense now... I never looked at it this way before:

MENTal illness ; **MEN**strual cramps ; **MENTal** breakdown ; **MEN**opause ; **GUY**nocologist

AND when we have REAL trouble, it's a **HIS**terectomy.

Ever notice how all of women's problems start with **MEN** ?

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	1/2 page	\$100 per issue or \$350 prepaid for 4 issues

Leadership and Development Conference 2008

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The second Leadership and Development conference was held at the tranquil grounds of Wellesley Country Club an hour away from central city Wellington. It was an opportunity for delegates from around New Zealand who were of Asian ethnicity to discover, learn and ponder what it is to be a Chinese New Zealander. Delegates were treated to speeches from an array of outstanding leaders in their various professions from medical, artistic and commercial backgrounds. The leaders often spoke on their own personal backgrounds as Asians growing up and working in New Zealand.

In addition to the seminars were a variety of challenging exercises done in small groups of six people. This was a chance to get to know other delegates better and learn how to work as a team. The teams were formed based on the Myers Briggs test on personalities which were taken prior to the conference.

The over-arching project in the conference was to pitch a proposal to a panel of judges on how to celebrate a new public holiday in New Zealand. Again the small teams of six delegates congregated and worked together to present a short sketch and the marketing campaign for a new public holiday.

On the last night of the conference, delegates were treated to a meeting with the People's Republic of China ambassador and a Chinese meal in their headquarters. There was a question and answer session as well as the delegates performing a rendition of a Maori Song. It was an opportunity for delegates to mingle with Chinese representatives and understand the importance of their roles in New Zealand.

The leadership conference was a platform to form new friendships, gain insight into what it is to be Chinese New Zealanders and understanding what it takes to be a leader. The experience was richly rewarding and a must for any young Chinese New Zealander, should they have the opportunity to attend in the future.

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Written by, Ben Teh

If asked whether or not I was a leader, my answer would be no. However through the NZCA Leadership and Development conference, I can confidently say that I now have the skills to become a leader when the opportunity arises. The NZCA Leadership and Development conference 2008 was an opportunity for young Chinese New Zealanders to learn skills about being effective leaders. It was also a chance for them to learn about themselves and about others.

What made the conference a success was having a long list of speakers, whom were Chinese leaders that excelled and succeeded in their personal fields. Among these speakers were Peter Chin, Dr Swee Tan, Robyn Wong and Jef Wong. All the speakers came from different parts of New Zealand and all had different backgrounds. However they all had in common, enthusiasm and words of knowledge and inspiration. Through these speakers I was able understand what it means to be a leader and how important it is to have an awareness of self and others.

At the conference we were given the opportunity to take part in the Myers Briggs programme. This gave us a small understanding of ourselves and how we interact with others. All the participants of the conference were able to then gain an understanding of themselves and their interactions with others around them; especially when doing our group projects. I was able to understand more about me and how my actions affect others around me and also more about the history of Chinese people in New Zealand. In order for anyone to lead others they must first have a good understanding of themselves.

Having the conference in Wellington gave me the opportunity to work alongside and meet amazing people from all over New Zealand. At this conference I was able to meet lifelong friend and establish connections that I would usually not have the opportunity to do so in other settings. Each person brought their own flavour into the thirty six member group, which will no doubt produce many individual leaders in the future.

The best memory for me, will be the people I have been able to meet and being able to work in a team and use our individual strengths to produce a winning effort in the group projects.

I would like to thank NZCA for holding this event as well as Justine Kohing and Richard Ng for organising this event with the help of Brendon Joe, Kirsten Wong and Justin Yang.

Leadership and Development Conference, Summer 2008 Wellington

By Bevan Chuang (bevan.chuang@gmail.com) 18th January 2008

On a sunny afternoon on 20th January, I arrived at the Wellington airport and met my first Auckland camp mate, Ben, and Hannah who took us to the camp site. The trip was long and the place was far away. And slowly, we were out of cellphone reception...

As an introvert, I did not speak to other camp mates. As a matter of fact, after I settled down, I sat in the lounge with my little red book (very Chinese); studying who the speakers are; and thinking – why do we have to do chores, especially vacuuming!!! Things get worse when I learnt we have to do physical activities; I'm not up for it!

I sat in the lounge as I was reading my little red book thinking, wow, these people are much younger than me. I'm older and not New Zealand born, will I fit in?

The conference went really well and we have heard everything about the history of Chinese New Zealanders to successful Chinese New Zealanders; and stories about ourselves, who I am and who my camp mates are. Until the day obstacle courses arrived...

My worst nightmare about this camp had finally become a reality. Someone like me who is not as physically fit, I was so nervous my hyperventilation came back and I was feeling so uncomfortable I could drop dead right there. My team mates all cheered and encouraged me to push myself that little harder and yet do not worry about being the best; but just believing in yourself.

We have bonded. We trusted each other that we could do an amazing job. Yes some of our team mates wasted some time and gone off to swim the night before, but with our group effort we won the project presentation. It would not happen unless we trusted each another. What an effort!

All the speakers and presenters, including artist and Taichi master, had inspired me to become a leader in the field. I came back to Auckland really tired (and thrill I have my cellphone reception back!) but really inspired and has confidence I never had before!

We still keep in touch, through Facebook, dinner gathering or coffee. The best thing I have got out of this conference – "Friendship Forever!"

2008領袖發展會議 威靈頓

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2008年2月18日

在一月二十號一個風和日麗的下午，我到達了威靈頓的機場，碰到了第一個夏令營的朋友，Ben，和載我們到夏令營的Hannah。夏令營離開市中心很遠。慢慢地我們也遠離手機接收範圍...

做為一個內向的人，到達夏令營時我並沒有跟任何營友交談。當我安頓下來以後，我坐在客廳研究著我的「紅本子」(很中國化啲!)，研究著演講者的簡介；一邊在想，我們為什麼來到這裡也要做家務呢，特別是我很討厭的吸塵！當我一直研究著活動時發現我們還要做戶外活動呢！我不行！

坐在客廳閱讀著我的「紅本子」想著，哇，他們的年紀比我少很多！我覺得很老也不是紐西蘭出生的，我可以合得來嗎？

會議進展非常好，從紐西蘭華人的歷史到個人的故事；我們營友的故事，我是誰，營友是誰？直到障礙賽的那一天...

我的惡夢終於出現了！一個像我這麼強健的人，讓我緊張到換氣過度復發，辛苦得喘不過氣來。我的隊友一直為我吶喊和加油，讓我盡全力應付種種的障礙。我們並不是為了奪冠而戰，而是為了相信自己而努力。

我們團結一致。我們相信大家可以做的非常好。雖然我們有些隊友在前一晚去游泳而耽誤了時間，但因為我們團體的力量，我們的企劃最終贏了評審的支持。我們努力的成果得到回報了！

所有的演講者和示範者，包括畫家和太極師傅，全部也啟發我如何在我的領域上有所成就。雖然回到奧克蘭時已經累透了(也很高興我的手機可以接收到訊息了!)，但我真的被激發了，而也有前所未有的信心。

我們目前通過不同的途徑繼續聯絡，例如Facebook，晚餐聚會或喝茶等。從會議得到最好的事情便是 – 友誼永故！

WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS

The Women's Group has started the New Year with a day trip to **Waiheke Island** on Saturday 16th February. A big group of 45 people participated on this enjoyable outing. We met at the downtown ferry building for the 9am sailing that day. After a 40min. ferry crossing, we arrived at Waiheke to be met by the bus driver Mike Thomas from Fuller's Ferry Company. We boarded the big bus to be driven around for the day. First we were taken to Mudbrick Café, the well-known restaurant which is also a popular wedding venue. From there we enjoyed wonderful views of the surrounding area with vineyards in sight.

After that we were taken to the market at Ostend that is only open on Saturday mornings. There we spent an hour browsing, shopping and eating at the indoor and outdoor stalls. From there we were taken to the Oneroa town centre to visit the interesting art galleries, shops and cafés. After lunch we were taken on a tour to see the main sights on the island, finishing up at the main beach at Onetangi. There we all enjoyed relaxing with an icecream from the general store on the beachfront. All in all we had an interesting and enjoyable time, despite the frequent showers in the morning.

Our *next day trip* will be to the North Shore on Saturday 15th March. We will go by bus, driven by our friendly regular driver, Bill Houghton. First we will go to the Silverdale markets that have lots of indoor and outdoor stalls. Then we will visit 2 beautiful gardens in the Coatesville area : **Mincher Garden & Pinelee**. We will have a set lunch at the first one. It should be an interesting day as we will also hear a talk at Pinelee, by the owner, about his furniture making.

If you wish to join us on this trip, please reply to Gillian Young email : youngz@ihug.co.nz or Florence Hing email bfng@slingshot.co.nz or phone 628 6920

Everyone welcome on our day trips so please ask your men folk along.

At this point, we would like to thank Priscilla Kenna and her group of ladies from the Chinese Domestic Health Services who came to demonstrate and teach gentle exercises to our group, last November, at Meadowbank Community Centre. We enjoyed watching and trying the exercises, learning with beautiful relaxing music.

Last December, our Women's Group joined with all NZCA members for the annual Christmas barbeque lunch at the ACCC hall in Mangere. It was a very successful event with about 300 people there. All enjoyed lunch of barbeque meats, ham off the bone with salads and lots of desserts as well. It was a very informal social occasion where everyone was able to catch up with old friends and also to meet new ones. Some very able and willing members of Women's Group organised raffles baskets full of grocery items to add to the fun of the day. There were 10 lucky winners ! Santa made his appearance after lunch to the delight of many children who were present. Each child received a gift from Santa.

From April until October, our meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 1.30pm at Meadowbank Community Centre, 29 St Johns Rd, Meadowbank, next to Barfoot & Thompson's and close to Foodtown.

All women / men are welcomed. \$2 for NZCA members, \$3 for non-members.

***** CHINESE SICK LEAVE: "I NO COME WORK TODAY!!!" *****

Hung Chow calls into work and says, "Hey, I no come work today, I really sick. Got headache, stomach ache and legs hurt, I no come work." The boss says, "You know something, Hung Chow, I really need you today. When I feel like this, I go to my wife and tell her to give me sex. That makes everything better and I go to work. You try that." Two hours later Hung Chow calls again. "I do what you say and I feel great. I be at work soon..... You got nice house."

See the Big Buddha

Do you want to learn about the interesting community of the Honey Bee ?
Do you want to see a 800 years old Magnificent Kauri tree and walk the very pleasant Kauai Grove ?
Do you want to see the big out door Buddha in North Auckland ?
We are going to take you to see all these. We welcome you, your family & friends to join in.

Date : 6th April 08 (Sunday)
Gathering time and place : 9am, Greenlane McDonald.
Return time : back to McDonald at around 5pm
Bring your own drink & lunch or try the different cuisine at Warkworth.
Cost : Non members : \$30/pp, Members : \$25/adult, \$20/child.

Registration :

Name: _____ member : Y / N

Address: _____ P : _____
E: _____

No. 1 / 2 / 3 @ \$30 _____ Cheque: \$ _____

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China Wintercamp Report 2007

Erin Fong ;

The following is a small collection of snapshots of me, my thoughts and my experiences along the 4 weeks that I have been on the camp.

Part I: Taro Stews, Braised Geese and Frogs in Hotpots (*Travels around Southern China*)

"Hi there, it's coming to the end of our second week in China. We're in Guangzhou city, the largest city in this province – as a group, our ancestral roots lie dotted around this region and we've spent the last 1 ½ weeks getting up close and personal with our ancestry and culture.

So what have we done?

Since arriving in Guangzhou, we have:

- visited over 20 villages
- stayed in 4 different towns
- learnt kung fu, how to say our names in mandarin, Chinese calligraphy and how to use squat toilets
- haggled over shopping goods in multi-storey marketplaces
- challenged one high school and 2 villages' basketball teams to games
- eaten a multitude of dishes that many of us had never even heard of let alone tried.

Visiting the ancestral villages was a humbling experience as we saw the houses and living conditions in which our grandparents and great-grandparents were born, raised and toiled to make a living so many years ago. I felt fortunate that the ancestral shrine in the former home of my grandfather in the village of Ai Leung was still intact and I was able to pay homage to my ancestors there.

Shopping in the marketplaces was a steep learning curve for some, but enjoyable nonetheless. A number of the group have gone from being novices to skilled negotiators over the course of the 2 weeks we have spent here, through trial and error and both good and bad deals. A memorable moment when shopping in Shenzhen was the 'team huddle' or impromptu strategy meeting held by some of the wintercampers in the midst of bartering for a set of Rolex watches!

The most enjoyable activity for me however has been learning kung fu at the Huang Feihung School of martial arts. Having learned a whole kung fu routine over 3 days and practicing it to a level that we were able to perform it to an audience in Foshan gave me a valuable insight into the about of training and dedication required to master and perform a martial art. By working to perfect even one small move in the routine, I can now see how much work is required to film a kung fu action sequence in a film that could take only seconds.

The experiences I have had so far have been valuable and have taught me not only of China and its people but also about myself. We have another 2 weeks left in a country steeped in culture and history and I fully intend to make the most of it."

Part II: Chilled Vegetables, Eggplant Casseroles and Shanghai Dumplings (*Touring Hangzhou and Shanghai*)

"So here we are in Shanghai. Since reporting last, we've flown up to Hangzhou and had a look-see around the city, courtesy of our new tour guide Rocky – he's also accompanied us to Shanghai as well. What can I say about the place? One word: cold. No, wait: FREEZING. Stepping out of the heated plane having travelled from a warm, humid 26°C in Guangzhou, I was unprepared for the cold air that hit me like a slap in the face, bit through my jeans and would have tried to crawl down my neck had it not been for the thermal top I had that had seemed so overkill two hours previously. The air of Hangzhou had been a cold one, but it was also serene. The city that greeted us was dominated by a great lake stretching miles across, dissected by a thin causeway offering a shortcut through the centre. Reputed as the Paris (or the romantic capital) of China, we marvelled at the city's ancient monuments and temples. What I enjoyed most were the Buddhist temples and the tomb of the great General Yue Fai. Not only were these sites a fantastic place to look at and explore, but the stories behind Yue Fai's campaigns against the Mongols, the prince who gave up his creature comforts to bring Buddhism to the greater parts of Asia and the Jade Buddha that was saved from destruction at the hands of the Cultural Revolution by a being covered by Chairman Mao stickers will be ones that will stay in my head.

Shanghai definitely feels like more of a city than Foshan, Guangzhou or Hangzhou. Trips to temples have been mixed in with visits to the radio tower and wax museums, rounding out our history lessons with an overview of the 20th Century era, including the fall of the Qing dynasty, 1930s Shanghai and China in WWII. Shanghai was also a place to further sharpen those bargaining skills we had picked up in Guangzhou – and with the help of a little local knowledge we bargained our way through yet another jam-packed mass of stalls – the Tailors Markets. The other highlight for me was deciding to take a trip out on Shanghai's Maglev bullet train. On the last evening in Shanghai, I had left the rest of the trippers at the Tailors Markets an hour before with the intention of venturing out to see how far my grasp of Mandarin could take me. Or perhaps I should have said how *fast* it took me – like about 300km/h. Despite the onset of twilight hindering my ability to appreciate the objects rushing past the train window like a video tape on fast-forward, I certainly had a good time chatting to the other passengers, swapping phrases, jokes and eventually contact emails. I'll sure be keeping that Lonely Planet phrasebook with me from now on!"

Part III: Beijing Duck (Or, 'What We Got Up To in Beijing') 14-12-07

"Bei-jing-yuan-ling-ni'. Beijing welcomes you – it's a slogan for the imminent 2008 Olympics spattered all over the host city, complete with cartoons and cuddly toys. They certainly don't let you forget that for one second.

It's our 5th day here, the longest we've spent in any one place so far and it's hard to believe that the trip is almost over – it's been absolutely amazing and I wish I had just a few more weeks to spend here with everyone!

Being the capital, Beijing's got more than its fair share of monumental wonders – the Great Wall, the Forbidden City and the Summer Palace just to name a few.

No trip to China would be complete without scaling at least one part of the Great Wall, and thus we tackled a small section of it just beyond the outskirts of Beijing city.

Come to think of it, for being inside a bustling city, we've done a lot of walking on this leg of the trip, about 2 km of the Wall, plus going through the Sacred Way and the Temple of Heaven (which are on very expansive grounds), not to mention the Forbidden City, which is about 1km square. Being an engineer by trade it was quite hard to resist looking at the technical aspects of the FC – take the Firefighting equipment for instance – in a city that experiences sub-zero temperatures (something that you don't get often in the North Island!), not only did firewater stations have to be placed all around the city, but they also had to be heated from underground, lest the guards have to battle the flames with frozen cauldrons of water! It's amazing to realise the ingenuity the great designers and architects had to employ back then.

Today being our last day, a few of us decided to beat the sunrise and attend the raising of the flag in Tianmen square at dawn. Quite glad I did that, in fact, not only is it an occasion to remember, but also because of it gave us an extra hour to look around central Beijing while the others were still having breakfast!

Speaking of Breakfast, you might have noticed I name my chapters with food – that's because the cuisine changes everywhere we go, and Janet's been making sure we have the local fare in each town and city. While Guangzhou and its towns were prominent in stews, casseroles and hot pots, Hangzhou marked the start of various dishes drenched in an equal variety of rich, sweet and spicy sauces, and of course Shanghai has been regaled for its dumplings.

Well, our last night in Beijing should be the one to cap it off: Beijing Duck. Formerly reserved only for the Emperor and his royal family, this dish is now available to us commoners when the Qing Dynasty was overthrown and the royal chefs, the only ones privy to the recipe, began a restaurant which has now grown to a franchise all over the city.

Might the availability of Beijing Duck to everyone be one of the good consequences of establishing the communist regime? Food for thought... Bon Appetit!"

Epilogue: Stir-fried Kangaroo 19-12-07

"Yeah, you guessed it: I'm back at work in Karratha, Western Australia.

Since Beijing the party's moved over to Hong Kong, where we stayed in Kowloon and were left my Janet to run amok around the islands.

Shopping in Mongkok, riding the roller coasters in Ocean Park and clubbing in Lan Kwai Fong are just some of the things I've been up to in the 3 days I was there.

Although I've gone back for work, about half of rest of the China trippers stayed on to see in Christmas and the New Year.

This trip has been the most fantastic one I've had for a long time.

I'll remember Guangzhou for its ancestral links, Hangzhou for its culture, Shanghai for its history and Beijing for its extensive monuments and architectural wonders.

I have come to know the other China trippers well, and have met many people on this trip that I hope to stay in touch with. I've learned about Chinese history, culture, and language, and most importantly what it is to be a Chinese New Zealander. And I am certainly going to learn how to cook some of those dishes...

**Programme for “ THE GOLDEN OLDIES “ (Veterans)
and the ‘NOT SO GOLDIES’**

GOOD FRIDAY – 21 March

Opening ceremony for the NZCA Annual Easter Sports Tournament followed by the Cultural Concert at the WAITAKERE TRUST STADIUM - 12 – 1 pm.

The Athletics is to be held from 1 – 2 pm.

After which will be a VETERANS event!!!

Time trials for operating a SEGWAY!!! A relay!!!!? ?

Teams will be organized on the day (gender, age, handicaps) Rules will be made up on the day???. BE SURE TO CLOCK IN AT 2 pm.

(Thanks to Billy Chong for sponsoring this event)

GOOD- FRIDAY * * VETERAN’S Get Together

Come to the Mt EDEN BOWLING CLUB 17 Stokes Road (off Epsom Ave) Mt Eden
From 7 pm for a “Get Together” nostalgic evening (remember those “10 / 10th “
Tournaments – with the gals in their bobby sox – those were the ‘good ol’ days)

* A very informal evening – you may even like to bring a ‘takeaway’ dinner but there
will be a light supper of tea/coffee and bikkies.

SATURDAY -22 March

SOCIAL DANCE PARTY

At

AUCKLAND CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTRE
99 Taylor Road, Mangere

Saturday - 22 March - 7.30pm – 11.30pm

LIVE BAND - DAVE LIM

Admission \$10

BYO liquid refreshments

SCRUMPTIOUS SUPPER

Tickets available from Connie Kum – cojay@xtra.co.nz or phone 09 6258611

SUNDAY - 23 March

SOCIAL WALK-athon

A pleasant sightseeing walk/run round One Tree Hill Domain, up the slopes of One Tree Hill and round Cornwall Park (where the Country meets the City at Cornwall Park) then Tea Kiosk for a coffee and a muffin. !!).

(*Billy Chong is sponsoring prizes on this fun Walk / Run.*)

MEET at the CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND area in One Tree Hill Doman at 9 am.
Manukau Road side of Park

SUNDAY NITE-23 March

N.Z.C.A. Easter Tournament VETS Dinner
Sunday - 23 March - 6.30 pm

PENNY CITY RESTAURANT

125 Meadowland Drive. Howick

Admission \$30 Child (under 12) \$25

BYO

To book a table email Connie Kum - cojay@xtra.co.nz

Phone 09 6258611 Fax 09 6258619

Table of 12 - \$360 (Book early – limited seating)

**** Website for Easter info: ****

<http://www.nzchinese.org.nz/easter/2008/index.htm>

MONDAY 24 March

PRESENTATION BALL

THE EASTER TOURNAMENT BALL - the Grand Finale for the Tournament Weekend. Wine and Dine at the exclusive Hilton Ballroom, Princes Wharf.

Make up a group and book a table / or separately

Email Connie at cojay@xtra.co.nz or phone 09 6258611 or fax 09 6258619

Price is \$85 (if paid by Good Friday) or \$90 for the later bookings

Complete the weekend of fun and fellowship - Come to the Tournament Ball!!

NZCA Bilingual Language (Cantonese/English) Music School

NZCA. Bilingual Language Music School started in August 2005 with a vision of teaching children to speak Cantonese, which is the oral language of NZ. Born Chinese.

- To be able to converse with grand parents and others who have little knowledge of the English language.
- To learn Chinese Culture-eg. Chinese New Year Festival, Ching Ming, Dragon boat Festival, August Moon Festival, etc.
- There is an emphasis on the use of music and movement, games and role play to learn the language.

Classes are divided into 3 Groups:

- Preschool – 3 to 5 yr old
- Primary One -- 5 to 9yr old. This group has become quite large due to several pre-schoolers turning five, so will be divided into two classes of about 11 in each class.
- Primary Two class are learning lots of Cultural activities – basic Chinese cooking, learning to play the Chinese keyboard recorder, singing and dancing.

Our teachers this year are:

Lina Liang (recently achieved Masters in Education in Bilingual Language with First class honours) Congratulations to Liang Laow Sei!

Rebecca Kitty Tang (last year in her Diploma in Early Childhood)

We are fortunate to have two very talented teachers who are passionate about Chinese children being able to speak Chinese. (mother tongue) They have a beautiful way of encouraging the children to speak Cantonese and play lots of games as a tool for learning. "Learning Chinese is FUN"

Classes are held at Oranga Primary School Hall. Rangipawa Road, Oranga.

Pre-School : 3 – 5 yrs --- 9.30 – 11am / Primary 1 : 5 – 9yrs --- 11.15 – 12.45

Primary 2: 1.00 – 2.30pm.

Term Fees : \$50 per child : Two or more in Family \$35 each child.

Term 1 : 9th Feb – 19th April.

Term 2 : 10th May – 5th July

Term 3 : 26th July – 27th Sept.

Term 4 : 18th Oct. – 13th Dec

Enquiries contact:

Connie Kum; E: cojay@xtra.co.nz P : 09 625 8611

Debbie SewHoy Leung; E: Debbie@glacierinvestments.co.nz P:

NZCA Kung Fu Classes (children)

Where: Oranga Primary School Hall Rangipawa Rd. Oranga.

When: Saturdays. 1 – 2pm.

Cost: \$40 per Term (Primary Sch. Term)

These are beginners classes for children 5+ yrs old NZCA Auckland Branch promotes language and Culture.

Teacher: Master Schumann Poon

Kung Fu classes commenced last term [2007] with 4 students and has now increased to 7 students this term.

For enquiries contact – Connie kum: E : cojay@xtra.co.nz or P: 09 625 8611

NZCA CHINA TOUR OCTOBER 2008

www.nzchinese.org.nz

NZCA have had many enquiries over the past year from the Chinese community regarding a further tour of China for first time visitors of all ages similar to the annual Guangzhou Winter Camp & China Tour and the NZCA Tours in May 2006 and May 2007.

We are now organising a 3 week tour for 4 – 25 October 2008 with 5 nights in Guangzhou including visits to ancestral villages and then visits to Guilin, Xian, Beijing, Hangzhou & Shanghai. Janet Joe, who is our very experienced Tour Leader for the annual NZCA Winter Camp, has kindly agreed to also lead this tour.

The total price is \$NZ6,100 per person based on twin share (plus applicable taxes) and a minimum group size of 20. An optional 2 day stopover in Hong Kong can be arranged on the way home. The tour is open to persons of all ages but they must be current NZCA Branch members or arrange to become new Branch members.

This is an ideal opportunity for Chinese (*single persons, couples or family groups*) who have not had a previous China experience to discover their roots, gain an understanding of their heritage and culture, see the major historical sites and the new Beijing Olympic structures, and get an appreciation of the huge industrialisation and growth in the company of fellow Chinese New Zealanders of similar background. You will make life time friends from this trip similar to the Winter Campers. Of course, we do also welcome participants who have visited China previously.

Please find attached the detailed itinerary, cost information and registration form which is to be returned with deposit by 4 April 2008 at the very latest. A decision will then be made whether the tour will proceed or not depending on the number of firm registrations received.

If you have any queries or need additional information, please contact Kai Luey by email to kailuey@xtra.co.nz or Phone 09 522 1840 or Fax 09 522 1842 or Janet Joe at Planet Earth Travel on Phone 09 368 0237 or 021 633 889, Fax 09 379 0988 or email janet.joe@xtra.co.nz.

**Kai Luey
National President**

NZCA China Tour 04 October 2008

21 Days China Tour Package

04-25 October 2008

Price: \$6100.00 per person twin-shared + applicable taxes*

Single Supplement + \$1390.00

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

**Airfare: AKL/HKG/CAN-SHA/HKG/AKL travelling on Cathay Pacific
Airway**

China Tour: Includes all China Domestic flights with Taxes, Transportation, 4 * Hotel Accommodation, Western breakfast, Chinese Lunches & Dinners, Entrance fees to all sightseeing as per itinerary, English speaking local guides, Porterage & Gratuities.

Various: China Visa, NZ Departure Tax

Travelling with Janet Joe

COST DOES NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

*Applicable Security Taxes, China Departure Tax & Fuel Surcharges en route on ticket approx \$324.00 if ticketed today ex Auckland and subject to change up until time of ticketing

Hong Kong Optional 2 nights Stopover Package + the applicable HK Departure tax and Taxes
From \$300.00 per person

2 nights Hotel Package in Hong Kong twin shared
includes return Airport to Hotel transfers

Travel insurance, but can be arranged

Lunch & Dinner in Beijing & Shanghai on the free days and on the free days in Guangzhou

NZCA Branch Membership fee (\$10.00 per person or \$20.00 per family for Auckland Branch)

Price is based on a minimum of 20 persons travelling together in a group.

Due to the floating NZ dollar, prices are subject to change up until full payment has been received.

A non-refundable deposit of \$400.00 per person is required to secure a booking by **04 April 2008**.

However, this deposit will be refunded if the tour does not proceed because of insufficient numbers.

Full payment is due before **04 August 2008**

The above price quoted is for cheque payment only.

For those wishing to use their Visa or Mastercard a credit card fee of 2% is to be added to the amount

If you have further enquiries please feel free to contact Kai Luey email kailuey@xtra.co.nz

Tel: **09 522 1840** or **021 333 125** or

Janet Joe at Planet Earth Travel **09 368 0237** or **021 633 889** or email janet@planettravel.co.nz

Please complete and return the enclosed registration form with your deposit and Passport details to:

Planet Earth Travel

PO Box 5102, Wellesley St,
Level 7, Smith & Caughey Building,
253 Queen St, Auckland.

NZCA China Tour 04 October 2008

SAT 04 OCT	AM	Depart Auckland on the Cathay Pacific flight to Hong Kong Connect flight from Hong Kong to Guangzhou 5 nights in Guangzhou
SUN 05 OCT		Guangzhou sights include the Chen Clan Ancestral Hall now a museum for local Guangdong Arts & Crafts and the Five Rams Statue in Yue Xiu Park. Check out the shopping and historic site on Beijing Pedestrian Road
MON 06 OCT		Visit Ancestral villages in the Xintang area or a free day in Guangzhou
TUE 07 OCT		Visit Ancestral villages in the Taishan/ Xinhui area or a free day in GZ
WED 08 OCT		Visit Ancestral villages in the Bai Yun district or a free day in GZ
THU 09 OCT		GUANGZHOU – GUILIN by air 2 nights in Guilin Guilin sights include the Elephant Trunk hill the symbol of Guilin, Fubo hill for the city views and the amazing limestone formations inside the Reed Flute caves . If time permits we can visit the South Sea Pearl factory.
FRI 10 OCT		Enjoy the picturesque mountain scenes along the Li River as you cruise to Yangshou with lunch on board. Test your bargaining skills in the local shops in West Street and a visit to Sai Wai Tao Yuen Minority village to learn of the many Minority Nationalities that live in this area before returning to Guilin.
SAT 11 OCT		GUILIN – XIAN by air 2 nights in Xian Known as Chang On during the Qin, Han & Tang Dynasties Xian has been the Ancient Capital for many centuries in China. Walk along the original site of the renovated City Wall , see the Bell & Drum Tower and visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda first built in the Tang dynasty Enjoy the delicious Dumpling Banquet Dinner & later enjoy the Tang Cultural Music & Dance show .
SUN 12 OCT		The First Emperor Qin Shi Huang's buried army of Terracotta Warriors is the highlight of Xian, visit to the Muslim Quarters to see why Xian was once the gateway to the famous Silk Road
MON 13 OCT		XIAN – BEIJING by air 5 nights Walk through the Temple of Heaven where the Emperors prayed and gave thanks to the Heavenly God for a good harvest. If time permits market shopping at the Hongqiao markets.
TUE 14 OCT		Beijing has been China's capital since the Ming & Qing Dynasties Visit Tiananmen Square , Mao's Mosaleum and the Forbidden City (also known as the Palace Museum) home to 24 Emperors of the Ming & Qing dynasty. Take a ride in a Rickshaw around the Hutongs (alleyways) to see how the local Beijing people live in their old style courtyard homes. Market shopping at Ya Show markets After dinner enjoy the Kungfu Legend Show
WED 15 OCT		Visit the Summer Palace with the longest corridor in the world & the Marble boat built by the Empress Dowager. Pass by the Olympic Stadiums on the way to the China Tea Tasting House . Tonight the enjoy the famous original Peking Duck dinner .
THU 16 OCT		Stop at a local Jade factory on your way to Great Wall at Jurong Pass where you will have time to climb the wall or just enjoy the great views After lunch walk along the peaceful Sacred Way to visit the Ming Tomb of one of the 13 Ming Emperors buried here

FRI 17 OCT	A Free day to explore Beijing on your own
SAT 18 OCT	BEIJING – Hangzhou by air 2 nights Visit the largest Buddhist Temple in south China Lingyin Temple and then to the Dragonwell Tea Village to taste the famous Longqing green tea
SUN 19 OCT	A boat ride on Westlake is a must to view the hanging willows and blossom trees surrounding the misty lake and causeways that inspire so many Chinese artists and poets. Visit the memorial hall of the Southern Song Dynasty hero General Yue Fei when Hangzhou was the capital city of China
MON 20 OCT	Depart Hangzhou by bus via Xitang , one of the many water towns along the Grand Canal with the camel hump bridges and traditional architecture built in the Song & Ming dynasty and takes you back to ancient China. Arrive into Shanghai in time for dinner Accommodation in Shanghai 4 nights
TUE 21 OCT	A visit to the Shanghai History museum will show you Shanghai during the Walk along the famous Bund waterfront with the contrast of the old & new architectural buildings then continue to walk along Nanjing Pedestrian Road and experience being in a city with 14 million people. After dinner the Huangpu River night cruise displays the bright side of modern Shanghai.
WED 22 OCT	Yu Garden is a traditional Chinese garden in the heart of the old Shanghai Bazaar surrounded by local shops & restaurants where you can taste the local snacks & shop for your Chinese souvenirs. See the life like Jade Buddha statue at the Jade Buddha temple and a visit to a local Silk factory to learn how they make the silk duvets. After dinner enjoy the amazing Shanghai Acrobatic Show
THU 23 OCT	A Free day to explore Shanghai on your own. Optional Shanghai Arts Museum in Peoples Square, Huaihai Rd for famous brands & serious shopping or check out the magnificent views from the 88 th floor Jinmao Building in Pudong
THU 24 OCT	Depart Shanghai via Hong Kong or you can have an Optional Stopover in Hong Kong
FRI 25 OCT	Arrive in Auckland.

NZCA Autumn China Tour October 2008

[04- 25 October 2008]

Please complete and return this application form together with a photocopy of the first page of your Passport and \$400.00 deposit per person before 04 April 08 to:

Planet Earth Travel – P O Box 5102, Wellesley St, Auckland

Please make cheques payable to Planet Earth Travel or by Credit card (see details below)

Attn: Janet Joe Tel: (09) 368 0237, Fax: (09) 379 0988 Email: janet.joe@xtra.co.nz or janet@planettravel.co.nz

PASSENGER DETAILS: Please tick

Surname as it appears on your passport: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss	Surname as it appears on your passport: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss
First Name:	First Name:
Other names:	Other names:
Address:	Address:
Telephone (Home):	Telephone (Home):
Telephone (Work):	Telephone (Work):
Mobile:	Mobile:
Email:	Email:
NZ Passport number:	NZ Passport number:
Passport Expiry Date:	Passport Expiry Date:
Date of Birth: / /	Date of Birth: / /

Accommodation required (circle)

Single Twin

Sharing with

I/We wish to end the tour in (please tick)

NZ Hong Kong

Special requirements

Date of return travel if not returning on 24 Oct 08

**Visit Ancestral Villages Where
in Guangzhou**

Require hotel in HKG Yes No

Yes No

Number of nights required

Payment Method/Details (circle)

One World Frequent Flyer #

Credit Card Cheque

Amount \$

**Please +2% credit card fee for Visa & Master
card**

Plus 2%

Total on Credit Card \$

Name on Credit Card

Total on Credit Card \$

Expiry Date

Credit Card Number

Signed

Date

Emergency Contact & Details

Name:	Name:
Telephone:	Telephone:

NZCA Leadership Development Camp '09 under development.

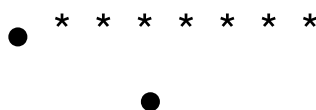
After the success of the second Leadership Development Conference in Wellington this year with 36 participants, 24 high class speakers and a trip to the Chinese Embassy the next leadership development camp was given the word "GO". Already the next one is underway and been planned for, all we can tell you is that it will be in Auckland. So you won't know whose coming or speaking or what's going to happen. You just need to know for now that is back again to **Auckland in January.2009** So be ready to put your name down because you'll never know what you'll really get out of it until you have been.

Whether or not you think you could be the face of our community. This opportunity will help better understand yourself, face your fears, meet new people and expose yourself to the facts and fears of our community. Nothing is perfect in our community, stand up and speak out, make that difference. There is something in it for everyone from learning new skills, making lifetime friends, sharing stories about every day issues and meeting some of the people that represent us in different walks of life. Also while you are there you'll experience a bit of the Chinese culture.

Just remember that this leadership conference is not a holiday, it's an experience that should not be missed. Dare to try, step up and make that difference. We bring it all together one place, one week and just once a year.

For further information :

~ Michael Ng . 027 487 3132 . 0212698133. ngy.me.this@gmail.com ~



NZCA Academic Awards - 2008

Attention all prospective participants for :

**NZCA Tertiary Scholarships -2008
NZCA NCEA Level 1 – 2008
NCEA Level 3 – 4 -2008**

Dear All

Re- the **NZCA Academic Awards application forms for 2008.** (www.nzchinese.org.nz) Please note that the NCEA Level 1 Awards now include the equivalent Cambridge International Examinations and you should communicate that to your members.

The closing date for application to branches is 15 April 2008 and the approved applications must be in the hands of the NZCA by 20 April.2008

Regards
Harvey Wu
National Secretary

DRAFT Timetable of Easter Tournament 2008

	Friday 21/3/08	Saturday 22/3/08	Sunday 23/8/08	Monday 24/8/08	Venue	Address	Co-ordinator	Email
Opening Ceremony	12-1pm				Waitakere Trust Stadium	65 - 67 Central Park Drive		
Athletics	1-2pm				Waitakere Trust Stadium		Chloe Chung	chlozza@hotmail.com
Badminton	2 - 6pm	9 - 6pm	9 - 6pm	? Half Day	Waitakere Trust Stadium		Lung Foy	foy@quicksilver.net.nz
Basketball	2 - 6pm	9 - 6pm	9 - 6pm	9 - 4pm	Waitakere Trust Stadium		Angela Lowe	ange.lowe@gmail.com
Hockey		2 - 5pm	2 - 5pm		Avondale College	203 Rosebank Rd Avondale Auckland	Michael Ng	ngy.me.this@gmail.com
Indoor Netball		4 - 9pm			Planet Sport Waitakere	133 Central Park Dr, Henderson	Ken Ginn	ken.ginn@gmail.com
Indoor Soccer	4 - 9pm				Waitakere Trust Stadium		Daniel Young	youdaniel@gmail.com
Outdoor Netball		2 - 4pm			Waitakere Trust Stadium		Adrienne The	ady.teh@gmail.com
Golf	1.30pm		11am		Huapai Golf Club	1261 Coatesville-Riverhead Highway	Virginia Chong	vchong@ihug.co.nz
Lawn Bowls	1.30pm	9.30am	9.30am		Mt Eden Bowling Club	17 Stokes Road, Mt Eden	Virginia Chong	vchong@ihug.co.nz
Touch	2 - 6pm	9 - 6pm	9 - 6pm	9 - 4 pm	Waitakere Trust Stadium		Kirsty Wong	kirstyw11@gmail.com
Tennis	6 - 11pm				Vodafone Tennis Park	69 Merton Road.	Steve Yee	steve_y@slingshot.co.nz
Volleyball	2 - 6pm	9 - 6pm	9 - 6pm	9 - 4pm	Waitakere Trust Stadium		Ryan Young	ryan.belinda@gmail.com
Veterans Events							John Kum	cojay.ep.nz@xtra.co.nz
U18's							Richard Leung	qbee@ihug.co.nz

Keep up to date with the latest developments by checking the website dedicated to Easter Tournament 2008. If you are connected to your browser already, click on the following link;
<http://www.nzchinese.org.nz/easter/2008/index.htm>

NOTICE

紐西蘭華聯總會

**New Zealand Chinese Assn.(Akld Br.)
Inc.**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Non - Election

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Chinese Association (Akld Br.) Inc. will be held at:

Venue: Auckland Chinese Community
Centre
99 Taylor Road. Mangere
Date: 2.00 pm Sunday 13 April 2008
(afternoon tea will be provided)

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Adoption of previous AGM minutes
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. General Business

28 February 2008
New Zealand Chinese Association (Akld Br) Inc.



紐西蘭華聯會屋脊分會 New Zealand Chinese Assn (Auckland Branch) Inc

I apply to become an **Ordinary / Family** (delete one) Member of the New Zealand Chinese Association (Auckland Branch) Incorporated. I declare that I am of Chinese descent, a spouse of a Chinese person, or a child of a Chinese person, over eighteen years of age and reside in the Auckland area.
I agree to abide by the Rules of the Association on acceptance as a Member

Signature : _____ Date: _____

Surname _____ Christian Name _____ Chinese Name (if known) _____

Street Address _____ Suburb _____ Postal Address (if different) _____

Home Phone No: _____ Mobile No: _____

Email address: _____

Membership No : **Complete below only for family memberships**

Spouse : _____
Name(s) of dependent children under 18 _____

Date _____



Send membership form and fee to :
Box 404, Auckland

Fees: \$10 Individual - \$20 Family membership
Subscription year January 1 - December 31

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