

Learning Experience in Waitākiri Primary School

By Jenna and George

Introductions of us

- * Jenna (eight and a half-year-old girl)
- * George (seven-year-old boy).
- * We are from Guangzhou China.
- * This was our first time studying in Waitākiri Primary School. We came here to study for 5 weeks in term 3 which was just the summer holiday in Chinese school.



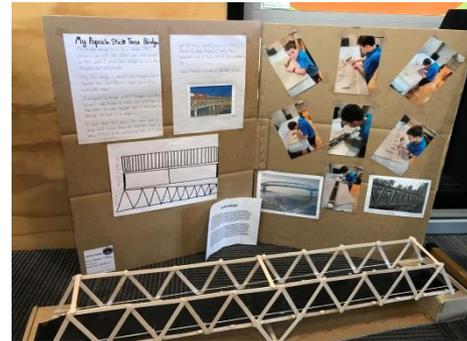
Cultural experience

- * New Zealand is a friendly country with multi-cultural respect. Waitākiri Primary school respects people from different ethnic groups.
- * We learn English, Maori and Chinese languages at school.
- * The school let us to experience different culture, such as the welcome meeting(Powhiri) for parents and children, and the Maori traditional Haka.



School Motto

- * Waitākiri School motto is “REAL Heroes making REAL CHOICES”
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- * The school encourages children to respect self, others and the environment, to encourage others, to achieve to the best of their ability and to be a lifelong learner.
- * The school is also an environmental friendly school and teach children how to protect our environment.



Learning Inside School

- * The school provided a very detailed brochures with really useful information in different aspects for the international students and parents.
- * We studied in the studio instead of classroom to let us have more communicate with different groups of children. Children have more space to learn and play together.
- * Teachers were very friendly and encourages children to talk to them.



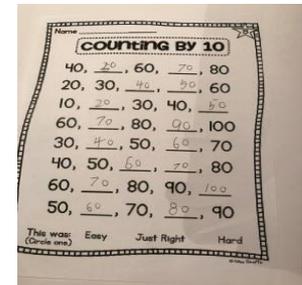
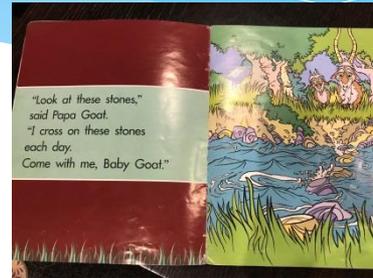
Learning Inside School

- * During school time, we had different kinds of lessons, we can learn English, and other languages, we will also have Math, Arts, Science and Music lessons.
- * Teachers taught us to learn English through playing, and they taught students in accordance of their aptitude.
- * School has a huge ground for our-door activities. We had fun at the our-door area playing different kinds of sports.



Learning Inside School

- * We have been each allocated a “buddy” when we first started school who could help us a lot about unsure things at school and in the studio, which made us feel not so nervous.
- * School attaches great importance to our reading ability. After school, teachers gave us a few books to read at home every day to improve our English based on our English level.
- * Also, basic facts were given to improve our Math skill.



Learning Outside The Classroom

- * School also provided us chance to learn outside the classroom.
- * We had opportunity to get experience about the farm and gained lots of knowledge.
- * In order to further develop our communication skill, we have been taken by teachers to the Margaret Mahy Playground in the central city, where we had great fun with our school mate.



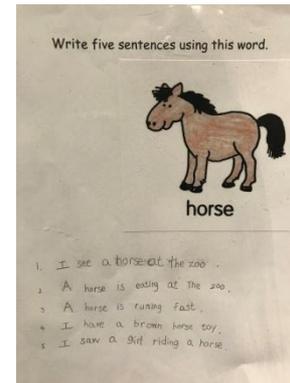
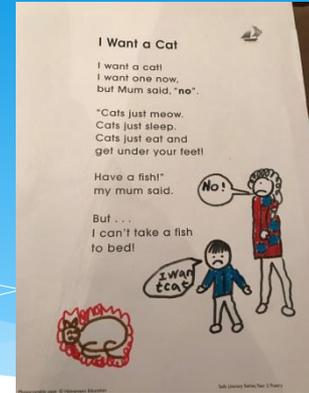
Conclusions

- * Waitākiri School is a very friendly and environment-minded school, it encourages diversity and respects the differences among children.
- * Our School Principle and teachers are all very kind, amiable and care about us a lot.
- * School Principle and teachers are enthusiastic about education, providing professional and supportive care to children to guide them to become lifelong learners with good communications and decision-making skills.



Conclusions

- * We really enjoyed our time in Waitākiri School and do have had a very different and wonderful experience here.
- * We had a great progress in English during these five weeks by having great chance to say and write with our lovely and friendly classmates and teachers.
- * We became more confident to communicate.



Conclusions

- * It was our honor to be one of the students of Waitākiri School.
- * This trip was really unforgettable in our lives.
- * We really appreciated for giving us opportunities to study in this lovely, friendly, and vibrant school.

