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Pearl Harbour

The display which allows visitors to interact with naval displays that survived the Pearl Harbour bombing and World War 2 was a fascinating way to spend the day. We had to line up for each exhibit but they were worth the wait. It was interesting to note the numbers of Japanese visiting and paying their respects alongside Americans. Tolerance and understanding is alive and well as people move forward in greater harmony. However us Kiwis just wanted to shoot the big guns!



Please darling can I have a Cirque du Soleil t-shirt??!

We went to see Cirque du Soleil in Boston. Our seats were five rows from the front. What an amazing show. The theme was one of insects and the costumes were extremely colourful and creative. I know Sherlie Dingwall will be very envious of us. Bridget didn't get a t-shirt but she did get popcorn at half time.

How is this for a job???

We met Michael from Hollywood at Pearl Harbour and we all spent the day together. Michael owned a company which hired out luxury trailer homes to Hollywood Stars when they are shooting films on location. He has 45 of these in use throughout the States. Unlike us, he was staying at the Hilton with his family which was a Five Star accommodation. He had been there for 3 weeks. Behind him and Bridget are the names of all the sailors killed when the Arizona was sunk at Pearl Harbour. I did ask Mike for a driving job delivering the trailers and meeting the stars but he only offered one to Bridget. Hahaha!!!!



WHO'S ON THE EXEC BOARD

- Colin Watkins
- Deb Epp
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- Warwick Moyle
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SCHOOL/COMMUNITY/RPA EVENTS

- **Lip Sync** - Friday 17th September at the Blue Baths Government Gardens - Please send entries now to Warwick Moyle at Kaharoa School - Entries are now \$10 per person and this will include supper. Schools entering so far are Rotorua Intermediate, Glenholme, Malfroy, John Paul College and Ngongotaha :)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Roots of Empathy** - Any schools interested in information regarding the Roots of Empathy Programme in Rotorua or in being part of this programme, please contact Warwick Moyle at Kaharoa School on 07 332 3444 or email principal@kaharoa.school.nz

Further information about the many benefits of Roots of Empathy can also be found at www.rootsofempathy.org.

- **Westbrook School** - Westbrook would like you all to note that their gala date for next year is Thursday 24th March 2011!
- **Lynmore School** - Lynmore have a dozen boxes of chocolate bars (24 in each) which they have not been able to sell and are willing to on sell to any school at cost. Contact Roger Dempster if you are interested.
- **Xmas Parade Logo Competition** - Competition closed this Friday - Entries to Colin Watkins

LEAVERS/STARTERS

- Mandy Bird is back at Murupara



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

- **6th August** - RPA Meeting at the Rotorua Education Centre
- **8th September** - 2010 Rotorua Graduating Students (University of Canterbury Event) - Invitations will be sent out shortly.
- **17th September** - Lip Sync
- **16th October** - Mamaku School Lamb & Calf Day
- **24th March 2011** - Westbrook 2011 Gala
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To bring together 10 different cultures, what better way to do it than to raise their country's national flags. And that's just what they did. On Friday 11th June 2010, Rotorua Intermediate School raised 10 flags to celebrate the different ethnicities in our school. These flags were to represent that Rotorua Intermediate respects all different cultures.

The school haka was performed with mana and pride, lead by Rutherford house. The flags were raised by students of that nationality, dressed in their national clothing. The children proudly displayed their home countries national flags. The flag bearers took their flags outside and stood their flags on display, standing where all could see them.

Even the students thought it was a great idea. Airi Takahashi, a Rutherford 4 student thought the flag raising was important "because at the ceremony it was a time for people to accept people's differences and make them feel welcome". Another R4 student, Ishanee Illangasinghe, said that it's good because "We can find out about the different cultures in our school". Rohan Gosai, a Rutherford 2 student said he loved it because "it showed different cultural costumes and how cool they are". Jesse Ram, another R2 student said that "visually seeing your own flag makes you really proud".

The whole day was a success with only a few slipups. The staff and students were all pleased with the ceremony as everyone left happy an proud to be a different culture.



By Sarah Wharekura and Victoria Thompson



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