

# Auckland International College Newsletter

## August 2015



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### Coming Events

#### Tuesday 11 August

- New parents information evening 5:30—7:30pm in College hall. Meet Deans, Director of Studies and University Counsellors

#### Monday 31 August

- Princeton, Columbia, Duke, Northwestern and Georgetown universities visit 4:30-6:30pm in College hall

#### Wednesday 2 September

- AIC Talent Show

#### Monday 7 September

- University of Pennsylvania visit 4:30-6:30pm in College hall

### Dear Parents

*On the first morning of school AIC campus was clouded in mist. One by one, the new students emerged from the fog through the College gate, wearing their new school uniforms, full of anticipation at what lay ahead.*

*They quickly found the warmth of the College Hall where they chatted as they waited for their first AIC assembly for new students as part of their Orientation programme, run by our Deans whom they were keen to meet. They were not disappointed.*

*I asked them the meaning of our College credo:*

*"If I am not for myself who is for me*

*If I care only for myself then who am I?"*

*In the presence of over 100 students, Seohui Lee, from Korea, followed by Vu Minh Phuong from Vietnam explained in clear and perfect English the meaning of the AIC credo. I was impressed, not only with the quality of their answers, but also with their courage at being the first new students to stand up in the presence of more than 100 students to speak out. If you had been able to hear their answers, you, like me, would have felt that the future of our world is in good hands!*

*A warm welcome to our new parents, as well as to our existing parents. Whether you live in Auckland or another country we would like you to know that you are a valued member of our AIC family. It is important to us as a school that you are comfortable about contacting us. Therefore this newsletter introduces you to some of the staff, with their contact details, so that you can contact them if you have a concern or query about your child's academic programme, personal welfare, or for university advice. We welcome open communication between parents and the College.*

*On Tuesday 11 August new parents are invited to our new parents information evening in the College Hall, where our Deans and Director of Studies will explain AIC's academic programmes and expectations, student welfare and support, and our University Counsellors will provide university application information and answer general questions.*

*You will have further opportunities to meet these staff members and your child's teachers individually at parent student teacher interview meetings scheduled for all levels in October and November. In the absence of their parents, our boarding students are encouraged to attend these meetings.*

*In addition, if you would like to know more about what is happening at AIC please log on to our website under 'News' and then 'Events,' where you will see a calendar of events for the term ahead.*

*In the meantime we look forward to working with you as an AIC parent and encourage you to be confident about contacting us if there is something you would like to know.*

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Solomon".

Carolyn Solomon  
Principal

**AIC staff you may wish to contact:**



**Karen Lile—AIC Director of Studies.**

Ms Lile is responsible for academic matters, including the IB Diploma programme.  
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**Roma Kaur— Year 13 Dean.**

Ms Kaur is responsible for the welfare of Year 13 students.  
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**Sharon Van Wyk—Year 12 Dean**

Ms Van Wyk is responsible for the welfare of Year 12 students.  
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**Kitty Keeman— Year 11 Dean**

Ms Keeman is responsible for the welfare of Year 11 students.  
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**Gavin Jack—University Counsellor**

Mr Jack is responsible for counselling students applying to universities in the UK, Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Europe and New Zealand.  
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**Peter Thyberg—North American University Counsellor**

Mr Thyberg is responsible for counselling students applying to US and Canadian universities  
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**Stephen Kim—Korean University Counsellor**

Mr Kim is responsible for counselling students applying to Korean universities.  
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## Staff

Year 13 Dean, Ms Kaur, will be on maternity leave shortly. Mrs Dutton will return to AIC as Year 13 Dean until Ms Kaur returns in December

## Day Parents Transporting Students in Cars

For the safety of all students please avoid the front of the College when dropping off and picking up your child. The buses are allocated this area and it is dangerous for students to cross the road between them. Please park further down Heaphy Street about 200 metres away. Thank you for putting safety first.

## International Mathematics Olympiad Bronze Medal



Congratulations to Miles Lee who represented New Zealand at the 2015 International Mathematical Olympiad in Thailand in July. Miles won a bronze medal. Well done Miles!

## New Zealand Linguistics Olympiad



Helena Zhang

Congratulations to Helena Zhang and Amber Xu, members of the team that won the inaugural New Zealand Linguistics Olympiad Competition held at Victoria University during July.

Competitors use lateral thinking and logical analysis to solve language puzzles. Well done Helena and Amber!



Amber Xu

## Year 11 Orientation: Rock-Climbing Activity



“On our third day of orientation, we had the chance to experience rock climbing. Upon arriving at school, we split up into mentor groups and went to the buses for the forty minute journey to the rock climbing facility. Once we arrived we were equipped with harnesses and trained to use them safely. We had the chance to go on many different courses ranging from easy to hard. On the hardest course you could only use ropes to help yourself reach to the top. This was by far the most challenging of them all, as you couldn't grip on to anything with your hands. Once the instructors thought we had learned to use the ‘automatic’ harness, we could opt to be trained to belaye and work with a partner. This technique was hard to learn at first, but it was very simple once you got the hang of it. I really enjoyed the rock climbing experience, I found it to be the epitome of the orientation program as I could challenge myself and at the same time make new friends. “

**Nikita Prikhodko Year 11**

### Have You Changed Your Home Address? Email Address? Phone Number?

Please inform Li Chen, Admissions Administrator, when there is any change in home or email address or contact phone numbers. International students must also let Li know if there is any change to their visa type or immigration status.

Li can be contacted on 09 921 4518 or [lchen@aic.ac.nz](mailto:lchen@aic.ac.nz)

### Term Dates 2015—2016

Term 1	Thursday 23 July 2015	Friday 25 September 2015
Term 2	Monday 12 October 2015	Friday 18 December 2015
Term 3	Thursday 28 January 2016	Friday 8 April 2016
Term 4	Tuesday 26 April 2016	Tuesday 28 June 2016