

ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXCHANGE TO NEW ZEALAND

This exchange is for Japanese speakers of English who would like to learn more about New Zealand's culture and lifestyle while at the same time extending their English vocabulary on a wide range of themes.

The ambassadors will be hosted by three Friendship Force Clubs – Kapiti Coast, Manawatu and Wellington – for five nights each, and each club will present four theme days. These will be:

Kapiti Coast Club

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| Theme 1 | 'Getting to know you' day (activities around getting to know each other and practising English; learn to play board games and other activities; perhaps ambassadors teach hosts a Japanese game or demonstrate origami etc.) |
| Theme 2 | Craft – needle felting (visit an alpaca farm to feed the alpacas, learn about spinning and carding fibre, needle-felt a teddy bear or small animal using alpaca fibre) |
| Theme 3 | Maori culture (visit a Marae, learn to make pois, learn a poi dance, make flax flowers) |
| Theme 4 | Food & cooking (learn about NZ food, visit a farmer's market to buy produce, cook a NZ dinner in small groups, with each host and ambassador(s) responsible for one course each which will be shared in groups of 6 or 8. Perhaps ambassadors can also teach hosts how to make sushi.) |

Manawatu Club

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| Theme 1 | Farming (watch cows being milked in a rotary shed, see a sheep being shorn, participate in group activities around farming and animals, perhaps learn to sing 'Old Macdonald Had a Farm'). |
| Theme 2 | Education (visit a preschool, primary school, secondary school and/or University to learn about the NZ schooling system; interview children about themselves; interact with students of Japanese language; explain the Japanese education system to students and/or hosts) |
| Theme 3 | Craft – card making (focus on English language greetings and sayings; make greeting cards with English messages to take back to Japan) |
| Theme 4 | Shopping/relaxation day with club pot-luck dinner in the evening; (ambassadors might like to entertain hosts with singing a Japanese song and perhaps the poi dance they learned in Kapiti and/or sing Old Macdonald Had a Farm). |

Wellington Club

- Theme 1 Discover Wellington – take a walking tour around Wellington’s waterfront and central business district and learn about the history of Wellington; visit the Maritime Museum; take a ride on the cable car to the Botanical Gardens.
- Theme 2 Parliament & Government – tour Parliament Buildings (the seat of Government in New Zealand) and learn about politics in New Zealand.
- Theme 3 New Zealand History and Culture – visit Te Papa, our National Museum, and spend the day learning about the history and culture of New Zealand.
- Theme 4 Wildlife & Conservation – visit a wildlife sanctuary and learn about native birds of New Zealand and conservation of our endangered species.

Each day will start with a vocabulary sheet listing the key words the ambassadors will learn that day and explaining what they mean.

There will be an emphasis each day on having conversations with hosts and guests around each theme, and other activities and games will reinforce the learning.

We intend this to be a relaxed, fun exchange, with no formal lessons but with lots of opportunities to interact and converse with hosts and guests or members of the public.