

# Ogum High School Visit to Middleton Grange School

16-20 August 2006

The Ogum High School visitors consisted of 14 students, the Principal, Mr Soon-Marn PARK, and two teachers, Mr Jong-Hoon KIM and Mrs Eun-Young YOON.

The visitors were welcomed at the international terminal by the Assistant Director of the International College at MGS, international Korean students from the school and some members of the Songpa-gu Sister City Committee.

## Day 1

The visitors were welcomed at a special assembly by the Principal of Middleton Grange, Mr Mark Larson, where representatives of all form classes, the school prefects, the school kapahaka group were present. Mrs Mary Yoon was invited as a special guest representing the Sister City Committee.

The Sister School Agreements were signed and gifts were exchanged.

Ogum students were then taken on a tour of the school and to classes with MGS 'buddies'.

The Ogum group were then taken to the city where they walked in the Botanical Gardens, toured the Arts Centre and met the Town Cryer.

This was followed by a welcome by Deputy Mayor, Mrs Carol Evans, at the Christchurch City Council where the English Essay competition certificates were awarded.

## Day 2

Students attended a class with their buddies and participated in a Maori cultural activity, where they were taught some traditional games and weaving.

Mr Park met with David Gillon to discuss the sister school agreement and future visits. Another visit by Ogum High School is planned for July 2007 where a group of 15 to 18 students will visit for a period of 4 weeks. One week for a 'Sister School exchange programme' followed by a three week study trip.

Students and teachers were then taken on a sight-seeing tour of Christchurch attractions.

## Day 3

Students were entertained by their host families while the teachers travelled to Akaroa for the day.

The Ogum High School students were a fine group of young men and women who were capable in spoken English and presented themselves and their school well. Middleton Grange School welcomed this exchange and looks forward to further exchanges in the near future.

