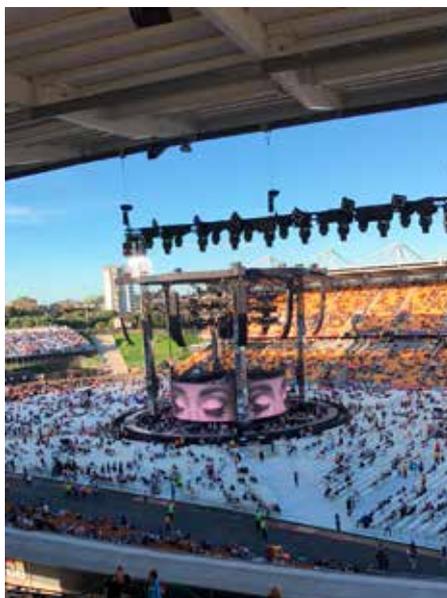


## Hello

'Hello' everyone – the sound of Adele's big hit coming through loud and clear in the early Autumn Auckland air last night making me wonder whether I should have 'bit the bullet' faced the traffic and crowds and gone to what was by all accounts a marvellous concert. But in the words of the great Robbie Williams – "no regrets" she will come again better than ever. Makes you think though doesn't it, a world away horrible events are happening daily while here in Aotearoa, we live safe, stimulating and healthy lives where our greatest concerns - and this is not meant to trivialise them - are how to accommodate ourselves in a city of empty houses and what to do about un-swimmable rivers when simply comprehensively fencing them off from cattle seems a 'no brainer'. As a friend said to me recently "first world problems" we live in a paradise compared with most other people but let's not take it for granted.

Regarding things more directly related to the Oasis community, despite it still only being term one, the teacher shortage (which according to some commentators does not exist), is already palpably making its presence felt in the form of high demand from our client schools. Oasis has recently been in discussion with the recruitment arm of the Ministry on how we can best assist in a number of areas and as this progresses we will keep you our stakeholders, updated. In the meantime, if any of you know



of teachers who are contemplating a return to the classroom and who might be looking for advice on registration and a path back to teaching please don't hesitate to take up our introductory bonus offer whereby you can be rewarded for a successful introduction. Of course, T&Cs apply (as they do to everything) so for further details please email the relief team at [relief@oasis-edu.co.nz](mailto:relief@oasis-edu.co.nz).

Within the very near future we will launch a

new streamlined website. We are very excited about this and if you do get a chance to look at it once it is live, please feel free to give us feedback; both positive and 'constructive' critique will be gladly received.

We are delighted to again be able to confirm our continuing sponsorship of the APPA. It is a privilege to be associated with this fine organisation which coordinates and facilitates the activities of all primary sector schools in the Auckland region (make the lack of a similarly region-wide comprehensive secondary schools organisation even more conspicuous) and allows us to give back a little to primary education in Auckland.

Finally, a big Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Namaste welcome from the Oasis crew to our existing and all our new teachers as well as a big nga mihi nui to the new school leaders that we are working with this year. We have loved working with your predecessors and know that the strong and trusted relationships between us will continue.

*Martin Strang - Manager*



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## TEACHER REGISTRATION

If your registration is due to expire, Oasis recommends that you apply for renewal well ahead of time. In our experience, it can take some time to be processed and we don't want any of you to lose the opportunity of working simply because the documentation hasn't been signed off in time!

If you're one of the 38,000 teachers who need an interim practising certificate to continue teaching, you should have received an email from the Teacher's Council. The email contains a link to a personalised page, where you can confirm your interim practising certificate with one click. If you received the email and clicked through to confirm, then great! You can continue using your current practising certificate and no further action is required. You will need to renew again when your original certificate was due to expire.

If you haven't clicked the link to confirm your interim practising certificate, you should absolutely do so as soon as possible. And, if you haven't received the email and you believe you need an interim practising certificate, please contact the Teacher's Council at [enquiries@educationcouncil.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@educationcouncil.org.nz)

You can check if you need one by visiting the Teacher's Council online register at <https://educationcouncil.org.nz/search-the-register> (look for an annotation on the register regarding Schedule 20(6)(b) of the Education Act).

Interim practising certificates were established after changes to the Education Act created a transition process for registration and practising certificates. For more information on interim practising certificates, visit the Teacher's Council website at <https://educationcouncil.org.nz/frequently-asked-questions> (scroll down to Interim Practising Certificates).



# Immigration Show UK, to NZ!



By Naomi Lenz

My ambition to go over to New Zealand started a couple of years ago and started to become a reality in July 2016 when I booked my tickets to fly into Auckland. I had been a teacher in the UK for 6 years working in Bristol, London and Leeds and was looking for a change of scenery, a place to continue my professional development and a good base to support my desire to travel.

I applied for my work visa at the beginning of October and received an email from Immigration New Zealand recommending a show called Down Under live job expo in London. It was here that I first met Sheryll from Oasis Education. I made sure I had a copy of my CV with me which she kept on file ready for my arrival. We talked about when I planned to arrive in Auckland and what type of work I was looking for, along with the similarities and differences between teaching in the UK compared to NZ. She followed up the initial meet/intro at Down under live, with an email detailing the next steps I should take regarding paperwork and eligibility to be able to work as a teacher in NZ.

I kept Sheryll up to date with my arrival plans



and informed her that I would begin the process to have my qualifications assessed with NZQA and apply for my teacher registration. I decided to do this once I got to NZ, which has delayed my teaching start date, so I would definitely recommend to anyone that they apply for the police checks and NZQA as soon as possible, even before arriving in NZ. Once everything was sent off and I had all the emails confirming all paperwork had arrived to their destinations safely, I got back in touch with Sheryll. We arranged a meet up so I could visit her in the Oasis office in Auckland. We had a chat and caught up about a couple of vacancies then the following week I was emailed asking if I wanted to visit one of the

schools we discussed.

I read a lot around the school from their website before visiting, and I felt that it was a good match with my teaching ethos. Soon enough, I was contacted with positive news of a fixed term job offer.

The process has been positive and hopefully the icing on the cake will be that all my official documents arrive in the next couple of weeks ready for me to get some days relief teaching in term two, leading up to starting the full time job role in June.

Fantastic result!

**Wanting to Work Overseas?**

Oasis will be hosting a wine and cheese evening for those interested in pursuing an outbound teaching opportunity overseas. We will have a guest Principal available to talk about teaching opportunities in Thailand, and Martin Strang from Oasis will facilitate a presentation on teaching abroad and the potential opportunities available.

**Where: Oasis Education**  
**When: 27th April 2017,**  
**Where: 599 New North Rd, Kingsland**  
**Time: 6pm – 8pm**

Please RSVP to: [info@oasis-edu.co.nz](mailto:info@oasis-edu.co.nz)  
Please include your name and contact phone number.

## Professional Development Day



It is that time of year again when we need to start thinking about the type of professional development day we hold this year. Last year we had a successful day with 3 presenters talking about

- Child Abuse
- Classroom/behaviour Management
- e-learning & resources

Rather than have us pick and choose content and dates, we would very much like to hear from you about what you might want to have included in this next one, and when you think it would be best to hold it.

Have a think about it, and if you would like to submit any ideas or suggestions then please send an email to [Sheryll@oasis-edu.co.nz](mailto:Sheryll@oasis-edu.co.nz)



# The Journey Thus Far

By Francis McCormick – Consultant.  
Oasis Education.

Back in May 2016, I walked into Anytime Fitness, weighing in at a staggering 141kgs (first time I have admitted to weighing this in public) knowing I had to do something. I wasn't sleeping well, mowing the lawns used to wipe me out for a day or two and would take hours as I would have to keep taking breaks to recover. In the past and even earlier in 2016, I had tried and failed with the gym journey at another gym, my exercise was walking to the car to go and get something else to eat. Upon arrival I felt welcomed and invited by Prene and the team at Anytime Fitness and I have never looked back.

At this time, I also made changes to my diet, I thought more about what I was eating and how it was prepared, cooked more, ate more fresh vegetables, stopped having pies every day for lunch (although I still do enjoy the odd pie). I went from having takeaways a few nights a week, or eating a whole packet of pasta with meat for dinner (one of those 2-4 person serve packs), to lean meats and vegetables, this was the hardest in the first few weeks, as my body got use to the change. Hardest of all with the change in eating was giving up Coke, I drank 1.5 litres a day, and this was pretty much all I drank, and those first few weeks I am sure that those around me took the brunt of my frustrations and withdrawals from this.

Prene set me up to see Kayne, and started off with one of the starter programs, which was lots of cardio, stretching and some light weights, which at the time I thought I would never be able to keep up with, but this was sink or swim time. I started to notice a difference and for the first few weeks, it was the same routine every day, but I stuck with it, and slowly



progressed until it was time to meet with Kayne again. I was ecstatic with the results to this point, as even just getting myself moving had made a difference and in that first 6 weeks, I lost 10kgs. Kayne made me a new program in only the way Kayne can (it involved him dancing.... Need I say more). This time it was more tailored to what I wanted to achieve, now the body was use to movement again.

Some days were harder than others, some days just getting the motivation just to go to the gym seemed like more energy than I had, but pushing myself to do more and be better, meant that I dragged my spavined self through the doors. Once I was there I remembered why I was there and the daily struggle it had been. The other members of Anytime Fitness certainly made it easier, but not judging or making fun of this overweight guy, trying his hardest to make a change (in the past the sniggers at other gyms are what turned me off going) some days I am sure I looked like I was about to pass out on the floor.

Time flew by, I found myself at the gym 6 days

a week (and I am still there 6 days a week) and loving every minute of it, I could see and feel the progress, and each time I walked through the door there was members of the Anytime Team, there to greet me with a smile, a hello and encouragement.

Currently I weigh in at 84.5kg as at 30th of March 2017 (so just over 56kgs of weight loss), all I can say is I wish I had walked into Anytime Takanini far sooner than I did, my wardrobe has had to be replaced (a number of times now), My original gym gear was 3XL Shorts and a 5XL TShirt, now they are a Medium Shorts and a Medium TShirt.

I recently went for a check up at the doctors, my blood pressure is well within the normal healthy range and all my blood tests came back clear. The doctor had all the other doctors and nurses at the clinic come in and check out the change in me he was so impressed with the work so far.

If anyone thinks that they cannot do this, or fears walking into a gym, I say, If I can do it so can you! The right gym, the right motivation, the results are life changing; I feel the absolute best I have in as long as I can remember. I look back at old photos (the few that I have that I did not delete in horror moments after they were taken) and think "I am never going back to that".

## Housekeeping

It is probably one of the most common 'gripes' we get from schools, so can we please remind everyone that you should not be answering your phone in class. Your phone should either be switched off, or in 'silent' mode so as not to disrupt the classroom.

Given the volume of work here at Oasis, we do have to start calling teachers throughout the day so we can get everything organised for the upcoming few days. It is our expectation that we will be able to leave a message on

your answer phone/voicemail, or that you are in a position outside of the classroom, which allows you to answer the call.



## GPS or a Map Book!

We live in Auckland. . . the ever changing, hard to negotiate around, Auckland. Oasis seem to be getting an increased number of calls from teachers getting lost, not knowing how to get to where they are going, or from those that try and just 'wing it' and hope for the best but end up three suburbs away from where they are meant to be!

Please please please, can everyone ensure they either have an 'old school' map book, or a smartphone with access to a GPS navigation app like TomTom / Garmin or Google maps for example.

We would love to be able to try and direct you to where you need to be and for those that ring us, we certainly always try. Unfortunately, all we can do is plug in to Google maps ourselves and try and ascertain where you are, which direction you are heading, and somewhat clumsily try and navigate you through the side streets to get you there!



# TEACH IN THAILAND

Enrich your understanding of Asian culture! We are looking for Teachers for an international school in Thailand! This international school is new but well established with a NZ flavour and is led by a dynamic Kiwi Principal. A great opportunity for someone wanting to use their qualifications, as well as experience an Asian culture. Experience in this area of the world will set you up as a global teacher.

## Year 7-8 Primary / PE Teacher

Starts August 2017 or by negotiation

Primary, Contract

### Minimum Requirements:

- Must have at least a Bachelors (or equivalent) preferably in Primary Education
- Senior primary syndicate experience
- Must be culturally sensitive and be able to meet the educational aspirations of the school's wider community
- Must have a positive personality with loads of the energy required for this exciting role
- Must have a proven and successful work history, with the ability to work cooperatively in a developing team
- Reggio understanding would be fantastic.

## Year 1 Primary Teacher

Starts August 2017 or by negotiation

Primary, Contract

### Minimum Requirements:

- Must have at least a Bachelors (or equivalent) in Primary Education
- Junior primary syndicate experience
- Must be culturally sensitive and be able to meet the educational aspirations of the school's wider community
- Must have a positive personality with loads of the energy required for this exciting role
- Must have a proven and successful work history, with the ability to work cooperatively in a developing team
- Reggio understanding would be fantastic.

## Y3/4 Primary Teacher

Starts August 2017 or by negotiation

Primary, Contract

### Minimum Requirements:

- Must have at least a Bachelors (or equivalent) in Primary Education
- Must have middle primary syndicate experience
- Must be culturally sensitive and be able to meet the educational aspirations of the school's wider community
- Must have a positive personality with loads of the energy required for this exciting role
- Must have a proven and successful work history, with the ability to work cooperatively in a developing team
- Reggio understanding would be fantastic.

### The following package is offered:

- Good Competitive salary comparable to NZ (and Tax rates in Thailand are very low)
- Annual return flight allowance
- Contracts are for two years
- Work visa
- Furnished accommodation
- Settling allowance
- Medical cover

**To make application and receive an application pack please forward your CV and Cover letter in confidence to:  
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