

St Margaret's College, Christchurch

Our International Club held their International week earlier in the year when they held a concert with singing, dancing and costumes. They held a mufti day and a staff/student costume parade, so our ILW, run by the Languages Department was to focus on the languages we teach in our school, and needed different ideas. We also promoted it in the Primary and Intermediate School also as a promotion of language learning.

EVENTS

During the week one day was devoted to each of the following languages: Japanese, French, Chinese, Spanish and German.

- Students were greeted at the gate in the morning in the target languages
- Stickers in the language were handed out round the school
- Assemblies/chapel services included readings in other languages, exchange students describing their experiences, study opportunities, speakers from university (the 2 young women did a roleplay in Japanese which was fabulous)
- Tutor group competition matching teachers to the foreign languages they can speak
- Quiz for whole Year 9 and Year 10 in chapel during a class period, relating to questions from different cultures
- All language students made badges in different languages and wore them for week
- All language students made a banner with a proverb in a foreign language (and English equivalent) to enter the NZALT competition, and we displayed them on boards around the school

On 'Japanese Day' our classroom was open for students to come in anytime they were free, to listen to Japanese music, watch anime, dress up in yukata, have a go at origami, calligraphy and traditional games. We encouraged the students to try eating some Japanese food, use chopsticks, and use some basic expressions around eating. Our Japanese language students came and assisted us when they had free periods.