

Hi guys!

New Zealand is great. I really like it here. Playing with the kids and doing the housework is easy and after two weeks it's like ordinary life for me. School is also okay. It's not too difficult and our teacher makes the lessons interesting too.

This week I was at the playground with the kids and made some biscuits with Keely. They tasted really delicious. I get to know the kids better and what they like and what not. My English is getting better too and so I can understand more things what they say.

My host parents are great too. They try to make everything as pleasant for me as possible. Mandy cooks different things so that we don't have meat every day and Andrew picked me up from skiing because I wanted to stay longer than they did.

This Saturday we went skiing to a famous ski resort but you can't compare it with the ski resorts at home. It's far smaller. I only saw 4 lifts. But the slopes here are more difficult and a lot steeper. So it was slightly challenging for me. The weather was a bit of a problem. It was very cloudy and windy so you couldn't see the bottom very well. That's why my host family left earlier. It was too cold for the kids. I really enjoyed skiing although I fell down on my nose and bled a lot.

On Friday evening I went out the first time here. But it's completely different than at home. The parties here start at 6 o'clock and only last till 12 o'clock. But it was fun. We went to a flat of some Asian girls because it was cheaper. I talked with some people from my school and tried popcorn, which was filled with caramel. They tasted really good although they were a bit too sweet for me.

On Sunday I was lazy all day. I just baked muffins with Keely and made a "Gulasch" for dinner. Although it didn't taste like a "Gulasch" it was okay and my host parents ate it.

I'm really happy that I don't have to wear my bandage any longer and can start making sports. On Monday I'll start with karate here and I'd also like to go running with Leroy. He must train for a cross-country competition.

I'm also glad that I've managed to get access to the internet with my laptop! So I just have to download the skype programme and then I can skype.

See you,

Maria