



## Student Profile: Antony & Jeanette Awak



*This month, we meet Antony and Jeanette, siblings from Venezuela.*

### Where are you from?

ANTONY: We're from Caracas, the capital city of Venezuela.

### What did you do in Caracas?

JEANETTE: I worked in marketing for a coffee company. My background is in tourism, and I'm interested in doing and learning about a range of different activities

ANTONY: I was a furniture salesman, and I have a degree in Business Administration.

### What do you like doing in your free time?

ANTONY: Eating out, doing exercise in a gym. I used to play tennis, but not so much anymore.

JEANETTE: I enjoy cycling around the city. It's a great way to see the place, and in Cairns there's a really positive vibe.

### What do you like about Cairns?

JEANETTE: It's easier to meet new people and talk to them here. Also, I enjoy outdoor activities (such as visiting the botanic gardens), which is another great way to meet new people.

ANTONY: I like the attitude of people. They're happy, and they want to talk to you. We don't have to worry about

anything here.

### Why did you choose to come to here?

JEANETTE: The weather is great, and people make you feel welcome. It's a small town, and has a really positive feeling.

ANTONY: Australia is one of the best countries to live in. Salaries are higher, and for us, immigration is easier.

### What are your plans for the future?

JEANETTE: I'd like to have my own coffee business one day. From there, we'll see where it goes.

ANTONY: I'm very open-minded at the moment. I'd like to run a small business with Jeanette. I want to work, and am keen to find a job. In the end we want to become Australian citizens.



\*Portrait of Tim by former CCEB student Gil Jun Kim\*

## Teacher Profile: Tim Keneally

I grew up in Sydney with two brothers and two sisters, and we used to spend almost every weekend at the beach where our grandparents lived. After I finished a science degree, I went travelling and one day I met a teacher who was taking his class on an excursion to a beautiful waterfall on the island of Upolu in Samoa. That was when I decided I wanted to become a teacher, too. Since then I have worked in education in many different countries, especially Australia, Papua New Guinea, The Fiji Islands and Brunei Darussalam, but now I plan to stay in Australia while my daughter attends primary school and junior high, and Cairns is the best place to live in the whole country, even if the beaches are not as good as in Sydney. One of the best things about living in Cairns is my awesome job: I get to work with fascinating and friendly people from all over the world! How great is that?



## Festivals Around the World

### SONGKRAN

By Nuchzy Thongliang, Thailand



Songkran festival is celebrated in Thailand as the traditional New Year's day from the 13th to 15th of April every year. Most Thai people go back to their hometowns to meet their family and splash water on each other because it is a public holiday and everyone is celebrating the Thai New Year.

In the morning we used to visit the temple and offer food to the Buddhist monks. After that, we splash water on each other. The major streets are closed and are used as areas for water fights. In Bangkok, a lot of people celebrate around the Kho San Road, which is one of the most popular areas in Bangkok. Songkran is Thailand's most famous festival. An important event on the Buddhist calendar, this water festival marks the beginning of the traditional Thai New Year.



### STEREO PICNIC

By Alejandra Bolero, Colombia



Stereo Picnic is a festival in Bogota City. It was created six years ago and is an event that offers three days of partying. During these three days people can enjoy electronic music, rock, pop and new folk live.

National and international artists are invited to perform. It is a place where young people have the opportunity to enjoy their favourite artists and experience different activities with friends. You can find a space to have a picnic or buy food at restaurants. You can also buy objects from independent artists from the hippie market and play games.



The festival starts in the morning and ends at night. This event became a musical and cultural tradition in Bogota and is held once a year. In conclusion, this festival is a space for *Bogotenos* to share with friends, enjoy favourite music or just experience a different day in the music scene.



## Tour of Port Douglas

By Aaron Fischer



Last weekend I went with four friends to Port Douglas with a tour group by bus. The tour guide showed us the town and the Sunday market. We visited the great market and saw many interesting things. After, we went to a restaurant to relax and decided to buy some beer.

Then we went swimming in the sea. It had wonderful warm waves. It was safe from dangerous jellyfish because we went swimming inside the net. We sunbathed and had a BBQ next to the beach. We ate *snags* (beef and kangaroo meat) with my tour group. Then it was time

to go home on the bus. We packed all our gear and drove home. On the bus I looked over my photos of the day on the camera. This was a fantastic day!

### BONUS QUESTION

“Snags” is Australian slang for...

(a) burgers

(b) steaks

(c) sausages

## Wonderful Life Everyday

By Yi Ping “Zora” Huang



On the weekend, we planned on going swimming at the Lagoon. It was a holiday for us! But in the morning, it was raining heavily so we cancelled our plan. In the afternoon, the weather became better so we decided to go out again. When we all got together, it was nearly 6:00pm so we decided to eat dinner first.



Because I wanted to eat Japanese food, our friend recommended the best Japanese restaurant so we went there. We ate a lot of yummy food such as sashimi, sake and so on. When we finished our dinner, it was too early to go home. So we went to a pool bar and played a game of pool. It was my first time to play this game. I find it very interesting.



## THE BEST YEAR YET



Edilson

2004: I met Fernanda in March.

2003: I travelled to another country for the first time because my sister got married in Hawaii.



Mariko



Emi

2006: My nephew was born, in April, and I got my motorbike license.

2009: I got divorced and moved to a new house in Pucon in the South of Chile.



Sheila

2010: I began working as an assistant at a dental clinic, in April.

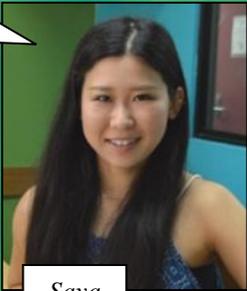


Tatsuki

2014: I lived in Amami alone, only for a month, so I could dive in September.



Kasumi



Saya

2014: I started my first job, in April. I worked at a Japanese-style hotel.

2015: I started keeping an alligator in Tokyo.



Natsumi



Cheng

2015: I travelled from Taiwan to Brisbane. I waited 2 months then I came to Cairns and started working and studying English.



Kazuya

2011: I got married to Emi in July.

2011: We got a new family member and I started taking care of our cat.



Junga

2016: I started studying English at CCE in February.



Saki