

Greetings From New Zealand ---December 2004

Roses from the Garden



Tequila Sunrise



Swan Lake



Eldorado



Double Delight

BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

To overseas friends we hope you have a pleasant Winter season as we move into our warm Summer days. And to everyone Goodwill and Happiness over this Christmas time.

This year all the family are heading to Hawkes Bay. Diane, Andrew, Kate, Adam and Ella are heading up from Wellington and David, Karen, Andrea, Logan and Liam are driving down from Auckland.

Diane returned to Pathology when Ella was five months old and now has a nanny to help out. Kate is 9 in January and Adam is 7 in April. They both love horse riding and Kate likes swimming and Music. Adam did well at soccer over Winter and likes his Hot Wheels cars. Ella who took her first steps at 10 months now runs around everywhere and was One on November 12th. She is a most happy little girl, always smiling and can say a few words now.



Kate dressing up



Adam on his scooter



Ella on her Unicorn



Andrew and Ella



Diane and Ella



Kate, Adam & Ella



Rita, Diane & Ella

Lots of Ella Photos this year, with red hair and blue eyes she is very photogenic.

David and Karen have undertaken a large renovation project in their Villa and the outside

and roof have been repainted. They have started repapering and painting inside and have installed a lovely old Kauri fireplace. The house has many rooms, including a separate unit at the back where we stay. David has done further travel overseas this year including China and Karen has been working hard for Liam's Kindergarten and Andrea and Logan's school. Andrea who is 9 is a great gymnast and does Maypole dancing. Logan, 6, has played soccer and likes flying planes like his father. David still builds and flies radio control planes with great skill and has won prizes for his expertise. Norris has built a new electric R.C. plane and he and David christened it on our recent visit to Auckland.



Liam, Karen & David



Andrea, Liam & Logan



Andrea



Logan



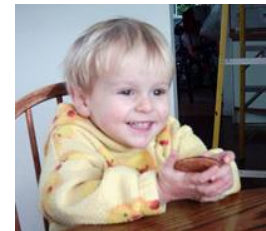
Norris & his Plane



First Flight



Logan, David and Glider



Liam

Rita and I still enjoy our daily walks and are regular visitors to the cinemas for main stream and also the film festival films that don't make the regular circuit. There have been some excellent French, Canadian and British films. The garden is now more easily managed and the neighbours are very kind keeping our pots watered on our frequent trips away. Here are a few images taken over the last few weeks.



Aquilegia



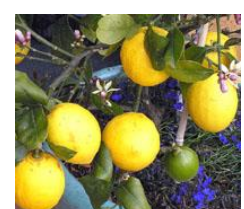
Honeysuckle



Geranium



Gift Basket Rose



Lemons

In March Diane had a Pathology conference in Sydney and Andrew had one on Optometry in the following week in the Hunter Valley which is 200km North of Sydney and one of the major wine growing regions of Australia. So we went along to help look after the children and we had an excellent time in Warm late Summer weather. In mid November we went on our own to the Gold Coast in Australia which is about 80km South of Brisbane. There we were able to walk on the beaches, took cruises on the extensive waterway systems and visit the wildlife Sanctuary. We also were able to catch up with friends who came to live here from

New Zealand several years ago.



Here is Rita in the Park outside our apartment, Norris tickling a sleepy Kangaroo, Rita on a Gold Coast beach and Norris feeding the Lorikeets at the Bird Sanctuary. It was a pleasant 30°C during the stay.



Our apartment block on the Broadwater, Gold Coast.

Back at home Rita happily continues her community work and Norris has developed his computer graphics and now has a new digital camera with a 40x optical and digital capability. This has been put to good use with lots of scanning of old and new images and we now have a web page of hundreds of photos of early days in England and in New Zealand. You are welcome to access them by just emailing us at rita-norris@xtra.co.nz and we will direct you to them.

Norris's sister, Iris, and husband Bob are heading to NZ in January and we will be pleased to catch up with them again. We are still trying to plan a trip back to the UK but a hectic retirement (but extremely enjoyable) sometimes delays this.

However have a really good Christmas and New Year and we hope to hear from you. All our best Wishes

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A Happy Christmas

