

## May Report

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### Activities:

15<sup>th</sup> April: After school I went to the park with some of the people from my class and just hung around kicking soccer balls. It was a good relaxing afternoon and a good way for me to get to know them a little better.

16<sup>th</sup> April: Headed off to Sweden again with my host family. We went for a walk around Maglehem, which was the little town we were in. I took photos while we were out.



17<sup>th</sup> April: After dinner, my host family and I went for a walk through a farm and some bush land at sunset and there were some wonderful views as the sun came down through the trees.



18<sup>th</sup> April: Went to a waterfall called Forsakarsgården. It was an absolutely gorgeous place. The place was quiet and if you sat still and just listened all you could hear was the rush of the water and the birds and the wind through the trees. On the way back to the car I saw two emu's in someone's little farm area, it was rather unexpected.



20<sup>th</sup> April: Made dinner for my host family tonight, while in Sweden. I made a tuna casserole.

22<sup>nd</sup> April: 3 months! Where was I for my 3 month mark in Denmark? In Sweden. I went to the beach today that was near the house in which we are staying. It was rather nice at the beach, sunny and not very windy. There are no

waves in either Sweden or Denmark so there isn't so much wind at the beach which is nice.

23<sup>rd</sup> April: Went for a walk today with my host family and my host dad's son's and their families. It was a nice walk with very open fields. It was a really nice walk.

24<sup>th</sup> April: Went and saw some of the art exhibitions that were showing in town today and during the Easter break in Maglehem there is always art exhibited by the people living in the town. There was a lot of walking involved but it was a nice warm day so it was nice, and the artworks were very good as well. After we saw the artworks, we went to a family friend's place for dinner and the food was wonderful.

25<sup>th</sup> April: Headed back home today for my sister's wedding. I had a two hour flight to Heathrow airport and then an 11 hour one to Bangkok.

26<sup>th</sup> April: Still on the plane. Once I arrived in Bangkok, I had about an hour wait for the plane as it was only a short stop to refuel, and then we got back on the plane and continued on to Sydney, for an 8 hour flight.



27<sup>th</sup> April: Arrived in Sydney and was greeted at the airport by Dad. Mum was at home when we arrived home. It was good to be home and see people but I felt rather lost and confused as I knew I wasn't supposed to be back yet and I had no idea what to do. Most of the time I stayed at home or helped with wedding organisation.

30<sup>th</sup> April: The wedding! It was a wonderful day. Rained a bit in the morning but during the wedding it stopped so afterwards there were clear skies. The wedding was wonderful and the reception was too.

2<sup>nd</sup> May: I got my hair cut in the morning and then in the afternoon, I headed back to Denmark. Another long flight to come back

3<sup>rd</sup> May: Arrived back in Denmark at 1pm and caught the metro, train and bus home.



4<sup>th</sup> May: Star wars day today, nothing much happened though. I was back at school and it was good to see everyone again after the Easter break and my week back in Australia

6<sup>th</sup> May: A rotary friend came down to visit for the weekend. In the afternoon, we went for a walk around the lake in Bagsværd.

7<sup>th</sup> May: This morning we went for a walk around the lake again and took many photos on the way. At midday, my host brother Søren took us to Bakken, the oldest amusement park in Denmark. It was a good afternoon and LOTS of fun, except for the way my stomach felt after so many spinning rides.



8<sup>th</sup> May: Went for a bike ride this afternoon with my host parents around the lake. It was a good ride and I discovered what I had been missing by not going for a ride around the lake.

10<sup>th</sup> May: Made dinner for my host family today. Well part of the dinner anyway. I made a brussel sprouts dish which went rather well for my first time making it.

11<sup>th</sup> May: Met with some of the Aussie exchange students in town after school and gave them the tim tams, milo and vegemite they had asked me to bring back for them. In the evening I had Rotary where I made my presentation on myself, Australia and my year on exchange. It went rather well. I didn't get nervous at all which was good.



12<sup>th</sup> May: The last day with my first host family. I had school during the day and went to the gym with my friend from school afterwards. In the evening we had Mexican food for dinner and just talked about my first 4 months in their house. After dinner, my host brother and I watched a movie together as I wouldn't be seeing him the next day before I moved to my new house.

13<sup>th</sup> May: Moved to my new house in Dragør today. I didn't have school today as my classes had been cancelled so I spent the day packing everything. In the afternoon after my host mum arrived home, we drove down to Dragør to my new house. It's very nice here and I have my own room and bathroom. In the evening, my new host mum Regitze and I went and saw the Ballet at the Royal Theatre. It was a wonderful evening and I was envious on the dancers on stage as I have wanted to be able to do ballet for a while now. They had on sale some signed pairs of ballet point shoes for 100kr. which is only \$20 Australian, so I bought a pair. I tried them on when I got home but they don't quite fit my feet.

14<sup>th</sup> May: Unpacked all my bags today. I have too many things already and I haven't even been here for half of my exchange, so there will be a lot of things being sent home, or staying here.

#### Rotary Meetings Attended:

Didn't go on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May as I wasn't feeling well

11<sup>th</sup> of May: went and made my presentation

#### Public speaking:

Spoke at the wedding

Spoke at my club for my presentation

#### Language Proficiency:

Has improved a little but not much as my language classes have now finished but I will be getting a lot better soon, I hope.

#### Social and Sporting activities:

Hung out at the park with my friends from school.

Gym three times a week