

When Oliver was Seven



A Year to Remember

To

Oliver Russell Marks Hunt
for his eighth birthday
7 September 2004

with love

from Pop and Nana 'O'

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First Oliver had a party to celebrate being seven, and then it was the beginning of a very interesting year

Oliver's Dad organised a holiday in Samoa. As well as Mum, Oliver and Jeremy, he took Auntie Gillian, Nana and Pop.

Seven People.

They had an exciting time finding the places where their ancestors had lived.

When Oliver returned to school he wrote this story:

Samoa 2003

by Oliver

In the holidays we went to Samoa and we went on Tuesday. We went to Palmerston Airport. We got on the plane and flew to Auckland. We waited there for three



hours. Then we went and hopped on the 767 300 and flew to Tonga. Then they jammed a whole 767 300 load into a small building and it was hot and the air

smelled like sweat! Then we got on this enormous plane and flew to Samoa. When we got to Samoa we got a taxi to our hotel and we hopped into bed because it was midnight. Even though we left on Tuesday, we went through the dateline so the next day was Tuesday again.

On Tuesday afternoon we went to the pool and swam for six hours. We took some toys and me and Jeremy had a great time playing with the toys. Then we went back to our room.



The next morning Dad had 3 minutes to get dressed and get down stairs to the front of the hotel and meet Jacky. Then they went to get the rental and it was a 4-wheel drive and we went 4-wheel driving. Me and Jeremy and Mum hopped in and we went to collect another person and then my aunt had to come in the back. Then we drove to the ferry and we drove into it.

When we got to Savaii we got off the ferry and drove to



the fales and we got in our togs and swam for the rest of the afternoon!

The water was clear and it was pebbly. Deeper out it was blue and green.



At 7.00 we went down to the dinner place and had dinner and then went to bed in our fale.

In the morning we went to the lava remains and we saw a church and we saw a house that my great grandmother and my great, great grandmother lived in.



Then we went back to the fales and swam and had tea.

Then the fia fia started. There was lots of dancing and



there was some fire dancing. There were two men running around doing silly things. After that we went to bed.

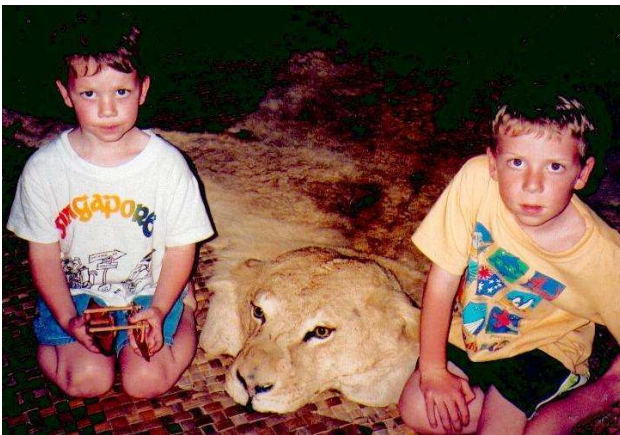
In the morning we went to see the blow holes and we saw



some coconuts fly out of them. Then we went and swam and then we went to bed. In the morning we hopped on the ferry and went back to Upolu and we had three more days

in Upolu. They were ordinary days.

Here is the family standing in front of the stone house at Saleaula in Savaii which was destroyed by lava in 1905



Oliver and Jeremy on the lion-skin rug in *Vailima House* In Apia,



Ready to ride in the back of the rental van

A Happy
Christmas

January
was
Holiday
Time



Running on the beach
at Waimarama



And biking, too



Fishing off The Port at Napier.

In February there was a Storm and a great Flood



After the storm everyone went to look at the damage



The Saddle Road Bridge was broken



Wash-out at Pohangina. The little stream had turned into a torrent

Awahou School visited Papauma Marae at Akitio in March



On the way to Akitio the children played
in the park at Weber



Walking
on to
the
Marae





The Kaumatua was the host who looked after the visitors



Learning a stick game



Bed-time



The School was taken to see a shearing shed - so many sheep!

And to the beach at Akitio where there were many strange sea creatures



The Awahou School Party

A Visit to Te Papa, Wellington to see the Dinosaur Exhibition



A day at the Ohakea Air Show



'Wacky Hair Day'



A Wedding in April



All the relations went to the wedding of Cecily and Mark.
Cousin Mariam was the ring-bearer



Jeremy.
Marian and
Oliver had
fun
blowing
bubbles



Nana asked all her grandchildren to line up in a row.

Cross-Country Race in June



Oliver's
race -
HE
WON!



School Friends

A New Puppy!



Monty with Father Dog,
'Bear'.



How he has grown!

Now he is in his
new home with
Oliver and
Jeremy

Something
unusual

A tricky
manoeuvre
on a
country
road



A Day at Mt Ruapehu



The ski lessons for beginners

Our Wind Turbines



A few of the turbines at the Te Apiti Windfarm
on the Saddle Road

Hockey Season Again



Oliver is a player in the *Awahou Jets* team

Kainui Konzert, in July

Eight country schools combined
for a concert at the Regent on
Broadway



Arriving at the Stage Door



Awahou School wore red shirts



Awahou School's item "Overdose of Rain"



The end of the item, "I can see Clearly Now"

August -
another
storm,
a flood,
and snow



At home



On the road



The Pohangina River breaks its banks

Surprise -----

Something went missing
when Oliver was nearly
eight !!

(A replacement
is on order)