



HAERE MAI: A group of students from Tatsuno, Japan spent a week in Waitomo recently. They were billeted with students from St Joseph's Catholic School in Te Kuiti. They are: Yasushi Morita (back left), Ryuichi Yonezawa, Lachlan Wylie, Ayana Uji, Narumi Shimoda, Khya Macrae, Tara Macrae, Karin Aruga, Bree Macrae, Mauru Ono, Tyler Mitchell, Hiroki Hiraizumi (front left), Anna Takazawa, Liam Knight, Carta Macrae, Yasmin Hitchen, Shyla Church and Aiko Itakura.

Japanese students visit Waitomo peers

NINE school age children from Tatsuno are being given the Kiwi culture experience – Waitomo-style.

Every four years as part of Waitomo's sister city relationship with the Japanese city, a group of youngsters are invited by the Waitomo District Council to spend a week at a school in Te Kuiti.

This time the students were billeted out with pupils from St Joseph's

Catholic School.

They arrived on March 22 and left on Saturday. During their stay they visited the Otorohanga Kiwi House, spent a day on a farm, took a tour of Te Kuiti and participated in everyday classroom activities.

They also visited the Waitomo Caves. School principal Suzanne Downey says the Japanese children thoroughly enjoyed their stay.

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BFF needed (Otorohanga)
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