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Holi Celebration

Hi all! Another wonderful week in the books! To kick off my week, I joined social soccer on Monday nights. This is like IM but a little more competition. Here there are groups A, B, and C based on skill level. My team is in group A and it is a coed sport. I was ecstatic to be able to continue playing soccer here in Australia. Our team name is Obi One Kanobi, after Star Wars. Most of my teammates are Australians and it is a nice way to meet more people from Australia.

This week was also my first assessment, which terrified me since I didn't really know how things are graded due to Australia using a different grading system! It was a picture for photography, which I know sounds easy but I have **never** used a camera before so I was nervous. During class, they teach you techniques to be successful so I took a lot of notes and used them in my project. It was to capture a mode of transportation! I ended up going to a grocery store and pushing a cart down an aisle and making the background very blurry but the cart in focus. Most of the points come from creativity so I knew I couldn't just use a car moving. I hope my marks end up being good! We will see!

This week was still great because we have spring break coming up and I booked my tickets to Sydney for a week! One of the girls I met here has family in Sydney so we're staying with them for free! I think it's so wonderful for them to offer their home to us.

Lastly JCU loves celebrating everyone's culture so they threw a HUGE Holi celebration. I have always wanted to go to India and celebrate Holi, and I was so happy to be able to do that here. We got lots of colorful powder and threw it up and played games with water with everyone. We also learned some basic Indian dance moves, which are extremely hard to do. They also supplied us with traditional Indian food. Overall, it was a wonderful time with friends on a Sunday before another busy week of school!

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