

DIARY: 1988

JANUARY

1 Friday

Holiday. Fine and warm. Didn't do much. Leonie, Gavin and Nadine visited Mrs Van Hasselt in the morning. The caretaker polished the car.

2 Saturday

Not a public holiday! YF to the dentist for a filling, then with Leonie to Shatin. I took Gavin and Nadine for a walk/bike to the station. Met YF and Leonie on the way back.

3 Sunday

Warm again. To church [Kowloon Baptist] (not Sunday School) in the morning. YF gives two massages (Bonds) in the afternoon.

4 Monday

Leonie and Gavin back to school and Nadine to nursery school. My goggles broke during a swim [at Fanling pool]. Walked home with Leonie after her music lesson (on Chung Chi campus).

5 Tuesday

Picked up Nadine after nursery school and had lunch with her at the (Chung Chi) pond. Stayed for two hours after work to help print the appendix [of my PhD dissertation].

6 Wednesday

Good swim today. Got Chapter 1 (final) printed in the evening.

7 Thursday

Nice day. Again met Nadine. Printed 70 pp.

8 Friday

Fine again. Swim not quite as good. Printed another 70 pp. An MA thesis seminar in the evening.

9 Saturday

Teaching Practice seminar in the morning. To Clearwater Bay beach in the afternoon.

10 Sunday

Fine. After returning from church, YF, Leonie and Nadine went to [Leo] Yam's for the end of Jessica's birthday party. Gavin miserable with another fever.

11 Monday

Got a 250 word abstract done. Completed the index to the [?HEB] Singapore Chemistry book. Good swim. Printing up to page 210.

12 Tuesday

YF, Leonie and Gavin to Kung Fu in the evening. On return, worked with Leonie's tape to Catherine.

13 Wednesday

Staff meeting. Swim later - not bad. About 60 pp printed.

15 Friday

Good swim. In the evening, YF and I went to Frankie's wedding reception.

16 Saturday

PTD class in the morning. Then to the clinic to get some [asthma] medicine. In the afternoon, I took Leonie, Gavin and Nadine for a bike ride. YF paid her tax.

17 Sunday

Fine day. In the afternoon, again took Leonie, Gavin and Nadine out with bikes. YF out in the evening.

18 Monday

Cooler. Got many of my presentation transparencies done; also (printed) 95 more pages.

19 Tuesday

In the afternoon, went to Beacon Hill school to meet Leonie's and Gavin's teachers. No thesis work in the evening.

20 Wednesday

Good swim.

21 Thursday

Frantic day but got the dissertation [printing] finished.

22 Friday

Everything more or less ready for the trip [to Stanford]. Picked up more medicine in the afternoon. Still no school for Leonie, a Gavin and Nadine.

23 Saturday

[Teaching of Chemistry] Class in the morning. Finished packing in the afternoon. All went to the airport in the evening for my departure to San Francisco.

24 Sunday

Rested all day at James' place. Went for a walk along the seaside cliffs.

25 Monday

Off to Stanford in one of James' cars. Met Bob [Calfee]. Went for a swim then spoke to Bob. I also visited Escondido Village.

26 Tuesday

Stayed 'home' all day checking over the dissertation and my oral presentation.

27 Wednesday

Again to Stanford. Had a swim. Called in on the Hinchcliffs. Gave Mike Bond's gifts to the psychology professors.

28 Thursday

Up early for the 8 am defence. Everything went OK. A small celebration afterwards. Had a swim. Took the manuscript to the copy shop. Pizza dinner at Calfee's place.

29 Friday

At Stanford, had a swim. Met Bert Auld [?I think he was a young physics professor who was one of my dissertation examiners] at lunchtime; had a long chat. Got the bank card OK'd. Had an evening dinner with Siegmunds at a Palo Alto restaurant.

30 Saturday

James arranges to get the address changed on my license. Then I went to Toys 'R Us to buy some presents. After lunch, went to Dianne Walker's place then a quick visit to Connie's.

31 Sunday

In the morning, I went to the Forest Hill Christian church. Then up to Twin Peaks. After lunch, went to the Golden Gate area then to the Exploratorium.

FEBRUARY

1 Monday

To Escondido Elementary School but it was closed. Then a swim. Collected the copied manuscripts and turned them in - one page missing! To Gislene's in the evening.

2 Tuesday

Visited Kate [Hoover Calfee's] class. Had a swim then bought some textbooks [?at Stanford bookshop].

3 Wednesday

Met with Yukari [fellow Ph.D. student] for an hour or so. Swim. Called in on MPPC. Opened a bank account with James in the afternoon. Early check-in for the return flight. Left San Francisco at 11 pm.

4 Thursday

Returned to HK. Wrote a letter to NZ.

5 Friday

Arrived in HK at 8.45 am. YF, Leonie, Gavin and Nadine waiting. Went to the office on return. Didn't feel too tired.

6 Saturday

Class in the morning. Then home and rest.

8 Monday

All day spent marking psychology class projects.

9 Tuesday

Visit for a chap from Kowloon Tong TI [?Technical Institute] in the morning.

10 Wednesday

Finished grading the psychology class projects. Began analysing the tests from India.

11 Thursday

Last chemistry class for the part-time students (PTE) in the evening.

12 Friday

Swim. In the evening, we all went to a vegetarian restaurant in Shatin.

13 Saturday

Class am. Visited Eileen and Raymond at the Prince of Wales hospital. To City One and Shatin for an evening meal. Stephen Chung Yue Ping off the US in the evening [?for defence of his dissertation].

14 Sunday

To church in the morning. Warm day. Sunbathed on the roof in the afternoon.

15 Monday

Analysing the tests from India. Swim - but a little difficult. Walked home with Leonie after her music lesson. Paid May [dissertation typist] \$5500.

16 Tuesday

All day on the India tests. Went for a swim - not bad.

17 Wednesday

[Holiday - Chinese New Year] Had a long sleep in. Leonie overnight at French's. Then Gavin with them for a walk around Tai Po Kau forest.

18 Thursday

My back was very painful. Anne, Winnie, Raymond and Eileen here in the afternoon, then for a dinner at Shatin. Cool.

19 Friday

My back a little better. Still cool and overcast. Nick stayed here last night.

20 Saturday

Dinner and sunbathing of the roof in the afternoon. In the afternoon, I took Leonie and Gavin to a movie in the Tsuen Wan Town Hall.

21 Sunday

Slept in until 1 pm! YF, Leonie, Gavin and Nadine went to a New Year party in Residence 14. After a massage, went to the Chung Chi [?student] restaurant for dinner.

22 Monday

Swim not so easy. Raymond here for evening dinner and a massage.

23 Tuesday

Warm - nearly 22°C. All day on the Indian tests. YF to town to arrange the loan for the Australian flat.

24 Wednesday

Lovely day. Swim difficult. Finished the first analysis of the written [?India] tests. Gavin's class visited the Botanic Gardens.

25 Thursday

Lunch meeting to talk about the October conference. In the late afternoon, YF and I did weight training in the Chung Chi gym.

26 Friday

Humid day. Swim was better. The rest of the day working on the answers for the Singapore chemistry book YF took Leonie and Gavin to a concert in the Run Run Shaw Hall in the evening.

27 Saturday

Very humid. Did some weight training after lesson. Later, had lunch at Shatin with Raymond and Eileen. The YF to town.

28 Sunday

Overcast. To church in the morning. V gives two massages in the afternoon.

29 Monday

All day on problems for the Singapore book.

MARCH

1 Tuesday

Swim - so so. Meeting of P.T. [?]Committee.

2 Wednesday

Weather cold. MA student to office for discussion in the afternoon. Leonie to Tai Po Kau marine station in the morning.

3 Thursday

Swim not so good.

4 Friday

Cold today.

5 Saturday

After class, Gavin and Nadine went with me to the gym for table tennis. YF and Leonie to a market. In the evening, YF and I went to a concert at the City Hall.

6 Sunday

Still cool. Stopped to look at monkeys on the way home from church.

7 Monday

Maximum only 14°C. Swim better but had a puff first. YF to Ocean Park with a handicapped group. The number of hepatitis cases passes 1000.

8 Tuesday

Teaching Practice visits. Had a look at Shing Mun reservoir. I was stopped by traffic police for crossing a white line - given a warning!

9 Wednesday

Earlier swim - not so bad. Picked up Nadine and looked after her in the afternoon. YF on a New Territories tour with visitors; evening to a concert at Shatin.

10 Thursday

Early morning off for three teaching practice visits in Kowloon. Nice day. YF to dinner for handicapped at Holiday Inn.

11 Friday

Last full time chemistry lesson. Then for a swim - not bad. Then to North Point for teaching practice visits.

12 Saturday

Warm and humid. YF to town in the morning. At 3 pm, went to the PHAB [Physically Handicapped and Able-Bodied] Centre to collect William; to the ferries but others not there. To Lau's and restaurant. Back at 12.15 pm.

13 Sunday

Nearly 28°C. Didn't go to church. Walk with Leonie, Gavin and Nadine. YF in bed all day; to Ng Wing Kwan's reception in the evening.

14 Monday

Teaching practice visits in Tai Wai.

15 Tuesday

Swim not bad. Teaching practice visits to Wan Chai; also called in at Acorn Computers.

16 Wednesday

I took Gavin to the doctor - inflamed tonsils. Cool again.

17 Thursday

Ma and Ba arrived from San Francisco. Swim so so. Gavin didn't go the Kung Fu because of illness.

18 Friday

All day on teaching practice visits at Tai O. Miserable day so went by myself (?).

19 Saturday

Maximum 18°C; overcast with drizzle. Had lunch at Chung Chi staff club. Interviews for next-year's intake of full-time students in the afternoon. David French stayed overnight with Gavin.

20 Sunday

No church again - Leonie and Gavin with French's to a BBQ at the Jubilee Sports Centre.

21 Monday

Confirmed an order for a computer. Swim - very good. Warm day.

22 Tuesday

Cool, though supposed to be warm. Rain. Gavin got a letter from Allan. YF to town in the evening for an investment meeting.

23 Wednesday

Light rain. Good swim.

24 Thursday

Light rain. In the early evening, we all went to Beacon Hill Primary School Open Day.

25 Friday

Swim a little difficult. Last day of the term for Leonie and Gavin. Got a card and present from the full-time students [?for birthday]

26 Saturday

Leonie, Gavin and Nadine bought candies for my birthday. Rather tired. Had a chocolate cake in the evening.

27 Sunday

18°C. No church. YP Chung and family visited us. Leonie off to [term holiday] camp. Watched HK Rugby 7s finals on TV.

28 Monday

Walked to work. Swim not bad - tired afterwards. Leonie telephones from camp - misses us.

29 Tuesday

Litter cooler. Rain today. Heavy fog in the morning which disrupted flights. Gavin bored at home.

30 Wednesday

Some rain again. Last swim for the season at Fanling. Got a 'bill' from the School of Education for damage to a video camera. [Became a big issue! Damaged by English group during micro-teaching at a Shatin school. But as my Chemistry class were also there, and gear transported in my car, I also got billed, though eventually never paid! As a result, I never took my class to a school for micro-teaching again!]

31 Thursday

To Wu Kai Sha to collect Leonie - road still being formed and car got covered with mud. To School of Education and gym. YF to town for remaining visas [to China]. To Shenzhen at 5 pm; big squash at Lo Wu birder crossing.

APRIL

1 Friday

Couldn't go down to Toi Sang [?couldn't get a mini bus]. Instead went to a 'Disneyland' kind of place outside Shenzhen, where Leonie, Gavin and Nadine were photographed with a

[heavily sedated] tiger. Then a visit to a park near our host's flat [daughter of our previous caretaker in Residence 11 and her family].

2 Saturday

A day trip to East Lake. Leonie, Gavin and Nadine had a ride on horses but not on the go-carts.

3 Sunday

All day to the park again. Rides in paddle boats, walk through BBQ area to a reservoir area. We got scolded for letting off rockets (fireworks). Drizzle at times. Saw another camel.

4 Monday

Shopping and visit to a Workers Cultural Park. On return to the flat, let off remaining fireworks. Then took five hours to get back home in HK. Immense crowd at the border.

5 Tuesday

[Last day of Easter holidays] Didn't get up until mid-day. Still containing cooler and overcast.

6 Wednesday

Back at work. Lunch at the pond with V. Leonie, Gavin and Nadine.

7 Thursday

Overnight thunderstorm. Cooler. Meeting together with the Goethe Institute director.

8 Friday

Got the new [BBC] computer. In the afternoon, went to the Vice Chancellor's place to meet him. In the evening, Leonie, Gavin, Nadine and I played on the computer.

9 Saturday

Class in the morning. Cool and overcast still. In the late afternoon, a BBQ with people we met when returning from China.

10 Sunday

Most of the day spent on the computer.

11 Monday

Leonie and Gavin back to school.

12 Tuesday

Heavy rain in the morning. All day in the office. Nadine back to [nursery] school. Leonie and Gavin back to Kung Fu.

13 Wednesday

A little warmer. Ma and Ba returned from China.

14 Thursday

Came home a little earlier on the Beacon Hill bus. Tired.

15 Friday

Teaching practice visit to Shatin in the afternoon.

16 Saturday

Leonie and Nadine to Ying ying's party. I went for a walk with Gavin. In the evening, YF, Leonie, Ma and Ba to a Chan clan dinner. Gavin, Nadine and I remained at home.

17 Sunday

Warmer - 25°C. Up later. Changed the second and third bedrooms into a play-room and children's study. V's cousin and family here for dinner.

18 Monday

Fine and much warmer at 27°C+. Teaching practice visit in Shatin again. Ph.D. Certificate (not diploma) arrives.

19 Tuesday

Conference meeting again.

20 Wednesday

Much warmer. Heavy rain at times. YF and Leonie down to Chung Chi for exercise and table tennis.

21 Thursday

Feeling very tired - irregular heart beat. Came home early on Leonie and Gavin's bus.

22 Friday

Did weight training; felt better.

23 Saturday

After the morning lesson, went with Leonie, Gavin and Nadine to the Chung Chi gym for table tennis then walked home.

24 Sunday

Warm. In the morning, completed the children's study and playroom. In the afternoon, all to Ming Yin College reunion [at the college].

25 Monday

27°C. To St Basil's in the morning for teaching practice. Then to Macmillan [publishers] and to lunch. Back for weight training. Tired.

26 Tuesday

28°C. Three teaching practice visit. Finally fixed Gavin's tank. YF out in the evening to see a psychiatrist.

27 Wednesday

Hot. Three teaching practice visits. Tired. No exercise.

28 Thursday

No visits today. Wrote to Stanford about the degree designation.

29 Friday

29°C. Teaching practice visits. Pool opened for the summer season but didn't go. Resting. YF, Ma and Ba to town for the evening.

30 Saturday

Last part-time day class (Psychology of teaching and learning). Nadine, Leonie and later Gavin to a birthday party in Residence 14. Then Leonie to a solo music class. In the evening, to dinner at Shatin with Chang's. Bit of a traffic jam at Lion Rock because of a gas leak.

MAY

1 Sunday

Hot and humid. Leonie wrote a story on the word processor. In the afternoon, played with Gavin;s parachutes.

2 Monday

29°C. Had the first swim of the the season; difficult breathing but did 24 lengths [1200 m]. Teaching practice visit in the afternoon.

3 Tuesday

Hot. Teaching practice visits in the morning. Started weight training again. To Hunghom but Larry and May not there. YF with Leonie, Gavin and Leonie to a birthday party in Kowloon.

4 Wednesday

Teaching practice visits in the morning. Larry and May arrived. Swim.

5 Thursday

Heavy rain in the morning.

6 Friday

Teaching practice visit then looked through the Golden Shopping Arcade. Swim on return with Leonie, Gavin and Nadine.

7 Saturday

Over 31°C. There was a monkey downstairs in the morning. To Yum Cha later. Leonie, Gavin and Nadine have a sleep in the afternoon, then too late for a swim. Gavin made a Lego aeroplane with a moving propeller.

8 Sunday

Hot again. Again to Yum Cha at "Treasure" restaurant. Leonie and Gavin for a swim later.

9 Monday

All day marking psychology course projects.

10 Tuesday

Collected Nadine after school and took Larry and May to the airport. Collected Leonie and Gavin after school. Swim with Leonie, Gavin and Nadine in the afternoon.

11 Wednesday

Last teaching practice visit. Then bought a joystick for the computer and a disk box (for the 5-inch floppy disks). Finished all the marking.

12 Thursday

Some thunderstorms. Very difficult swim - 20 lengths. Leonie and Gavin for a swim after me and to Kung Fu in the evening.

13 Friday

Cooler.

14 Saturday

Wet and cooler. In the evening, to Shatin for a vegetarian dinner. Watched the FA Cup final in the evening; Wimbledon 1 - Liverpool 0.

15 Sunday

YF out all day.

16 Monday

Swim - 24 lengths; not too bad though had an initial puff. Gavin's birthday party. I collected hot chips on the way home. Ma and Ba return from China.

17 Tuesday

Kung Fu again. YF to town in the evening.

18 Wednesday

Hotter. Swim OK, though still included 5 lengths of breaststroke [to recover breathing]. Leonie has a music lesson. YF, Ma, Ba to dinner at Shatin.

19 Thursday

To clinic in the morning to get more asthma medicine. Conference meeting in the afternoon. Last night of Kung Fu for Leonie and Gavin.

20 Friday

Very boy - ~32°C. Quite a good swim. YF, Leonie, Gavin and Nadine and friends to the beach. Fiona and Paul stay overnight.

21 Saturday

Car battery again flat. Used jumper leads to start car then to Shatin for fuel and battery water.

22 Sunday

Late swim with Leonie and Nadine; Gavin sleeping. Cooler. Bomb explodes in Ludhiana railway station [where I had visited last year].

23 Monday

Cooler, 25°C. Leonie home with me in the car after her music lesson.

24 Tuesday

An afternoon swim with Leonie and Nadine. My swim was OK.

25 Wednesday

Watched a [video] tape of Beacon Hill / Gavin's Christmas concert.

26 Thursday

Picked up Nadine at lunch-time. Swim later with Leonie and Gavin (and Nadine for a while). Nadine has a fever. YF and I to homoeopathy talk in Shatin.

27 Friday

Fine again. YF and Nadine to see me in the gym midday. Remaining disc (?) arrived.

28 Saturday

Hot but drier. Bethany, Leonie's friend around for the weekend. Swim in the afternoon with Leonie, Gavin, Nadine and B. To airport later - Ma and Ba returning to the US.

29 Sunday

Painted the balcony chairs. Leonie and Gavin for a swim. More violence in Ludhiana. Grant Dewar called in.

30 Monday

Charles Law up to see me in the morning about a chemistry course. Swim - no puff - not easy. Jonathan overnight with Gavin.

31 Tuesday

Picked up Nadine after school then did some weight training. Grant Dewar around for dinner.

JUNE

1 Wednesday

Lisa arrived from San Francisco; brought the copies of my dissertation. Puff, but swim hard. YF to Beacon Hill bus meeting.

2 Thursday

YF to town with Lisa. Phone call from HEB (Singapore). Lisa here for the night.

3 Friday

Hot but drier. Marks meeting in the morning. Swim with Nadine. Nikki overnight.

4 Saturday

Leonie and Gavin with French's to Water World. YF to town. Took Nadine to feed the fish. Train derailed near the university. YF has a swim with Nadine. Gavin to French's, Leonie to Boyle's.

5 Sunday

32°C again. Trains back to normal by noon. Gavin to Aberdeen with French's, Leonie to Boyle's.

6 Monday

All day on changes to [Singapore] chemistry book.

7 Tuesday

Swim not too good.

8 Wednesday

Staff meeting until 2 pm!

9 Thursday

Swim with Nadine first; my swim a little better. All to dinner with Liza in the evening.

10 Friday

Leonie overnight at French's.

11 Saturday

Hot and humid. All day with the computer. Leonie and Gavin with French's to Dragon World. Liza back in the afternoon.

12 Sunday

Hot. Gavin out to a fair with French's; Leonie to Bethany's. To the airport in the afternoon - Lisa returns to the US.

13 Monday

~34°C. Leonie back. Accident on the highway; a police motorcyclist killed. YF out in the evening to see Anne.

14 Tuesday

Very humid and unpleasant. Collected Nadine and took her for a swim. My swim was a little better.

15 Wednesday

Flights to the US became available [?for our summer holiday].

16 Thursday

In the morning, sorted out chemistry book in the IMU (Instructional materials Unit). Conference meeting in the afternoon. Swim with Nadine.

17 Friday

Mt Yuen from Acorn [computer company] here in the morning to help with the computer. Nadine with me during gym later. After work, we took Gavin to Paul's place.

18 Saturday

Dragon boat holiday. Gavin back late in the afternoon. YF and Leonie to the market.

19 Sunday

Took Gavin (reluctantly) and Leonie for a swim in the afternoon.

20 Monday

Afternoon swim with Nadine. Leonie and Gavin to Beas River [??horse riding]. Swim better.

21 Tuesday

UF downstairs for morning exercises. Leonie's music lesson in the afternoon.

22 Wednesday

Car oil changed. Swim alone - breathing not so good.

23 Thursday

Some heavy rain. Looked after Nadine during weight training.

24 Friday

Heavy rain. Swim with Nadine after her school. Leonie's [??] party in the afternoon.

25 Saturday

Nadine's birthday party in the morning.

26 Sunday

Some heavy rain. Gavin to party at David's but had a fever.

27 Monday

Sent a letter and a paper to Alex [?the chap in Ludhiana, India].

28 Tuesday

Earlier swim with Leonie, Gavin and Nadine and Belinda. Good swim - no breaststroke, though took a puff. YF to the Jockey Club for a swim and sauna. To PTU (Professional Teachers' Union) in the afternoon for a pack [?].

29 Wednesday

Leonie to a birthday part and overnight [?where]. Typhoon Vanessa heading this way.

30 Thursday

To the dentist in the morning; got a (baby) tooth pulled out. Therefore, no swim. Typhoon missed HK and dissipated.

JULY

[Holiday to Seattle, Alaska, San Francisco and inland]

1 Friday

Packing and cleaning prior to departure. Fish died!

2 Saturday

United Airlines flight. Take off aborted. A two-hour delay. Arrived in Seattle early in the afternoon. Met by Larry and May. Played in the playground near their place; walk.

3 Sunday

To the locks to see a salmon run. Then to a salmon farm but no fish. Finally to a waterfall.

4 Monday

US Independence day. All to the Seattle flower garden and zoo.

5 Tuesday

To the Boeing factory for an unsuccessful 747 tour. Then to town and fisherman's market.

6 Wednesday

To Boeing Field and museum for most of the day.

7 Thursday

To Vancouver with Larry and May in their car. Lunch at a Chinese restaurant. Visited Stanley Park, Capilano and Gas town.

8 Friday

To town. Back on the bus with May.

9 Saturday

Flight to Anchorage. Long delay to collect luggage. Collected rental car from "Rent a Wreck"; got a free upgrade to a new and larger car with air-conditioning. Then looked for a motel. Hot!

10 Sunday

Off towards Fairbanks at 11 am. Sled team near Big Lake. Lunch by a river with view of Denali. On to a motel at Healey. [Strong smell of sulfur. Children play with dog.]

11 Monday

Back to look at rafting then to Nenano (where they have an annual guess the river ice-breaking time) and on to Fairbanks.

12 Tuesday

Mush Ox, reindeer, university museum. Lunch then a visit to Alaskaland. Eskimo Olympics demonstration in the afternoon.

13 Wednesday

On to North Pole and visit to Santa's place and a radio station. Passed an air force base with planes landing. Later, picked blueberries by the road-side. Lunch by a river. See the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline and bridge and on to Delta.

14 Thursday

Delta junction; army camp; oil pipeline, glaciers. Lunch at Lake Paxson [with a rat getting into a rubbish bin]. Views on mountains. On to Glenallen. Scolded by manager for making too much noise!

15 Friday

Lunch at Long Lake. Cooler. Glacier and school. On to Palmer. Stayed at a log cabin in a forest next to a stream. Camp manager gives us a large salmon for dinner.

16 Saturday

Sleep in. To Anchorage and find a motel [on the main road]. Lunch in a park. Visit to Earthquake Park and railway station.

17 Sunday

Returned the car at 6.15 am. Flight to San Francisco via Seattle. Hottest day ever at San Francisco at 104°F (40°C). Backpack missing.

18 Monday

Sleep in. Car ride to see Connie, shopping for clothes. Backpack delivered.

19 Tuesday

Preparation for trip. Some more shopping.

20 Wednesday

Off at 9 am; 75 minutes to Stanford. Lunch by Highway 101. Overnight at a motel in Mojave.

21 Thursday

Across the desert. Lunch and swim for kids in the river at Needles. Very hot. On to Williams.

22 Friday

To the Grand Canyon. Walked part way down into the canyon. Bus ride [?]. Then to Flagstaff.

23 Saturday

To Walnut Canyon and cliff dwellings. Then to Meteor Crater. Back to Flagstaff - check in and swim.

24 Sunday

To Oak Creek Canyon. Sedona, Montezuma's well and castle then to Hoover dam. Had a tour through the dam, then on to Las Vegas. Got lost in town; told by a policewoman how dangerous that was. Eventually found Chan's friends where we were to stay. In the evening, a visit to Circus Circus.

25 Monday

Very hot. Dim Sum lunch. All afternoon travelling to Los Angeles.

26 Tuesday

At Disneyland all day and part of the evening.

27 Wednesday

To Universal Studios all day. [I remember a 'guide' in one show who would get to hold ladies' hands, with them thinking it was their boyfriend/husband.]

28 Thursday

Back to San Francisco along Highway 1. Lunch and play on the beach at Cayucos. Bought strawberries. Called in at Stanford.

29 Friday

Packing for my return to HK. Cleaned the van with Leonie. Evening meal in Chinatown.

30 Saturday

I fly to Seattle. Met Larry and May who gave me some jam. Then on to HK via Seoul.

31 Sunday

Evening arrival in HK. Fridge full of mould and rotten food!

AUGUST

1 Monday

To work in the morning for just an hour. At home, put plants back.

2 Tuesday

At work most of the day. Rain. United Airlines mileage card arrived. Did some weight training.

3 Wednesday

Working on (Hong Kong) Integrated Science book. A good swim. Heavy rain at times. HK delegation in Hanoi for refugee talks.

4 Thursday

Wet. On Chapter 1 of the IS book. Leonie's birthday. - telephoned her in the USA in the evening.

5 Friday

Good swim. Brief hunger strike in the Vietnamese refugee camp over.

6 Saturday

At home all day.

7 Sunday

Fire in Mirador Mansions; two killed. Inside the flat all day.

8 Monday (8/8/88)

Most auspicious day of the century! New Bank of China building topped out. LRT not opened.

9 Tuesday

Some heavy rain. Good swim. To petrol station in the morning.

10 Wednesday

School Certificate results out.

11 Thursday

More heavy rain. Broke a flip flop. Phone call in the afternoon by some market research organisation.

12 Friday

Draft of Chapters 1 and 2 done. YF phoned in the evening.

13 Saturday

Worked on VIEW [?BBC computer word processor] a lot of the day. No water supply - taps off.

14 Sunday

Thunderstorms early in the morning. To [campus supermarket] for shopping. Another call from V.

15 Monday

Took Changs [Residence 12 neighbours] to the airport in their BMW [off to Alaska for fishing, I think]. Got in my swim - good (1 min 9 secs a length).

16 Tuesday

More thunderstorms. Small tornado at Aberdeen.

17 Wednesday

Still rain. Swim OK; did 24 + 4 + 4 lengths = 1 mile! Charles Law up in the afternoon. President Zia [of Pakistan] killed.

18 Thursday

More heavy rain.

19 Friday

Some sun in the afternoon. Nearly finished IS Chapter 3. Good swim.

20 Saturday

Cleaned the back rooms and bathrooms. Catherine and Allan turned up. Some fine spells at last.

21 Sunday

Fine most of the day. Cleaned two bedrooms and lounge.

22 Monday

No rain today!

23 Tuesday

Realised the [bedroom] air-conditioner thermostat was not working. Swim good.

24 Wednesday

25 Thursday

Swim 6 + 24 (lengths) because of interruption by a thunderstorm.

26 Friday

27 Saturday

All day cleaning the kitchen

28 Sunday

Finished cleaning the kitchen then did the remaining two rooms. Polished the floors. Crash at an air display in Germany [70 killed].

29 Monday

Holiday for HK liberation day. At the office most of the day. Swim OK. Put petrol in the neighbour's car. Drove past Shatin primary school.

30 Tuesday

Big thunderstorm in the morning. Got [passport] photos from a machine [on campus].

31 Wednesday

Heavy thunderstorms. A CAAC Trident crashed on landing at Kai Tak. Swim OK.

SEPTEMBER

1 Thursday

To Shatin to renew my driver's licence (\$600 for three years). Changs return in the evening.

2 Friday

Some rain. Swim difficult - tired arms.

3 Saturday

Warm. Finished getting the flat in order. Left at 6 pm to collect the family at the airport.

4 Sunday

Leonie, Gavin and Nadine had another sleep in the morning. Leonie and Gavin for a swim with Catherine and Allan. Thunderstorm.

5 Monday

Leonie and Gavin back to school - using public transport. [Beacon Hill bus provided by the university cancelled.] I took Nadine to the gym after her school.

6 Tuesday

Swim with Nadine. V with Leonie and Gavin to school.

7 Wednesday

First class for the year in the evening [part-time evening programme].

8 Thursday

Classes in the morning [full-time programme] and evening. Swim with Nadine - tiring.

9 Friday

Tired. Anne here for evening meal, which we had at United College restaurant.

10 Saturday

Hot and humid. To the track with Gavin to throw his boomerang. With Leonie and Nadine to town in the afternoon; Leonie to a party. Had to wait outside the flat on return as V and Nadine had gone to Shatin [guess I did not have a key].

11 Sunday

12 Monday

Nadine [?] to music lessons again.

13 Tuesday

YF took Leonie and Gavin to a movie at Run Run Shaw Hall in the evening.

14 Wednesday

Swim with Nadine (though shorter). YF met Leonie and Gavin's teachers. Leonie and Gavin collected Nadine.

15 Thursday

Leonie and Gavin met V and Nadine at Treasure restaurant for lunch.

16 Friday

Swim with Nadine. Finished Unit 5 [of the IS book]. Call from HEB (Singapore). To Ann's in the evening to get her TV. Thunderstorm.

17 Saturday

Opening of Olympic Games [in Seoul]; watched it on TV. Catherine and Allan hers in the afternoon; swim and overnight.

18 Sunday

Went for a bike ride with Gavin in the afternoon. Leonie for a swim.

19 Monday

20 Tuesday

YF for a swim; Nadine and me too. To dentist in the afternoon.

21 Wednesday

YF to a movie at Run Run Shaw hall in the evening. The old TV - fixed - back. Typhoon approaching.

22 Thursday

Typhoon signal #3, therefore no school for Nadine. YF took Nadine to the pool for a swim with me. YF to badminton in the evening.

23 Friday

24 Saturday

Watched the Olympic Games on TV. Nadine played with Jessica in the afternoon. Leonie to Fiona's party. Gavin to watch Allan play soccer. All three to Chung Chi in the evening with Dewars to a lantern festival.

25 Sunday

Cooler. Anne and Winnie here. Watched the Olympic Games.

26 Monday

Holiday. Mucking around on the computer. Swim with Leonie, Gavin, Nadine, Catherine, Allan and Winnie. The Orient Express into HK on its way to Tokyo.

27 Tuesday

Still cooler. Nadine with me to the gym. Leonie to Kung Fu in the evening.

28 Wednesday

Nadine and I for a swim. Leonie and Gavin to a Mandarin lesson.

29 Thursday

Leonie and Gavin to a birthday party for Allan at Beas River. Leonie missed Kung Fu.

30 Friday

Swim with Nadine.

OCTOBER

1 Saturday

To university gym for badminton.

2 Sunday

Went for a ride with Leonie and Nadine in the afternoon. Watched the closing ceremony of the Olympic Games on TV.

3 Monday

Bad day for breathing. Finished a rough copy of the IS Book 1. No exercise - taking a week off. Leonie and Gavin - full day school ['winter' time].

4 Tuesday

Did the abstract for a paper for the School of Education conference. Came home with Nadine. Spent the rest of the day on the computer.

5 Wednesday

Conference / Psychology [Department] meetings in the morning. Finished IS Chapter 1 of the teachers' book on the computer.

6 Thursday

Leonie to Kung Fu again.

7 Friday

8 Saturday

Most of the day processing Unit 1. To Leonie's music concert [?at Law's flat]. V out to a hepatitis seminar. Leonie and Gavin to Dewars overnight.

9 Sunday

Bike ride with Leonie, Gavin and Nadine in the afternoon from Chung Chi and along the Shatin path.

10 Monday

The morning on the computer [i.e. typing up material for books]. Back to gym again. YF again to Adventist [?hospital].

11 Tuesday

Swim with Nadine. Afternoon on computer.

12 Wednesday

On computer at home in the morning. Walked to work. School of Education reception for overseas guests.

13 Thursday

School of Education opens in the morning - I had to teach a class. Sat in on a workshop in the afternoon; only five in the audience. Anne had a driving lesson in the evening.

14 Friday

Home early afternoon to work on the computer.

15 Saturday

Vs birthday. In the afternoon - as a tour guide to the Peak with overseas conference guests then to Caritas for dinner.

16 Sunday

Long sleep in. Short [?bike] ride with Leonie, Gavin and Nadine in the afternoon. Evening conference banquet.

17 Monday

Swim with Nadine. After evening class, with V to Philharmonic concert at CU - 25th anniversary day [of the university].

18 Tuesday

Presented a paper in the morning; was chairman of a workshop in the afternoon. Then the closing ceremony.

19 Wednesday

[Holiday] Computer; swim with Leonie, Gavin and Nadine in the morning. Lunch with Graeme and Beverley Davey - then took them around part of the New Territories.

20 Thursday

Leonie, Gavin and Nadine down to the gym for a while.

21 Friday

V, Leonie, Gavin and Nadine to Sek Kong. Then Leonie, Gavin, Nadine and me for a swim. Computer in the afternoon. YF to a movie at Run Run Shaw hall in the evening.

22 Saturday

Walked with Leonie and Nadine in Tai Po Kau [forest]. Fiona here for overnight.

23 Sunday

[Roger: 23rd, 12.20 pm, Thai TG 632]

24 Monday

25 Tuesday

Most of the day planning teaching practice visits.

26 Wednesday

Nadine to gym and lunch with me.

27 Thursday

Cooler. Swim without Nadine. Received a copy of the Singapore Chemistry book [?my book or another].

28 Friday

YF to Fanling. Computer in the morning. MA proposal meeting in the evening. Wet for Chi Chi Founders' day [held as an open air dinner on the Chung Chi track].

29 Saturday

YF to Anne's for packing [to emigrate to NZ]. Cool and wet. Looked at Bookworms fair [in Residence 14]. More people affected by pesticides on vegetables from Shum chun / Shenzhen.

30 Sunday

Much cooler. Rain. At home all day.

31 Monday

Last night difficult for breathing. Swim - cold but good - did one mile. Leonie off to camp. V's Reiki master arrived from the US in the afternoon.

NOVEMBER

1 Tuesday

Visit in the afternoon by Francis Lee regarding insurance.

2 Wednesday

Teaching practice visits to HK side. Back for a good swim. All afternoon on the computer. Leonie back from camp.

3 Thursday

Two teaching practice visits in the morning. Evening class. Letter to Winzen [Canadian property agent] re renewal of mortgage for two years.

4 Friday

Good swim. Took Nadine for a swim. At home in the afternoon on the computer. YF and others at Sek Kong. Reiki in the evening.

5 Saturday

All day on Reiki. [?me]

6 Sunday

All day again on Reiki. Breathing not so good. All the others out for the evening meal.

7 Monday

Pat [former School of Education secretary] back to the US.

8 Tuesday

Bad night - breathing and diarrhoea. Two teaching practice visits in Shatin. Swim, but difficult; took Nadine.

9 Wednesday

Bush elected US president. Weight training early before teaching practice visits.

10 Thursday

Teaching practice visit to Man Kiu College. Swim OK - water quite cold. Exam and final class for second year part-time evening class.

11 Friday

Most of the day on the computer. In the evening, to the "Laugh Olympics"; Leonie told some jokes.

12 Saturday

To Shatin College fair. Leonie and Nadine to Boyle's to play and for dinner. YF out all day with Anne.

13 Sunday

Remembrance Sunday. Got "hands on" treatment to help breathing - felt better. YF, Leonie, Gavin and Nadine to Shatin for Yam Cha.

14 Monday

Some light rain. Swim - cool! Final Educational Psychology class for first-year evening students.

15 Tuesday

Teaching practice at Fanling. Anne around for the last time - buying rubies.

16 Wednesday

Reasonable swim - Nadine with me but no swim. Rain in the evening.

17 Thursday

Two teaching practice visits to Shatin. In the afternoon to the airport to farewell Anne and Winnie who are emigrating to NZ. YF to an evening class.

18 Friday

Teaching practice visits. Swim. Computer. Gavin to Jonathan's party at USRC.

19 Saturday

All went for a walk(with Catherine) around a reservoir in Pat Sin Country Park. Gavin fell in the reservoir!

20 Sunday

21 Monday

Home in the morning on computer. Gym with Nadine later. YF to Hong Lok Yuen to give massages.

22 Tuesday

Swim not bad. To Beacon Hill school in the evening to see Leonie and Gavin's teachers.

23 Wednesday

Warmer. Teaching practice visits all day. Call from Encyclopaedia Britannica agent in the evening. Ferry collision in the morning on the Pearl River.

24 Thursday

Good swim; Nadine came in for a short time.

25 Friday

Two teaching practice visits. Home in the afternoon; virtually completed Book 1. YF - massages in the evening. I cooked dinner.

26 Saturday

At the HKERA [HK Educational Research Association] conference; presented one paper and involved in one symposium. YF with children to town and PTU supermarket.

27 Sunday

Gavin and Leonie went for their final swim - cold! Leonie working on computer with a Zeus project.

28 Monday

Nice fine, dry day, about 20°C. Swim OK. YF out in the evening for a meeting in the City Hall.

29 Tuesday

Completed Book 1 manuscript and packed it for completion.

30 Wednesday

Last swim of the season - not too good (without a puff).

DECEMBER

1 Thursday

Weight training; couldn't do press again because of [injured] back. YF out to a class in the evening.

2 Friday

No exercise today. Back still sore. Looked in at the temporary gym [in former army-style huts] by the main stadium.

3 Saturday

Out with Leonie, Gavin and Nadine on a hike from Tai Mei Tuk to Plover Cove. YF gives three massages.

4 Sunday

Nice day. All day to the letter [to parents] written! Evening dinner at City One. A Go-cart Grand Prix in HK today.

5 Monday

Soldier killed in a grenade explosion yesterday. Sir David Trench [governor in HK when I first came here] dies. No exercise.

6 Tuesday

No Mandarin class for Leonie and Gavin. Put up a Christmas tree and lights.

7 Wednesday

Leonie to a birthday party after school. YF out at a house sale in the evening to buy things.

8 Thursday

Back for the afternoon with Nadine. YF out till late at classes. Got a "new" telephone.

9 Friday

YF bought a "new" table for the kitchen.

10 Saturday

Nice day. Leonie to a party at Bethany's place. With Gavin and Nadine to Newtown Plaza.

11 Sunday

Fine and dry. Walk with Leonie, Gavin and Nadine.

12 Monday

YF gives massages in the morning and afternoon on HK side (with a chauffeur driven car). I looked after Nadine. With Gavin to New Asia gym. Cooked own dinner.

13 Tuesday

Leonie to office at lunch-time. Leonie to school in the evening for a Christmas concert; came home with Robert on the train.

14 Wednesday

Up to New Asia College with Nadine for gym. Chemistry practical [?] in the afternoon. In the evening to Beacon Hill school for P5's Christingale.

15 Thursday

Last Educational Psychology class for the year. YF to class in the evening. A 60mins+ [the + denoting the (occasional) HK item) programme on asthma in Australia.

16 Friday

Last class for the term. To lunch at Shatin with the Chemistry full-time students.

17 Saturday

Chung Chi Christmas party for children. The a Christmas music concert. Dinner for V and I at Boyle's. Leonie to birthday party in the evening too.

18 Sunday

YF to town. Walk again with Leonie, Gavin and Nadine.

19 Monday

Reading at home. YF out all day for massages. Leonie to music; us to gym, then to Kowloon for a Vietnamese dinner and shopping.

20 Tuesday

Warm. YF with Leonie, Gavin and Nadine for a swim [?at Shatin]. I went to the office. Early afternoon, did a Reiki on Mrs White.

21 Wednesday

YF shopping all morning. Held a real [?] Christmas party in the afternoon. On the roof [?] sunbathing]. Irene's daughter here overnight.

22 Thursday

PanAm 747 crash over Scotland. YF, Leonie, Gavin and Robert for a swim. YF to a class in the evening.

23 Friday

YF gives massages in the morning and afternoon. To a Christmas concert in the Run Run Shaw hall in the afternoon; Leonie performing on the piano. Dinner in the Chung Chi staff club.

24 Saturday

YF and Nadine to Helen's birthday party at Tai Po Kau. Walk around Shaw College. Leonie, Gavin and I to a midnight Christmas eve service at the Chung Chi chapel.

25 Sunday

Opening of presents in the morning. YF to town to meet relatives of Eileen. Walk with Gavin. Relatives back here later. Dinner at Chung Chi canteen.

26 Monday

YF to Hong Lok Yuen for massages. Leonie, Gavin and Nadine - presents from Dewars. Christmas pudding with dinner.

27 Tuesday

Leonie, Gavin, Nadine and Dewars to pool with YF. YF back for massage of a 19-year-old girl. I collected children, then Leonie and Gavin to Mandarin [lesson].

28 Wednesday

YF all day giving massages and with NZ visitors. Leonie, Gavin, Nadine and I to Kowloon and Shing Mun reservoir and back by MTR and KCR. Present from NZ [?arrived].

29 Thursday

Drizzly all day. Leonie, Gavin and Nadine to Ocean Park with NZ visitors. I went to New Asia gym.

30 Friday

Cold and wet. YF. Leonie, Gavin and Nadine and visitors to Sek Kong then Treasure restaurant.

31 Saturday

To office and gym in the morning. Then took Leonie and Gavin for their swim. YF had several massages. Most of us stayed up for the New Year.