

# DIARY: 1992

## JANUARY

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1 Wednesday

Finished typing up Section 6 in the computer. V, Leonie, Gavin and Nadine to Plover Cove. Drizzle. Cr battery went dead.

2 Thursday

To office. Got a new battery. A policeman shot.

3 Friday

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4 Saturday

Hike: Sai Kung → Tai Long Wan → end of Stage 3 [5 ½ hours].

5 Sunday

Wet all day.

6 Monday

Fine. Leonie off to Outward Bound. Gavin and Nadine back to school.

7 Tuesday

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8 Wednesday

Sarah Rigby [from Macmillan's] to the office in the morning. President Bush faints while in Japan.

9 Thursday

All day checking Book 1 proofs. First educational psychology class for the term in the afternoon.

10 Friday

Leonie returns from Outward Bound course.

11 Saturday

Hike: Around Plover Cove and along Pat Sin Leng (5 ½ hours). Tired. Met Joe and friends and came home with them. Leonie, Gavin and Nadine get a dog!

12 Sunday

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13 Monday

First educational psychology lesson for the MA class.

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15 Wednesday

Last teaching of chemistry class.

16 - 17 Thursday - Friday

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18 Saturday

Hike: From CU → Tai Mo Shan → Sek Kong → Fanling (along ridge) (6 hours).

19 Sunday

A journalist murdered. Gavin and I to Rugby tournament.

20 - 23 Monday - Thursday

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24 Friday

A chap from Mondial [?life insurance] spoke to me in the afternoon.

25 Saturday

Hike: CU → Stage 4 ridge → Stages 4, 5, 6, Needle Hill → Shatin (~7+ hours). Tough.

26 Sunday

In the afternoon, V et al off to Mai Po but couldn't find it!

27 - 31 Monday - Friday

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## **FEBRUARY**

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1 Saturday

Hike: Bus → Pak Tam Chung → Stages 1, 2 and 3 and part of Stage 4 then down to Chevalier Gardens (9 ¾ hours). Cool and windy.

2 Sunday

Some rain during Gavin's Rugby practice.

3 Monday ??

Very foggy. All day typing.

4 Tuesday ??

[Holiday] Late night fight and fire at Sek Kong camp: 21 killed!

5 Wednesday

[Holiday] Foggy. V, Leonie, Gavin and Nadine to buffet lunch then amusement park. I spent all day typing. North Vietnamese moved to Hei Ling Chau [island].

6 Thursday

[Holiday] Finished moving the North Vietnamese to the island.

7 Friday

Colder with a lot of rain. Finished typing the penultimate chapter. Leonie and Gavin to town to look at computers.

8 Saturday

Cool and foggy. Hike: CU → Shing Mun reservoir → Needle Hill → CU (5 ½ hours). Began typing the last chapter.

9 Sunday

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10 Monday

Still cold. To SCR for a Chinese New Year high tea, then to class.

11 Tuesday

Finished Chapters 21 and 22.

12 Wednesday

Thirty six moved back to Vietnam. Very wet and cold today.

13 Thursday

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14 Friday

Wet and cold all day. Didn't go to the gym - no car.

15 Saturday

Heavy rain in the early morning. Went for a hike similar to last week but back through the forest (7- hours). No rain for most of the hike. YF has a Reiki class.

16 Sunday

15°C. Gavin's tournament at King's Park - 1, 0, 2 [??]. Chung Chi 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary carnival in the afternoon. V, Leonie and Nadine to a flamenco concert in the evening.

17 Monday

Starting to demolish Chung Chi teaching blocks 2 and 3.

18 Tuesday

Finished the last chapter and onto the Data book. Gavin to HK side with a school Rugby team.

19 Wednesday

Wet again today. Nadine at home because of breathing last night.

20 Thursday

Nadine still at home. Chung Chi Blocks 2 and 3 now knocked down.

21 Friday

Nadine back at school.

22 Saturday

Wet! Run: CU → Tai Mo Shan → Stage 9 → Sek Kong with a detour to Ho Pui reservoir (6 ¼ hours).

23 - 25 Sunday - Tuesday

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26 Wednesday

No gym today.

27 Thursday

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28 Friday

Our departmental meeting in the morning. Rest from gym.

29 Saturday

No run. All day at the office working on the book. V has a Reiki II class. Nora's [amah] last day: left in the evening.

## **MARCH**

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1 Sunday

Very humid. V's Reiki class continues. All afternoon on the computer.

2 Monday

Cloudy and damp.

3 Tuesday

Warmer. Heavy rain. A minor earthquake recorded. At home typing up chapter reviews.

4 Wednesday

Still foggy, wet but cooler. Budget day.

5 Thursday

Nadine at home due to a cough. I stayed at home with her most of the day. Maximum 15°C.

6 Friday

A 5 am start for my second MacLehose trail walk. Gave up during Stage 5; rain wind and temperature dropped to 9°C instead of rising to 15°C as forecast.

7 Saturday

At home with Nadine who is still sick. V, Leonie and Gavin to a buffet [?!lunch]. Gavin with his school soccer team to a tournament.

8 Sunday

Wet.

9 Monday

Finished student's introduction to the chemistry book.

10 Tuesday

The group of China advisers went to Peking today. Very foggy and humid. A \$7 million gold armed robbery with about 60 shots fired.

11 Wednesday

Planning teaching practice visits. A Legco debate on crime.

12 Thursday

A \$10 million armed robbery with shots in Central!

13 Friday

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14 Saturday

Interviews for next-year's student intake; only to be six for chemistry.

15 Sunday

Rugby tournament for Gavin: 1, 0, 1. Chinese patrol boat enters Tolo Harbour and fires shots.

16 Monday

Teaching practice visits. Not feeling well.

17 Tuesday

To Tuen Mun for teaching practice visits. Getting cooler. This time, \$3 million diamond stolen at a fair.

18 Wednesday

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19 Thursday

To the gym after teaching practice visits; first went to the wrong school.

20 Friday

Last teaching practice visits to my part-time students.

21 Saturday

Gavin to a school Rugby tournament in the morning. In the afternoon, I tidied up the mess in the flat.

22 Sunday

Gavin injured his leg yesterday so no mini Rugby today.

23 Monday

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24 Tuesday

Faxed the tests for Unit 12.

25 Wednesday

Legco debate on the budget.

26 Thursday

My birthday; only Leonie remembered! All day at home on the Integrated Science [book] tests.

27 Friday

All day on Unit 15 tests. To the gym then to see a MA student. Leonie brought home a stray cat.

28 Saturday

Wet and cool. Leonie to singing for advertisements. V, Leonie and Gavin went to say goodbye to Abby. I finally finished Unit 15 tests. Cat sent to the RSPCA.

29 Sunday

Not wet! To the mini rugby tournament at Tai Hang Tung - not Gavin's team. Cleaned the car later.

30 Monday

Faxed the last IS 3 tests.

31 Tuesday

Heavy rain. Leonie to school in the evening for a dress rehearsal. Chemistry book sent to the Education Department for approval.

## **APRIL**

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1 Wednesday

Humid and foggy. Opening night of the play at Shatin College with Leonie.

2 Thursday

V with Leonie and Gavin to “Blast Off” [?the play] without me!

3 Friday

Have a high temperature; feeling miserable. I went to “Blast Off” at SJS in the afternoon [? evening]; walked from Fo Tan station. Heavy rain later.

4 Saturday

[Holiday] V with Leonie and Gavin to Rugby 7s. Weather not so bad. I felt sick crook most of the day.

5 Sunday

With Leonie and Gavin all day in the pouring rain watching the 7s. NZ again loses to Fiji in the Cup final.

6 Monday

All day marking student educational psychology projects.

7 Tuesday

More heavy rain. Tired; not feeling like work.

8 Wednesday

Received copies of the Education Department submissions of the chemistry books.

9 Thursday

Election day in the UK; Conservatives returned with a minimal majority. I got diarrhoea.



10 Friday

Heavy rain. Diarrhoea all day. Lunch for [teaching practice school] principals. Ph.D. seminar in the evening for my student.

11 Saturday

Heavy rain. In bed most of the day; still down with diarrhoea.

12 Sunday

No rain! Others took Rocky to the forest in the afternoon.

13 - 14 Monday - Tuesday

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15 Wednesday

Warmer with first sunshine for weeks. Watched the rest of the TV movie on the first Olympics.

16 Thursday

Nadine (with Helen) to a SCR Easter egg hunt. I met then after work for a snack.

17 Friday

[Good Friday] Lovely clear, fine day.

18 Saturday

[Holiday] Trying to put out a fire in the engine room of a Russian freighter.

19 Sunday

Warm and humid. YF has a Reiki class on HK side. Defrosting the fridge.

20 Monday

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21 Tuesday

To the office and later to the gym. A HK boat (smugglers?) boarded by the PLA.

22 Wednesday

First swim of the season; water temperature 22°C. Last educational psychology class then to dinner at “Treasure” restaurant.

23 Thursday

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24 Friday

Gun battle in Tai Kok Tsui. New governor announced [Chris Patten]. Two MA proposals in the evening.

25 Saturday

Interviews for prospective Ph.D. Students. V, Leonie, Gavin and Nadine to Clearwater Bay.

26 - 28 Sunday - Tuesday

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29 Wednesday

Teaching practice visits. Gym later at New Asia College.

30 Thursday

Hot. Swim. Education Department Curriculum Development Council meeting in the afternoon. Complaints about Rocky by Jessica's parents.

## **MAY**

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1 Friday

Teaching practice visits in Yuen Long. More riots in US cities. NZ loses America's Cup challenger races.

2 - 4 Saturday - Monday

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5 Tuesday

Another gang riot; two killed this time.

6 Wednesday

Five teaching practice visits in the Shatin area.

7 Thursday

To Tsuen Wan for a teaching practice visit for Rachel [geography, not chemistry!!]; because of heavy rain, I missed most of the lesson! Lunch after.

8 Friday

Heaviest rainfall [?ever] for an hour; about 110 mm from 6 am to 7 am. Floods and a few deaths. No bus to get Leonie, Gavin and Nadine to school.

9 - 11 Saturday - Monday

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12 Tuesday

A HK mountaineer gets to the top of Mt Everest with a NZ team. Fine day. Swim with Gavin and Nadine.

13 Wednesday

Last two teaching practice visits. Another HK man reaches the top of Mt Everest.

14 Thursday

Had to have 'dinner' at Shaw College. Gavin's birthday.

15 Friday

Some heavy rain again. Leonie's friend here overnight.

16 Saturday

Leonie and friend with Gavin and Nadine for a swim in the morning. I went to the office then lunch and a walk at Tai Po Kau forest.

17 - 20 Sunday - Wednesday

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21 Thursday

A second teaching practice visit to the Tsuen Wan school. Walk after. Swim on return with Gavin and Nadine.

22 Friday

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23 Saturday

First day of a Reiki I and II classes and a healing circle.

24 Sunday

Second day of the Reiki classes.

25 Monday

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26 Tuesday

Got more medicine including steroid tablets (had to wait 35 minutes for my appointment).  
Rainy.

27 Wednesday

Dull weather. The dog ate V's medicine in the afternoon; V mad! No dinner!

28 Thursday

Sunny dry day. Swim (no puffs) with Nadine in the afternoon. Burnt dinner again. [Comment in diary (by Leonie?): What's that s'posed to mean, eh?]

29 Friday

Armed robbery and shoot out in Sheung Shui.

30 Saturday

Gavin to a birthday and overnight. More rain.

31 Sunday

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## **JUNE**

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1 Monday

To an investment seminar after work.

2 Tuesday

Marks meeting in the morning followed by lunch. Psychology department meeting in the afternoon.

3 Wednesday

Rio Earth summit begins.

4 Thursday

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Quite a good swim. Gavin and Nadine go for a swim by themselves in the afternoon. Saw Peter Snell's three minutes on TV.

5 Friday

[Holiday] Dragon boat holiday. At the office. Hot.

6 Saturday

To the office in the morning followed by gym.

7 Sunday

Heavy rain. YF, Leonie, Gavin and Nadine to some concert at Tsuen Wan in the evening.

8 Monday

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9 Tuesday

More heavy rain.

10 Wednesday

Tina Ti robbed and held hostage. Robber shot by police.

11 - 12 Thursday - Friday

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13 Saturday

[Holiday] All day working in the office.

14 Sunday

V's class continues.

15 Monday

[Holiday] Very wet. At the office. Nadine's birthday party; she gets a bad asthma attack.

16 - 17 Tuesday - Wednesday

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18 Thursday

Fine day. Had quite a good swim.

19 Friday

Wet day. Meeting with an OFS [?] chap in the afternoon. Injured my lower back in the gym.

20 Saturday

Back sore. Small healing circle in the evening.

21 Sunday

Gavin with two others for a birthday in Tai Wai water park. YF to the airport in the evening.

22 Monday

Very hot; over 32°C. Back awful! Took Nadine to the clinic in the afternoon. Leonie and Nadine make dinner.

23 Tuesday

33+°C. Swim OK with the injured back. Met a PFC [?] chap again in the afternoon. Nadine to a birthday party.

24 Wednesday

Very hot but fine. Another swim.

25 Thursday

Very hot. Swim with Nadine in the afternoon. Leonie cooks dinner again.

26 Friday

Hot. To the gym but exercised carefully! Meeting in the afternoon for a World Bank group then dinner at Chung Chi.

27 Saturday

All day tidying the flat. First T<sub>1</sub> signal of the season raised. Hot.

28 Sunday

All day tidying the flat again. Nadine with Leonie to ballet. Gavin to Langdon's in the afternoon. Typhoon dissipates.

29 Monday

Last day of school for Leonie, Gavin and Nadine. Nadine to a party; picked her up, then to clinic.

30 Tuesday

Hot. Took Leonie, Gavin and Nadine to the airport in the morning. Then for a swim and later a walk with Rocky.

## **JULY**

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1 Wednesday

The Kowloon Walled City finally cleared. Florrie [?] and friend here in the afternoon regarding study overseas.

2 Monday

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3 Tuesday

Rocky misbehaves and runs away. Governor [Wilson] leaves HK in the evening.

4 Saturday

In the evening, Mr Pang [building caretaker] crashes a car into a concrete wall!

5 Sunday

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6 Monday

Telephoned Y [?].

7 Tuesday

Very wet. Good swim; did one mile. Tired.

8 Wednesday

An armed robbery in the early morning in a Residence 10 flat.

9 Thursday

Met the OFS chap in the morning. The new governor [Patten] arrives in the afternoon.

10 Friday

The new governor goes for a “walkabout”.

11 Saturday

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To Shatin in the morning to get dog biscuits. Typhoon Eli passing HK. “Bak-bak” [?] brings some lychees and shrimps.

12 Sunday

Typhoon passes. Gave Rocky a shampoo. Watched the British F1 Grand Prix on TV. The governor's daughter gets appendicitis.

13 Monday

Signed a new superannuation loan form. Watched the final [episode] of Jesse Owen's story on TV.

14 Tuesday

Fine day. Lunch with Y. Watched a National Geographic documentary on the search for the Bismarck.

15 Wednesday

Feeling very tired.

16 Thursday

Very tired. Swim slow.

17 Friday

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18 Saturday

Tropical Storm Faye brings heavy rain and winds, causing transport chaos and many small slips and many flights affected. Cleaned the bedrooms and toilets.

19 Sunday

Hot and fine. Cleaned the study and lounge.

20 Monday

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21 Tuesday

Tropical Storm Gary approaching. T<sub>3</sub> strong wind signal raised. Quite a good swim.

22 Wednesday



Gary is now a severe tropical storm. T<sub>8</sub> signal raised and HK closes down though not too bad.  
At the office in the morning.

23 Thursday

To Shatin in the morning for more dog food. Swim OK.

24 Friday

OFS chap here again in the morning. V, C in the afternoon [?].

25 Saturday

Letter to parents written. Watched "Chariots of Fire" in the evening.

26 Sunday

Saw an item on "60 Minutes" about a young girl [originally from Australia] in NZ with AIDS named Eve van Grafhorst [(1982 - 1993) and her very uplifting story].



27 Monday

Last day in the old office. In the evening. Saw another satellite and a meteor.

28 Tuesday

Moved to a larger office [actually one for a 'senior lecturer' even though I was still only a 'lecturer']. Saw on TV, the NZ parliament building burning.

29 Wednesday

Got the new office organised.

30 Thursday

Hot day.

31 Friday

A TWA Tristar crashes on take-off at New York.

## **AUGUST**

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1 Saturday

Plane crashes in China and Nepal. Very hot.

2 Sunday

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Last night for the “Poor man's nightclub” [an open-air eating place near the Macau ferry pier].

3 Monday

Took the car to the garage; picked up Joe's car. A no-exercise week.

4 Tuesday

Very hot and humid.

5 Wednesday

Hot again. “Piggy” Muldoon [former NZ prime minister] dies. My Auntie Hilda also died at about the same time.

6 Thursday

Tai Po celebrates 100 years. Collected the car in the afternoon.

7 Friday

To Shatin for more dog food.

8 Saturday

Gave Rocky a shampoo in the evening.

9 Sunday

Very hot. Polished the car. Saw Mark Todd [NZ equestrian gold medal winner] on TV at the Olympics. A 'riot' in Shenzhen. Stock market - two killed [?].

10 Monday

Some rain. Riot in Shenzhen.

11 Tuesday

OFS meeting again! Got a new desk for the office.

12 - 14 Wednesday - Friday

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15 Saturday

All Blacks beat South Africa 27 - 24 in the first test following a ban on sports contacts with South Africa [because of its apartheid policy].

16 Sunday

T<sub>1</sub> signal up. Aeroflot opens a service between HK and Moscow. Rocky not good today.

17 Monday

All day at home.

18 - 19 Tuesday - Wednesday

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20 Thursday

Saw on TV about a Christchurch man with a 100 dB scream. All day cleaning the kitchen.

21 Friday

All day cleaning the lounge - vacuum, wash, polish floor. Seemed cooler today.

22 Saturday

Some rain. Washed two bedrooms.

23 Sunday

Rocky bad! A bus crash at Shek Pik on Lantau. The cruise liner “Royal Princess” sinks in the straits of Malucca after a collision.

24 Monday

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25 Tuesday

Fine, clear day - best (?) day of the summer.

26 Wednesday

Hot and fine. To Shatin for more dog food and to the wet market.

27 Thursday

Finally finished getting the flat ready. Picked up Leonie, Gavin and Nadine - No V! - at the airport in the afternoon. Heavy rain with thunderstorms. Interesting TV documentary on whales.

28 Friday

Didn't get much sleep. To Shatin College to get stationary. In the afternoon, to the [?Tai Po Kau] forest pool with Rocky. In the evening, got caught in a thunderstorm with Rocky. Heard of 7" of snow in Christchurch.

29 Saturday

Hottest day of the year so far at 34.8°C. Leonie, Gavin and Nadine go for a swim. Nadine has some asthma.

30 Sunday

35°C! Nadine to Mackness' in the afternoon. Gavin for a swim.

31 Monday

[Holiday] Liberation day [to commemorate Japanese surrender in WWII].

## **SEPTEMBER**

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1 Tuesday

To the office in the morning. Swim with Leonie, Gavin and Nadine in the afternoon. YF returns in the evening.

2 Wednesday

Full day at work. Gavin and Nadine begin school [now in F1 and P3 respectively].

3 Thursday

Swim. Leonie, Gavin and Nadine have a swim with YF.

4 Friday

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5 Saturday

YF with a Reiki class. Swim with Leonie, Gavin and Nadine in the afternoon.

6 Sunday

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7 Monday

Cooler and wet. Staff photo and lunch. First educational psychology class in the evening.

8 - 9 Tuesday - Wednesday

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10 Thursday

Gavin and Nadine for a swim with me. Nadine doing good dives [?from poolside, not diving board].

11 Friday

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12 Saturday

[Holiday] Mid autumn festival. Gavin and Nadine with Henry [?] for a swim then to Chung Chi College for a lantern parade.

13 Sunday

another boring day. Leonie, Gavin and Nadine for a swim.

14 -16 Monday - Wednesday

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17 Thursday

Swim not too good.

18 Friday

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19 Saturday

YF begins a two-day massage class.

20 Sunday

Hot and fine. Took Gavin to the opening session of the mini Rugby club season.

21 - 22 Monday - Tuesday

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23 Wednesday

Hot but drier. A late night dinner.

24 Thursday

Poor sleep. But a good swim. Sent tax forms to NZ. Medical education meeting at Prince of Wales Hospital.

25 Friday

Nadine and V for a swim. Gavin to swimming and disco [?at school]. A large healing circle in the evening. A HK police boat accosted by a Chinese one.

26 Saturday

Took Rocky to the vet [?at HLY] for desexing.

27 Sunday

Gavin and I to Rugby then spent some time at a Gurkha fair at the camp. Lm Gavin and Nadine for a swim in the afternoon.

28 Monday

Full day school begins for Nadine.

29 Tuesday

Drier and cooler. Swim OK. Nadine to a friend's place after Art club. Picked her up. Gavin and Leonie to school swimming competition heats.

30 Wednesday

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## **OCTOBER**

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1 Thursday

Meeting with a SHK [?] representative in the morning. Gavin to a martial arts club in the afternoon [?evening]. Gavin and I walked home.

2 Friday

Fine day. Gavin comes second in breaststroke finals.

3 Saturday

To HK Examination [Chemistry panel] for a meeting in the morning.

4 Sunday

Another Reiki class here.

5 Monday

[Holiday] All day at the office. Second day of Reiki class. Cooler. An El-Al cargo B-747 crashes in Amsterdam.

6 Tuesday

Gavin and Leonie off to class camps. Nadine's art club cancelled.

7 Wednesday

The governor gives his first policy address. A new Exco.

8 Thursday

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9 Friday

Got the chemistry books back from the Education Department. Leonie and Gavin return from camps. Nadine to ballet. Governor meets the public for questions in the Shatin Town Hall.

10 Saturday

To SHK [?] in the morning.

11 Sunday

To Sek Kong; then with YF and Nadine to Yuen Long to a market. Cleaned the car with Nadine. Called NZ [?why] but unsuccessful.

12 Monday

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13 Tuesday

Nadine to Lisa's place after art club.

14 Wednesday

Cooler.

15 Thursday

V's birthday. Staff meeting in the morning. Good swim. Gavin to Akido.

16 Friday

To the computer centre to check on a computer printer cable.

17 Saturday

To Shatin in the morning with Nadine for ballet. Tidied the flat in the afternoon. Rocky runs away twice today!

18 Sunday

Nadine with Gavin and me to Sek Kong. Rocky runs away from Leonie. New amah arrives in the evening.

19 Monday

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20 Tuesday

Very good swim. Nadine has a cold and some breathing difficulty. Nadine to Lisa's. Governor to Peking.

21 Wednesday

Finished proof-reading the chemistry books.

22 Thursday

another very good swim. Board of Studies meeting in the afternoon.

23 Friday

Governor back from Peking after his first trip there; it was not successful!

24 Saturday

To the vet with the dog for injections. Gavin for a swim. Leonie off to an overnight at friend's.

25 Sunday

Nadine with me and Gavin to Rugby. V, Leonie and Gavin out to Kowloon in the evening.

26 Monday

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27 Tuesday

Lisa here to play with Nadine (and then to Plover Cove with Mackness'). Board of Studies meeting in the afternoon.



28 Wednesday

Cloudy. Gavin to Ocean Park then overnight at a friend's.

29 Thursday

Sunny. A good swim.

30 Friday

HK Trailwalker begins at 11 am.

31 Saturday

First walk of the season. From CU to lead mine pass and around; Trailwalker in progress. V and Leonie to a play in the evening.

## **NOVEMBER**

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1 Sunday

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2 Monday

First teaching practice visits - to the Kwun Tong area. Visited the Golden Shopping arcade on return.

3 Tuesday

Got a new desktop computer in the afternoon, but it had to be returned because of a bad [?] plug. Good swim. US elections.

4 Wednesday

Tsuen Wan teaching practice visits. Gavin in trouble at school. Clinton wins the presidential election.

5 Thursday

Warmer. Computer finally here. Rocky bad; wouldn't let me get him when off the leash.

6 Friday

Teaching practice visits on HK side. Tiring.

7 Saturday

Hike up Cloudy Hill and over to the reservoirs and to Tai Po. YF begins a two-day Reiki class. Leonie to a slumber party.

8 Sunday

Much cooler in the afternoon. No Rugby - Remembrance Sunday.

9 Monday

Much cooler; maximum 20°C. Five teaching practice visits. Leonie has her first period!

10 Tuesday

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11 Wednesday

YF buys more large cupboards.

12 Thursday

Spent the afternoon on the new computer.

13 Friday

All day on Windows. Picked up Nadine from ballet in the afternoon. V all day with Matthew Manning.

14 Saturday

Light rain all day. Hike from CU up to Stage 4 ridge → Stage 5 and down to Shatin (4 hours). YF and Leonie to Manning workshop.

15 - 16 Sunday - Monday

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17 Tuesday

Teaching practice visits all day in Yuen Long. Tired in the afternoon. Swim not good.

18 Wednesday

Teaching practice visits in the morning. To the dentist in the afternoon because of bad toothache; needed a big filling.

19 Thursday

Good swim - 40 lengths (2 km).

20 Friday

Picked up new 1993 diaries.

21 Saturday

Nice day. Leonie, Gavin and Nadine (and V?) to Shatin schools fair. Hike: CU → Shing Mun reservoir → Needle Hill → CU. V has a Reiki II class.

22 Sunday

Macuu F3 Grand Prix today.

23 Monday

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24 Tuesday

Leonie in a cross-country inter-school race. Her team won. Leonie sick in the evening. A B-737 crash at Kwei Lin. Good swim - 22+ minutes.

25 Wednesday

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26 Thursday

Good swim - 24 lengths. Meeting with a “Marc Faber Company” [investment firm] representative. Picked up Nadine from Lisa's.

27 Friday

To the dentist again in the morning. Later collected the printer. YF has a healing circle in the evening.

28 Saturday

Tired. Walk up and around Pyramid Peak. Leonie overnight to a friend's.

29 Sunday

Cleaned and polished the car in the afternoon.

30 Monday

Teaching practice visits in the morning. Last swim for the year in the afternoon; pool closes today.

## DECEMBER

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1 Tuesday

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2 Wednesday

Principals' lunch. Shoot out in Kowloon City; two robbers killed.

3 Thursday

Installing educational software into the computer in the morning. Gym later. Tired.

4 Friday

All day on the computer. Nadine to Lisa's overnight

5 Saturday

Hike with Rocky! Back to watch a demonstration by Nadine's ballet class. Lisa around in the afternoon.

6 Sunday

Off early for a Rugby tournament at Stanley fort.

7 Monday

Much warmer. In the morning with a computer centre chap trying to get the printer to work. Faculty meeting in the afternoon.

8 Tuesday

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9 Wednesday

To the dentist for a third time.

10 Thursday

At home all day. Starting to enter the teachers' guide into the computer. Gavin to a school concert in the evening.

11 Friday

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12 Saturday

Hike: Tai Mei Tuk → Nam Chung → Tai Po.

13 Sunday

Rugby tournament at Tai Hang Tung. Gavin and I then visited a Mongkok computer centre.

14 Monday

Started to have evening meals together.

15 Tuesday

Much cooler. All day on the computer. A light plane crashes in Tolo Harbour; the two persons on board OK.

16 Wednesday

Caught the big spider that had been in Leonie's bedroom.

17 Thursday

Nice day. Leonie and Gavin have a school sports day - some victories. YF has a Reiki class on HK side.

18 Friday

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19 Saturday

Hike: Tai Mei Tuk → Sam A Tsuen and return (5 hours). Computer breaks down.

20 Sunday

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21 Monday

Computer Centre chap here to fix the computer. Leonie off for an overnight.

22 Tuesday

Computer chap here again to replace the battery!

23 Wednesday

Cooler. V off to Canton for a Chinese medicine course.

24 Thursday

To Shatin with Gavin. To the Chung Chi chapel Christmas service in the evening.

25 Friday

[Christmas day] Sleep in. Called NZ. Computer games. V calls.

26 Saturday

Wet. Played [?computer] games and read. Nadine's hike [?].

27 Sunday

Foggy all day. Leonie, Gavin and Nadine to Shatin in the afternoon.

28 Monday

Very humid. Hill explosion in China creates a slight earthquake. Gavin to Rugby trials again.

29 Tuesday

Wet. All day on the computer.

30 - 31 Wednesday - Thursday

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#### Hikes: 1992 - 93

1	31/10	→ lead mine pass	
2	7/11	→ Cloudy Hill → reservoirs → Tai Po	
3	14/11	→ Stages 4, 5 → Shatin	4
4	21/11	→ Shing Mun → Needle Hill	
5	28/11	→ Pyramid Peak	
6	5/12		
7	12/12	TMT → Nam Chung → Tai Po	
8	19/12	TMT → Sam A Tsuen	5
	26/11	— 2/1 (?)	
9	7/1	Stages 4 - 7 → Tai Po	4 ½
10	14/1	Stages 1 - 3	6
11	21/1	→ Stages 8, 9 → Sek Kong	5 ½
12	28/1	Plover cove → Pat Sin → Tai Po	6 ½
13	4/2	→ (4), 5 → station	7 ½
14	11/2	Sai Kung → Stages 3 - 5 → Shatin	7 ¼
15	18/2	→ Tai Mo Shan → Kap Lung → Fanling	6

- 16 24/2 → lead mine pass → Chuen Lung → Ho Pui res → Sek Kong 5 ½  
17 4/3 → around Tai Mo Shan → Stage 7 5 ½  
18 11/8 Sai Kung → Luk Wa (gave up)