

## **Hot Choco with a Cold Reception: Wendy Spragge**

Running a student's home stay program at Bond University I had to prepare and cook breakfast and dinner for about 5 or 6 students including my son.

Always thinking ahead and planning meals and food that they all liked, as all were from different countries and cultures.

We had great evening meals all sitting around the dinner table and using their broken English to express what they learnt during the day. Me correcting them and teaching them the language as it should be.

It was cold in the middle of winter and the students were seated waiting for a hot drink after their dinner, so I went to the pantry where there was a box of hot chocolate powder waiting to be mixed with hot milk for their night drink. Somehow a very similar box had been placed next to the hot chocolate box. I took it out and made up the cups of hot chocolate and passed them around to the students. The look of distaste and horror on the faces of the students said it all. I had presented them all with a hot brown cup of gravy...

Never tried my hot chocolate again!