June 15: Hello, World!

Welcome to my blog. This is me, Palaki, and I’m a three-year-old emperor penguin. I have been on a long swim north to see the world. Now, I’m finally heading south to my home in the freezing cold waters off Antarctica.
June 17: Something Is Wrong!

The sea water should be getting colder as I swim south, but it is getting warmer. Am I lost, I wonder. Am I swimming the wrong way?
June 18: Any Icebergs?

I keep looking for icebergs! I’m looking for leopard seals, too. They love to eat penguins. I’ve got to watch out for orcas, too!
June 20: I'm in Big Trouble!

I was swimming along when I saw something white ahead. I thought it was ice and I was home at last. I swam straight for it, but look where I ended up!
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June 21: Where Am I?

People keep looking at me and taking photos. They say this is Peka Peka Beach and I’m in New Zealand. I’m the first emperor penguin to come here in 44 years! That means I’m nearly 2,000 miles away from home!
June 22: My Big Mistake

When we get thirsty in Antarctica, we swallow some white snow, so I tried swallowing some of the white stuff on the beach. Yuck! It tasted awful!
June 23: I Feel Sick!

My stomach hurts so much and I think it’s from all that white stuff I ate! I’m worried. The people are worried, too.
June 24: Wellington Zoo

The people decided I needed help. They’ve taken me to Wellington Zoo. They made this special room for me. It’s very cold. They even made a bed of ice for me to sleep on.
June 28: Inside My Stomach

The vets took some X-rays of my stomach and looked inside with a camera. Guess what they found? Sand. Lots of it! They took out about a pound of sand! I was a walking sandbag! I’m feeling better now.
July 25: Snow!

Today was the coldest day Wellington has ever had. It even snowed! That hardly ever happens here. It was so cold they let me swim in a pool outside. It was wonderful!
August 19: Getting Ready to Go Home

I’m getting strong now. The vets at the zoo think it’s time for me to swim back home. They are going to take me half way in a ship and let me swim the rest. I can’t wait.
August 28: Testing! Testing!

Today, they fixed this transmitter to my feathers. It will send out signals so people know where I am when I am swimming. I hope it stays put!
August 29: All Aboard!

They took me to the ship in a special crate. The ship is called the *Tangaroa*. The people were sad to see me go. We’ve been sailing for days and now it’s time for my big swim. They made this ramp for me to slide down. Everyone said goodbye. Then, I was swimming in the sea. It was wonderful.
September 8: Time to Say Goodbye.

I am swimming well, but the transmitter came off today. Too bad! The water is getting colder every day so I must be swimming in the right direction. Soon, I will see ice floating on the water and other emperor penguins. That’s when I will know I am home. This will be my last penguin blog. This is Palaki signing off. Thanks for your help. Goodbye!
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