

## The week at school

Although it may not officially be spring, it certainly feels like we are heading in the right direction. After two winters I am sure all our students are feeling better for a bit of warmer weather and some sunshine. This is the time of the year that we really push our students to use their English for everyday communication. Their listening skills have improved, they are over culture shock and are well settled into their routines. Now is the time for practising their spoken English as once they return to Japan this chance diminishes significantly. We do have several very quiet students this year and if your host daughter still does not communicate much at home, it might be time to sit down and discuss what she can do about it and, needless to say, any efforts deserve lots of praise. Feel free to contact school if you wish to discuss this further. I must remind you however that students have Test 3 coming up and may spend more time in their rooms studying during this time.

It's another busy week here at SCLI with Lotus and Lions sitting Test 3 over the next few days. Lavender will sit this test a little later in the term. Meanwhile a reading test marked the end of the Travel topic in the afternoon class. For the next two weeks classes will be studying the World of Work.

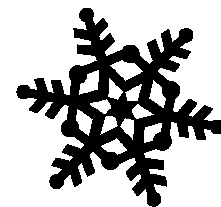
Each class is having a class party in the next few weeks. Your host daughter's morning class teacher will send home a note regards times. Please give your host daughter \$8 for dinner.

Due to tests, reports and class parties as well as my annual trip to Japan to visit our contributing schools, the host family function will be held early in the next term.

Also please note the change of date for the school lunch.

Enjoy the rest of your week,

*Lisa*



## Dates for your diary

### **School lunch \$6**

*Sept 21*

### **Class Parties \$8**

*Lavender : Fri, Sept. 2*

*Lotus: Thur, Sept 8*

*Lions: Thur, Sept 22*

### **Host Family event**

*Information to come*

### **End of term and report grades**

*September 23*

### **Southern Loop Tour**

*Tuesday Sept. 27—Friday*

*Sept 30*

### **Start of term three**

*October 10*

### **SCLI Christmas Concert**

*December 9*

### **End of term three**

*December 16*

### **Top of the South Tour**

*December 19-22*

### **Auckland Tour**

*January 10-13*

### **Start of term four**

*Thursday, January 19*

## For students

### **TOEIC Vocabulary Club**

Meeting tomorrow after school. List 9 will be reviewed.

**Scrapbooking:** your next class will be on Thursday September 8<sup>th</sup>. Please bring photos from the week the Japanese parents visited.

### **Deposits**

-for Auckland are due this Friday.

Please give your deposit to Darryl at break or lunch time.

### **Clothing**

Although the weather may be getting warmer, please do not send all your winter clothing home. You will still need a warm jacket – even in summer.

### **Reminder of rules:**

- If you are late 3 times, you will receive a warning letter and your school in Japan and your parents will be made aware of your behaviour.
- If we are concerned about you, we will contact your school and your parents in Japan.

- **10 extra days**

As well as holidays you have 10 extra days which you can use to travel either with your family in Japan or your host family.

### **Lisa and Yoshiko away**

From September 19-27 Yoshiko and I will be in Japan for setsumeikai at Hikarigaoka, St Mary's and St Catalina. Please contact Kaoru on 022 075 0255 in an emergency. Kaoru does similar work to Yoshiko elsewhere and has helped SCLI students in the past.

If you have letters etc that you would like us to take to Japan, please make sure you give them to us by September 16.

### **Summer sports, clubs, groups**

It is great to see so many students keen to join teams and groups. If you would like to join something, please discuss it with your host family first. This is good English practice for you and your family can decide if the day/ time etc suits them. If you still need help, of course you can ask us.

## For host families

Next term Darryl will be starting host family visits. This is a short visit to your home to check that everything is fine. ( Please assure your host daughter that although Darryl will check your host daughter's room, he is not documenting how tidy /messy it is. Some students got rather stressed about this last year!)The visits are a requirement by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority. You will receive some information shortly in which you will be asked to choose a suitable time for Darryl to visit.

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