



## The week at school

Yoshiko and I spent the last week of the term in Japan during which we talked to teachers from our contributing schools. We also got to catch up with some of our graduates and have lunch with some of our current students' parents.

Meanwhile back here in NZ the Southern Loop tour proved to be a success. Everyone seemed to have had a lovely holiday and it was good to see so many happy faces back at school on Monday morning.

This term is always a busy and productive one as you can see from the list under Important Dates. Please note the dates for the Top of the South Tour. It might be a good time to discuss summer holiday plans with your host daughter. Also please remember that our summer term starts earlier than NZ primary schools and since our final term is so short and includes TOEIC and school exams, we do not recommend students take time off during the final term.

During the next two terms it is our intention that students will fully immerse themselves in their kiwi lifestyles, make the most of their remaining time here and gain even more confidence and maturity. If this is combined with good study habits, students are then also giving themselves the best opportunity for their English to improve.

Enjoy the rest of your week,

*Lisa*



## Important Dates

Friday, October 14  
*Antarctic Centre*

This weekend Oct 16-17  
*Tekapo trip*

Friday, October 28, 4.30-8pm  
*SCLI Halloween Students' Party*

November 9  
*TOEIC*

November 10  
*A&P Show*

November 11  
*Show Day—school closed*

November 11-13  
*Wellington Trip*

November 20, 12—3pm  
*Picnic and games for students and host families: Botanical Gardens*

November 24  
*Visit to Orana Park*

November 25  
*Sports afternoon at Hagley Park*

December 9  
*SCLI Christmas Concert*  
*Rangī Ruru theatre*  
*6.30—9pm.*

December 16  
*Last day of term*

December 19-22  
*Top of the South Tour*

January 19  
*Beginning of term 4*

## For students

Welcome back! We hope you have had a good break and have a good store of energy for the busy term ahead. It may be a shock for you to know that this term is ten weeks long, the summer holidays are five weeks and there are only about seven weeks in the final term. If you feel that you have not been putting 100% of your energy into your studies and kiwi life, then now is a good time to change.



### TOEIC Club

This club will start tomorrow at 3.15pm in Lions' classroom. Please bring your holiday homework.

### TOEIC practice test and exam

Your teacher will tell you when you will sit the practice test which came with your TOEIC textbook. You will sit this even if you are not sitting the November TOEIC.

The TOEIC exam will be held on November 9 and costs about \$115. You will fill in a bank withdrawal slip soon. Please make sure you have enough money in your account to cover this.

**Please tell Lisa this week if you do not want to take the November TOEIC.**

### New topic -World Issues, starting October 27

Be prepared to choose a world issue and work with a partner to research the issue, make a powerpoint and present your findings to the class. Your presentation will be marked. You

will be given more information about this topic soon.

### Cleaning

For the remainder of the year, you will hear a bell at 1.20pm which will signal cleaning time. Your cleaning team leader will tell you what you need to do and when you need to do it.

### Grades

As you know you need at least two Cs and two Ds to graduate. In your last report you may have had a minus attached to your grade e.g. B- . This indicates that you got a low B.

There are no minuses on your final report. Remember you cannot graduate if you get an E for any of your skills.

### Graduation

As well as receiving your diploma upon graduating from SCLI you may also get a prize or certificate for:

- getting distinction ( 4 As)
  - being the top of your class
  - getting the highest TOEIC score
  - improving more than 500 or 600 in TOEIC
  - making excellent progress in English
  - achieving an exceptional grade in a skill area
  - excellence in contributing in English
  - showing strength of spirit
- e.g. You attend / have attended a club/ sport / group on your own.

## For host families

- If your host daughter is going to Tekapo this weekend, the bus will be departing school on Saturday at 9am and returning on Sunday about 4pm. Fingers crossed for clear skies!
- Now that the clock has gone forward, it is fine for students to use public transport at a later time as long as they are home before dark. Despite this, your host daughter needs to respect your rules about when she needs to be home.

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