



SCLI NEWS

Spring Term No. 10

December 14, 2016

The week at school

It was lovely to catch up with some of you at the school concert last Friday; we hope you enjoyed the evening. The students' hard work definitely paid off and in the process they had a great time, bonded with their classmates and hopefully improved their English. I would like to take the chance here to thank our wonderful teachers for all their hard work ensuring the plays were a success.

This week the topic for the afternoon classes is Christmas and students will get the chance to make and bake some Christmas things. If you haven't already, please talk to your host daughter about how your family spends Christmas. For many students it is all a bit of a mystery!

If you are taking your host daughter away with you on holiday, I would like to thank you in advance. The memories the students make during this time become treasured.

During the summer holidays students will be able to contact Yoshiko or, when Yoshiko is away, Kaoru if they cannot cope with a situation in English and need assistance. We have talked about what to do if they are in a situation where they feel unsafe and if they find themselves in an emergency students know to call 111.

This will be the final notice for the term. School finishes on Friday at 12.30pm and students will not be eating lunch at school. I would like to thank you all for the great work you have done this year in caring for our students. Please encourage them to use English as much as possible in the break, as this is the time of the year when students can make the most progress. Don't hesitate to remind your student and her friends to speak in English if they are speaking Japanese in front of you.

On behalf of all the staff at SCLI, I'd like to wish you a very happy Christmas and a restful and relaxing summer vacation.



Important Dates

December 16

Last day of term

School finishes at 12.30pm

December 19-22

Top of the South Tour

January 19

Beginning of term 4

Test 5

Ask your teacher for dates

Exams

February 17-23 (TBC)

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February 24

For students

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The last vocabulary list for this term and handouts will be available on the table by the whiteboard in the hall tomorrow.

Cleaning

School finishes at 12.30 pm on Friday. Please do not plan to stay at school for lunch. You will need to remove all food from the fridges and perishables from the cupboards. Classrooms also need to be cleaned out—all clothing, lunch boxes etc. must be taken home.

Reports

On Friday you will receive your report with grades, numbers and a comment. The grades on this report give you some indication of the grades you might expect next year. Make sure you give one of the copies to your host family.

Holiday Homework

- Your teachers will have holiday homework for you to complete.
- There is a handout for each student about phrasal verbs. This homework has to be done over the holidays and handed in on the first day of school.

Holiday washing

If you are going camping with your family, please be careful about the amount of washing you ask your host mother to do. It is not as easy as at home!!

Speaking English

If you invite friends over, you must speak English in front of your host family. This is a school rule and I have asked your host families to remind you if you do not.



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When you return to school on January 19 you will only have 7 more weeks in New Zealand. Make the most of every opportunity.

Opportunities are like sunrises. If you wait too long, you miss them.

William Arthur Ward

For host families

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Darryl and I will be away from Jan 3-14. During this time (much to our children's horror) will have limited wifi and cell phone access. However we will check our messages and emails when we have the chance. If your host daughter needs a doctor or dentist, please help her to make an appointment and accompany her to her visit. She will need to pay for these appointments but her insurance will reimburse her when she returns to Japan. Therefore it is necessary to keep receipts. For urgent medical attention, she will need to be taken to the 24 hour surgery or Accident and Emergency at Christchurch Hospital.

If you need temporary accommodation for your host daughter, please contact Lynne and Phillip Glynn

FOUND: black Kathmandu jacket size 6. Left at the theatre after the concert last Friday night.

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