

# SCLI NEWS

Autumn Term No 7

May 31, 2017

## The week at school

Our afternoon topic for the next two weeks is Cooking and it is always a popular one. Students have been asked to bring a sample (4 pieces) of baking they do over the weekend to school on Tuesday so that they can talk about it to some of their classmates who can then have a taste.

This Friday Moana is cooking lunch for everyone at school. Please give your host daughter \$6 for this. She will still need something for morning tea.

This year we have more than 20 students in the running club which goes out every Friday after school. A few weeks ago several students took part in the 5km Mother's Day run. This Sunday is the ASB Christchurch Marathon. Two SCLI students, Mizuki K and Sora, will be participating in the half marathon and we wish them all the best.

Last week we started the English-only common room. As the name suggests students can only be in this room if they speak English. Gradually we will be working to phase out Japanese being spoken inside the school building. It is a school rule that students and their friends speak English in front of you. This applies at home and when they are in the car. Please do not feel bad if you need to firmly remind them about this rule. I am sure they will be grateful come March next year.

As the students start to feel more comfortable at home, they may start to push the boundaries with various things such as Internet usage, having friends over / sleepovers and times they are to be home. Each family has different rules and the students know they have to respect yours. It is also expected that your host daughter tells you her plans if she is going out.

Today I am talking to the students about ways they can improve their reading and listening skills. This is detailed below. Next week I will be talking to them about improving speaking and writing.

Enjoy the long weekend,

*Lisa*

## For students

**Keas' room:** it has been great to hear some students speaking English in this room. If you speak Japanese in the room you have to leave.

**TOEIC club:** There is reading practise on the hallway table. Please write your name and the number of the handout. You may borrow the papers for 3 days. Please do not write on them.

### How can you improve your listening and reading skills?

#### Listening

- Movies with subtitles
- Audio books
- TV programmes. Watch one with your family and discuss it during the advertisements.
- Talking with your sports team/ youth group/ music teacher etc.
- Self-assessment assignments
- Online. Try [ello.org](http://ello.org).

#### Reading

- In class you practise reading skills. You need to practise them when you are reading other articles also.
- Read your library book for 20 minutes a day.
- Look at newspapers and magazines. You can find some in the Keas' room.
- Read the material from your morning textbook and afternoon topics again.
- Do the self-assessment reading assignments.

#### Reading for TOEIC

- Learn TOEIC vocabulary.
- Do TOEIC reading exercises.
- You will learn reading skills when you start TOEIC classes. Practise these skills.

#### Matariki

On June 30th from 4-7.30pm we will celebrate Matariki at school by playing some games and having dinner together. Your class will need to prepare a game we can all play. You will need to explain it in English, of course!



## Reminders

*School lunch: June 2  
Please give your host daughter \$6 for this. She will still need something for morning tea.*

*Queen's Birthday  
June 5th  
School Closed*

*Term one host family  
evenings 7-9pm:  
Moana - Wed, June 14  
Mermaids-Fri, June 16  
Mara - Mon, June 19*

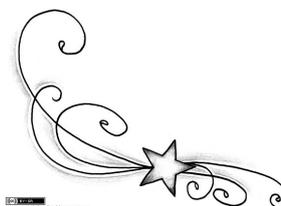
*Matariki  
Students party at school  
June 30th  
4-7.30 pm  
Please give your host daughter \$8 for this.*

*End of term  
July 7*

*West Coast Trip (optional)  
July 11-14*

**EXAMS  
JULY 31—AUGUST 4**

*Parents' Tour  
August 14*



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