

SCLI NEWS

Autumn Term No 8

June 7, 2017

The week at school

I hope everyone managed to keep dry over the very wet weekend. Congratulations to Mizuki K and Sora who completed the half marathon on Sunday in very wet and cold conditions. Their sense of adventure and determination is to be commended.

The gyudon (rice topped with beef) that Moana cooked for lunch last Friday was delicious and everybody enjoyed the treat of having Japanese food for lunch.

I hope your host daughter had the chance to bake something with you over the weekend. The cooking topic continues this week and students enjoyed sampling each other's fare yesterday afternoon.

During the morning class students will be spending some of the time preparing for the upcoming host family evenings. We look forward to seeing you in the next couple of weeks. Today we are asking students to fill in a course feedback form which can be answered in English or Japanese. This feedback will be analyzed by the teachers who are then able to make any necessary changes in their classes.

Enjoy the rest of the short week and keep warm,

Lisa

For students

How can you improve your speaking and writing skills? Practise, Practise, Practise!

Speaking

In class:

Make your goal to speak only English in class.

If you finish a speaking exercise, try it again. Practise pronunciation and intonation the next time.

Practise using new grammar and vocabulary in class before you try it at home.

Spend time in the Keas' room.

Outside of school

Spend time with your host family and other English speakers. Tell your host family what you did at school. Tell them other people's news. Remember to listen—you have to listen and speak to communicate well.

Copy native speakers/ your favourite English –speaking actors/ audio books

Sing along to English songs.

Read out loud

Set goals, e.g. 'Today I am going to ask my host father some questions.'

BE BRAVE : EVERY MISTAKE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN

Writing

Check your writing before you hand it in:

Check punctuation, look up any words if you are unsure of the spelling. Check grammar, e.g. subject-verb agreement and plurals.

When your teacher hands back your writing:

Read through it. Do you understand her corrections? If you do not understand, ask her.

Start writing a diary in English:

This is where you can practise using new grammar and vocabulary you have learnt. Your teacher will correct your mistakes. Make sure you understand the corrections. Practise the grammar and vocabulary you made mistakes with again and again until you get it correct.

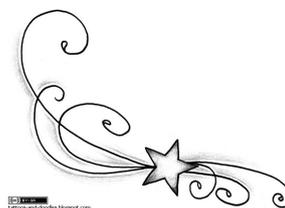
Read:

When you read you can see grammar and vocabulary being used correctly and you begin to get a feel for natural English.



Reminders

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



*Matariki
Students party at school
Friday July 7th
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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