



SCLI NEWS

Winter Term No 1

July 26, 2017

The week at school

The holiday seemed to be a busy time with students going on the West Coast Tour as well as taking various trips with host families. A big thank you to the host families who helped to organize trips, picks ups and activities for their host daughters.

We have hit the ground running so to speak this term as we have exams coming up. The writing exam is on Monday next week and there will be reading and listening exams on Tuesday and speaking exams from Wednesday—Friday. There is a different timetable during speaking exams and students will not always be required at school during school hours. The students know which days and what times they need to be at school. School does not advise students to have sleepovers the weekend prior to exams.

There are several families coming on the parents tour this year, however we are expecting many more visits from families from August—January. Naturally your host daughter's family will be excited to meet you but any other offers of hospitality on your part are entirely up to you.

Keep warm and enjoy the rest of the week,

Lisa



Reminders

EXAMS

JULY 31—AUGUST 4

Writing:

Monday, July 31

Reading and Listening:

Tuesday, August 1

Speaking :

Wednesday, August 2

MARAMA

Thursday, August 3

MOANA

Friday, August 4

MERMAIDS

Parents' Tour:

August 13-17

Dinner: August 14

An email with more information will be sent to host families when it becomes available.

Tekapo trip

August 26-27

End of August

Visit by Ms Asai

Friday September 29

End of term 2

Report 2 handed out

For students

Exams

Studying for exams can be a stressful time. However the hard work you do beforehand will certainly be worth it. Eating healthy food, exercising and getting plenty of sleep is also important during this busy time. School does not recommend sleepovers in the weekend before exams.

Try to understand how stress changes you, e.g. do you get grumpy or cry more easily? If you tell others that you are stressed, they will be more likely to understand if you act out of character.



Information about when you need to be at school during the speaking exams is on the notice board. There will be a speaking exam timetable in your classroom soon. Choose your speaking exam time and write your name next to it.

On the day of your speaking exam allow yourself plenty of time to get to school. When you arrive at school, go to Marama's classroom. When it is your preparation time, go into the small room behind Marama's room.

There will be a question on the table that you will be able to prepare. Your exam will be held in the Rooftop Room.

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR 'ME' BAG

• TOEIC vocabulary club
This club will start again on August 8.

• Photography competition
Please give all your entries to Darryl by next Wednesday, August 9 (with your name in pencil on the back of the photo).

Remember there are prizes. There are two categories— people and places.

• Scrapbooking
You will be doing this next week. The theme is Winter Holidays so please bring photos from your last holiday.

For host families

- Exam time is stressful for students. Your host daughter may spend a little more time in her room studying as exams near. Please encourage her to have regular breaks and not to study into the 'wee hours'. On the other hand, if you notice your student does not seem to be doing any study, some encouragement would be appreciated!
- If you have changed your mobile phone number, please let school know so that we can update our records.

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For students

New classes

On Monday you started studying in your new class. Keas class is the accelerated class. Kotare and Kowhai are standard classes and are not streamed. Over the next few weeks we will swap anyone we think is in the wrong class.

Morning tea

Is from 10.40—11 am. Please do not cook or make hot drinks at this time. The duty girls will make a pot of tea at lunchtime.



Lunch time

Is from 12.30—1.30 pm. You will hear a bell at 1.20 pm. At this time you need to pack up, move to your afternoon classroom and be ready to start at 1.30pm.

On Tuesdays you will finish at 12.20 pm as teachers need to attend a staff meeting.

NO EATING IN THE CLASSROOMS

Stove top

You can use the pots to cook things e.g. noodles, on the stove top. Make sure you wash the pot afterwards and put it back in the cupboard.

Microwave

You can reheat food in the microwave. Please cover the food with a paper towel before you reheat it.

Toastie Maker

Only put sandwiches in the toastie maker. Please do not use it like a fry pan.

Rubbish

Please put food scraps in the grey bins and yoghurt containers, bottles or paper in the white bins on the benches. Plastic wrap, chip bags, muesli bar wrappers go in the bins on the floor.



Dishes

If you use cups, plates, knives, forks, spoons etc. you need to rinse them before you put them in the dishwasher.

Assembly

There is an assembly in the new common room each Wednesday beginning at 1.15pm. Please give the newsletter to your host family.

Duty girls

Starting next week, students will take turns to be duty girls. You will do duty either in the new kitchen and common room or the old kitchen and common room. Darryl will teach the first group what to do and then it will be up to that group to teach the next group and so on.

Detention

Students who do not complete their homework on time or to a satisfactory standard will have a detention on the same day the homework is due. You may also get a detention for unacceptable behaviour.

Rooftop Room

This is available before and after school for you to use to study. You can find grammar, reading and listening exercises that go with your textbook. If you want the listening exercises, please give Lisa your MP3 device and she can load them on. The Rooftop Room is also where Yoshiko will be working from.

Emergencies

Earthquake: Get under a desk. Hold onto the legs of the desk. Wait until your teacher tells you what to do.

Fire: You will hear the bell being rung continuously. Leave the building immediately and meet on the sidewalk by Papanui Rd. Line up in classes and remain quiet.



In the next two days your teachers will show you how to leave the classroom in the event of a fire. This will be followed by a fire drill next week.

Camp : Wednesday April 28—Friday May 1st. This camp is for two nights. You will need warm clothes including a warm jacket. You will also need two pairs of walking shoes. There will be a camp concert on the second night. Groups of students will perform items e.g. a quiz, dance, song, short play etc. It's probably a good idea to start thinking and talking to others about it. You will get more information about camp at next week's meeting.

Cell phones:

Always keep your cell phone topped up and your battery charged. Make sure your morning teacher has your cell phone number. If you are sick or late for school, please text her.

