



# SCLI NEWS

## The week at school

Winter Term No 4

August 30, 2017



Although it may not officially be spring, it certainly feels like we are heading in the right direction. After two winters I am sure all our students are feeling better for a bit of warmer weather and some sunshine. This is the time of the year that we really push our students to use their English for every-day communication. Their listening skills have improved, they are over culture shock and are well settled into their routines. Now is the time for practising their spoken English as once they return to Japan this chance diminishes significantly. If your host daughter still does not communicate much at home, it might be time to sit down and discuss what she can do about it and, needless to say, any efforts deserve lots of praise. Feel free to contact school if you wish to discuss this further. I must remind you however that students have Test 3 coming up and may spend more time in their rooms studying during this time.

It's another busy week here at SCLI with Marama and Mermaids working hard for Test 3 which will be held next week. Yesterday as part of the World of Work topic, students role played job interviews. This activity was a great success with lots of English being spoken. A speaking and listening test later in the week will conclude this topic.

Yesterday we welcomed Ms Asai who is a teacher from Hikarigaoka Girls' High School where the majority of our SCLI students come from. She will be talking to students and observing classes for the next couple of days.

Each class is having a class party in the next few weeks. Your host daughter's morning class teacher will send home a note with information about a date and time. Please give your host daughter \$8 for dinner.

Due to tests, reports and class parties as well as my annual trip to Japan to visit our contributing schools, the host family function will be held early in the next term.

Enjoy the rest of your week,

*Lisa*

## Reminders

Test 3

Marama: Sept 4,5

Mermaids: Sept 5,6

Moana TBA

Class parties

Each class will cook dinner and eat it at school.

Dates TBA

September 20—October 1

Lisa's trip to Japan

Friday September 29

End of term 2

Report 2 handed out

Top of the South Tour

Tuesday 10—Friday 13  
October

Beginning of term 3

October 16

## For students

### Crossing the road

Please be careful getting across Papanui Rd and use the crossing further up the road. Some dangerous behaviour has been observed and NZ drivers are not known to be the most considerate drivers on the roads!

### Photography competition winners

The winner for the Best People Shot is Mako.

The winner for the Best Place Shot is Yukina.

Thank you to everyone who entered the competition.

### Afternoon speaking test this Friday

During class you will be doing scrapbooking. The theme is 'Alternative Week' or 'Parents' Tour'.

### TOEIC club

This week's meeting will be held in Moana's class at 3.10 pm on Thursday.

### TOEIC books

22 books have arrived and I am expecting the remainder to arrive soon. The books cost \$110 each. As soon as you pay Lisa, you can have your books.

### Digital citizenship and cyber bullying

Digital citizenship can be defined as the norms of appropriate, responsible behavior with regard to technology use.

Cyber bullying is the use of electronic communication to bully a person. If you are bullied this way:

1. do not respond or retaliate
2. save the evidence
3. tell the bully to stop
4. block the person on your phone
5. talk to someone you trust

If you are a cyberbully your phone will be confiscated and you can expect your parents and school in Japan to be told. You may also be suspended from school and grounded.

## For host families

Today I discussed cyber bullying with the students and the consequences for anyone who bullies in this way. Please read the information above included in the information for students.



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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.

