



SCLI NEWS

Winter Term No 5

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The week at school

The start of the week was busy for Marama and Mermaids as they sat Test 3. Moana will be sitting this test next Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday we are hoping to eat our lunch under the cherry blossoms in Hagley Park to celebrate hanami (blossom viewing) kiwi style. Therefore students will need a lunch that does not need cooking or reheating.

In the afternoon class students are studying the Travel Topic which will involve researching a place in NZ and presenting it in an information swap they will be doing later in the topic. This activity may give them some ideas if they are thinking of independent travel during the summer holidays. Please read more about this in the information for students below.

The students have been here for five months now. They have already gained so much confidence and their English skills are improving. However, I still urge you now and again to ask them to repeat what you have told them so that you know they understand and the students learn to ask for clarification when they do not.

Please check the reminders on the right of this newsletter. The tour dates in last week's newsletter were incorrect. My apologies.

Enjoy the rest of the week,

Lisa

For students

Hanami—Kiwi style

The weather forecast for this Friday looks promising, so we will have lunch under the cherry blossoms in Hagley Park. Please bring a picnic lunch i.e. nothing you need to cook /reheat.

TOEIC books

Lisa still has six TOEIC packs in her office. The cost is \$110. The remainder of the books are expected soon.

Remember there are TOEIC books in the Rooftop Room you are able to borrow.

Pink words

It seems some students in Marama and Mermaids are worried that each class has some pink words the other does not. Please do not worry about this. All teachers check tests and exams and let me know if there are words in the questions their class has not learnt.

Cirque du soleil

If you bought tickets for this show months ago, the time has finally come! Do you remember where you put your ticket?

The show is this Sunday, 1pm at Horncastle Arena. It is expected to be finished about 3pm.

Independent travel in the summer holidays.

You are able to plan a holiday with a group of friends and stay somewhere close to Christchurch e.g. Hanmer, Akaroa. However you must have your plans approved by SCLI and your host parents before you book your trip. Your parents in Japan will also need to email school with their consent. There is information on the notice board telling you what you need to do. You must have your trip approved and booked by December 8th.

What can you say, when you need to check you have understood?

When you're learning English, it can be frustrating when you don't understand a native speaker. Don't worry: it's a very normal part of the learning process, and most native speakers are very understanding.

Don't be ashamed of asking for clarification; rather, make the best (find something good in something unpleasant) of the situation: use it as a way to learn what English sounds like spoken in real life.

Here are some things you can say:

- I didn't quite catch that. Could you please repeat?
- Could you say that again, please?
- You mean.....



Reminders

*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*

*Southern Loop Tour
October 3-6*

*Beginning of term 3
October 16*

For host families

Change of host family for Mizuki Kobayashi

Miss Irene Gray
23 Grange St
Opawa
Christchurch 8022
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Emergency plan

Have you talked through an emergency plan with your host daughter? Does she know what to do in the event of a fire at your house, for example?

We hope that all our students are in rooms with a working smoke alarm.



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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.

