



SCLI NEWS

Spring term # 9
December 13, 2017

The week at school

It was lovely to catch up with some of you at the school concert last Friday; we hope you enjoyed the evening. The students' hard work definitely paid off and in the process they had a great time, bonded with their classmates and gained confidence. I would like to take the chance here once again to thank our wonderful teachers for all their hard work ensuring the plays were a success.

This week the topic for the afternoon classes is Christmas and students will get the chance to make and bake some Christmas things. If you haven't already, please talk to your host daughter about how your family spends Christmas. For many students it is all a bit of a mystery!

On Friday Mermaids are making lunch for everybody. Please give your host daughter \$6 for this. She will still need something for morning tea.

During the summer holidays students will be able to contact Yoshiko or, when Yoshiko is away, Kaoru if they cannot cope with a situation in English and need assistance. The students have their numbers.

I would like to thank you all for the great work you have done this year in caring for our students. Please encourage them to use English as much as possible in the break, as this is the time of the year when students can make the most progress. Don't hesitate to remind your student and her friends to speak in English if they are speaking Japanese in front of you.

If you are taking your host daughter away with you on holiday, I would like to thank you in advance. The memories the students make during this time become treasured.

On behalf of all the staff at SCLI, I'd like to wish you a very happy Christmas and a restful and relaxing summer holiday.



December 13

Moana receive reports

December 15

Last day of term

Mermaids cooks lunch \$6

Mermaids and Marama receive reports.

December 18-21

Top of the South Tour

January 15-18

Auckland Tour

January 22

Beginning of term 4

School exams

Feb 15- 23

The exam timetable is on the notice board.

February 16

TOEIC

Last day of school

Tuesday, March 6

Graduation

Wednesday, March 7

Students return to Japan

March 11

For students

Holiday Homework

- Your teachers will have holiday homework for you to complete.
- There is a handout for each student about phrasal verbs. This homework has to be done over the holidays and handed in on the first day of school.
- TOEIC : Vocabulary lists and handouts will be available on the table in the hall in the next couple of days.

Clean up

Classes will not receive reports until their room is clean and tidy.

Take any food out of the fridges- anything left will be thrown out.

The school will not be open during the holidays so make sure you take everything home that you need.

Christmas in NZ

Do you know what happens at Christmas time at your house? What are you doing on Christmas day? How does your host family usually spend new year's eve? If you cannot answer these questions, then you have lots of talking to do! By asking your host family what happens over the Christmas period, you will feel prepared and able to avoid any awkward moments.

Speaking English

If you invite friends over, you must speak English in front of your host family. This is a school rule and I have asked your host families to remind you if you do not.

Information sheets

are available for students going on the Top of the South Tour and the Auckland trip. Make sure you talk with your host family about it and have transport to and from school/ the airport organized.

Staying with a temporary host family

Several students are staying with temporary host families over the holidays. Remember school rules still apply; you must tell your host family where you are going and when you are coming home and you must respect their rules also, of course.

Holiday washing

If you are going camping with your family, please be careful about the amount of washing you ask your host mother to do. It is not as easy as at home and it is her holiday too!

When you return to school on January 22 you will only have 7 more weeks in New Zealand. Make the most of every opportunity.



Opportunities are like sunrises. If you wait too long, you miss them.

William Arthur Ward

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For host families

- The final term next year is an extremely busy one for our students with final exams and TOEIC. Students will be expected to do some holiday homework. However students have worked hard this term and deserve a well-earned break. As with all things in life we are encouraging students to aim for study/play balance.
- Today students were told what to expect in the final examinations in February.
- If your host daughter needs to see a doctor or dentist during the holidays, please make an appointment with your family doctor or dentist. She will need to pay at the time of the visit but if she keeps the receipt, she will be able to claim insurance when she returns home.