



SCLI NEWS

The week at school

Welcome to the new year at SCLI.

A big thank you for all your help with getting your daughter to and from school in the first couple of days and helping with stationery requirements and cell phones.

Last Thursday and Friday students sat placement tests and on Monday they were put into their new classes. This year the classes all start with the letter 'N': Ninjas, Narcissus and Nightingales. Ninjas is the accelerated class and taught by Lesley in the mornings and Helen in the afternoons, Nightingales is taught by Sharon in the mornings and Krista in the afternoons and Narcissus is taught by Helen in the mornings and Sharon in the afternoons. Narcissus and Nightingales are both standard classes and not streamed.

Junko Tsutsumi is our student advisor and during term one will be available for students at school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Students are also able to contact her on her mobile. As part of the orientation programme Junko is taking each class for a 'Getting Used to your Kiwi Life' lesson

Students started our orientation programme last week and for the rest of this week students will be continuing this programme in the afternoon class. This covers such things as catching the bus, going to the post office, table manners, using the phone and language to use at home. On Monday students went to the post office to buy stamps and to mail post cards they had written to friends or family in Japan. Students also had a chance to use an ATM machine for the first time.

Students have already had at least one fire drill this week and today we are making sure students know what to do in the event of an earthquake. I suggest you let your host daughter know what she should do in the event of a fire or earthquake at your home.

Several students have approached Darryl wanting to join various clubs and groups. We encourage all our students to 'get out there', meet more people and use their English. There is more information about this below.

Enjoy the rest of your week,

Lisa

For host families

School Rules

The school rules are available in both English and Japanese and can be found in the host family guide on pages 14-15 and 20-21 respectively. The rules were explained to all students during our meeting today.

Wifi

Each host family has their own rules regards wifi usage. However we ask that you do not allow your host daughter more than 1 1/2 hours access a day. Students who spend vast amounts of time accessing sites in Japanese tend to make poor progress with their English.

Cell phones

Several students are unsure how to use their phone to make and receive texts and calls. They are also unsure how to top it up and do not know which company they need to buy the top up card from. It is also too much to ask of them to follow the voice prompts when they are topping up. Please make sure you host daughter is confident using her cell phone. There is some excellent language in her Orientation booklet that you can both refer to. I thank you in advance for your help with this.

Chores

It is ideal if your host daughter has one or two jobs around the house e.g setting/ clearing the table. This helps her to feel included in your family.

Joining clubs and sports groups: We would like each student to join at least one club / group or class while she is in NZ. This is an great way for her to meet new people and use her English. Many new classes will begin in the new school term which begins on May 1st. Both school and your host daughter will appreciate your help with this. Also, in this way you can hopefully find something local that suits your timetable for drop off / picks ups. School does have lots of information about clubs etc. so be sure to call if you need help.

Important Dates and reminders

These can be found on the right side of this newsletter. As you can see the first school activity is the Camp Preparation Dinner. Students will stay at school on this day and we will eat dinner together. Please give your host daughter \$8 for this. This amount includes afternoon tea, dinner, dessert and most likely drinks. Please pick your host daughter up at 7pm from school. There will be a notice about camp soon.

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Reminders

School hours
9.30am -3.00pm

School opens 8.30 am

ANZAC
April 25
School Closed

Camp preparation
Dinner at school
Friday, April 27
3- 7.00pm
Please give your host
daughter \$8 for this.

CAMP: Living Springs
Monday May 7—
Wednesday May 9

Students will all need a
sleeping bag, clearly
named.

Language Exchange
Ara Institute
Ninjas
Tuesday, May 15

Queen's Birthday
June 4th
School Closed

End of term 1
July 6

West Coast Trip (optional)
July 10-13th

Beginning of term 2
July 23

**Southern Cross
Language Institute
PO Box 36013
Ph (03) 355 3378
E-mail: sclixtra.co.nz
Mobile 022 010 5288
(Emergencies only)**

'Me Bag'

On Thursday 3rd May at school we are having an extension activity for the topic "Me". During this or next weekend, please help your host daughter to:

- decorate her bag
- put her name on it
- put the following things inside:

- her favourite.....(book, pen, hat, cd, etc)
- something that is her favourite colour
- something she uses every day
- something from an outing with you (eg a rugby ticket, a pine cone)
- something she likes
- one other thing

This is a great project to do together as it generates plenty of discussion and she will really appreciate the time you spend with her.

Students will soon start getting regular homework. You might like to ask your host daughter what she has learned in class. She could even show you her textbook and you could ask her questions about the people or articles in it. However please do not do her homework for her. Some students are happy to do their homework in the living room and some prefer to study in their rooms. Students are naturally keen to do well and welcome your support and encouragement regarding learning and studying but it is not necessary for families to tell their host daughter when and where to study.

This year we are asking students to take home what they do not eat for lunch so you can adjust quantities etc as necessary. It is fine to encourage your host daughter to make her own lunch.

Try to encourage your student to use English as much as possible and to join you in the living room to share family time. She should not spend long periods of time alone in her bedroom. Remember that we are just a phone call or an email away if you have any concerns.

For students

New Classes

You are now in your permanent classes. However if your teachers think you might be in the wrong class, you may be moved. The first big morning test will be after unit 4 in your morning text book. You will receive more information about tests, exams and assessment soon.

Lunch

Please take home food that you do not eat for lunch. Do not leave fruit, yoghurt etc. at school.



Recycling and compost

Can you remember which bins to use?

Safety

Papanui Rd is very busy. Please walk up the road and use the crossing to get to the bus stop which goes to the bus exchange.

If you are concerned about your safety at the bus exchange, go to the reception area or into one of the shops there. If somebody asks you for money, you can tell the person, "Sorry, I don't understand." or "Sorry, I have no money." Please let school know of any incidents.

Cando Cards/ Metrocard

Please give Darryl \$10 to pay for your Cando card tomorrow or Friday at lunchtime.

Class leaders

Each term each class will have two class leaders. It is the leaders responsibility to make sure the duty girls do their jobs. There will also be other responsibilities during the term. Your class leaders for this term will be decided in your morning class. There is an information pack for the leaders. Darryl will explain kitchen duties to the leaders.

Communication with host families

By now I am hoping most of you have phones you can contact your host families/ school on. Please check your phones for messages and answer the texts your family/ teacher send. Also, please let your family / school know if you are lost or going to be late. You are expected to keep your phone topped up and charged and with you at all times. The school number is 03 355 3378.



Joining clubs and sports groups

The new term for starting most groups and classes starts on April 30. Think about what you would like to do and ask your host family and, or school to help you find something to join. It may be a hard to join a winter sports team as trials for teams have already been held. There is some information on the notice board about various classes. You may want to take a photo of it and show your host family.

Trips

There are various trips available for you to go on throughout the year. This information will be on the notice board soon. These trips are organised by Adventure Specialities Ltd and are not part of SCLI.

Camp

You will be going on camp on Monday May 7 - 9. You will receive more information about this soon. There is a camp concert on Tuesday 8th. You will need to perform in a group e.g. dance / sing or organise a quiz/ game the whole school can play.

Pre—camp dinner

This will be held on Friday April 27 at school and will give you a chance to prepare for camp. Your host family will give you \$8 for this. We have also asked your family to pick you up from school at 7pm.

Language exchange with Ara students

Throughout the year your class will have the chance to meet students at the Ara Institute who are learning Japanese. The first exchange will be for the Ninjas on Tuesday, May 15 during the afternoon class.