



SCLI NEWS

The week at school

The dinner at school last Friday gave the students a chance to relax and get to know each other a little better before we head off to camp next week. Thank you all for the prompt pick up. There were some great 'Me' bags on display last Monday afternoon and it was wonderful to hear so much English being spoken as students told each other about their favourite things. Thanks so much for your help with the bags. I hope you have had a chance to see the photos on the SCLI Facebook page.

The 'Me/Family' topic continues this week in the afternoon class and yesterday all students had their first afternoon reading test. Communication is often difficult at this time of the year as many families feel they are the ones always initiating conversations. In most cases this is quite normal. However chatting about the afternoon topic is great practise for your host daughter and even if it seems repetitive at times, it helps her build confidence in her ability to communicate in English. Students should also now have a school library book which your host daughter could also tell you about. We will take students to join the public library in a few weeks.

According to the long term forecast, we can expect some rain during our camp at Living Springs next week. I hope your host daughter has shown you the gear list she was given last Friday, but just in case, I have attached it to an email and sent it to you. Thank you in advance for lending your host daughter a sleeping bag and helping her get her gear to school next Monday. We plan to return to school by 3pm on Wednesday afternoon.

There will be no newsletter next week as we will be on camp. In the meantime if you need any updates, please contact us either by email or phone.

Enjoy the rest of the week,

Lisa

For students

Scrapbooking

You need to bring your scrapbooks and family photos tomorrow. Lisa was happy to print out photos for the Me/ Family topic but will not print out photos for scrapbooking.

Letters from your bank

If you have received a letter from the ANZ about *tax residency and foreign tax information*, you will need to fill it out and return it in the envelope provided even if you have never had a job or paid tax. There is a form on the notice board to help you.

Tests

All classes will do Test 1 after Unit 4 in the textbook. Day one of Test 1 will be a speaking test and day two will consist of reading, listening, writing and grammar tests. You need to know the grammar and vocabulary from units 1-4 of your textbook.

Your teacher will tell you the dates of your test. However, the teacher may change the dates to a later date if your class is not ready.

- Any student caught cheating in tests or exams will receive a score of zero for that test or exam.
- Today you will receive important information about assessment this year. Please keep it in a safe place.

Studying during your year in NZ

To make the best progress this year you need to fully immerse yourself in the language; listen to it, read it, study it and speak as much English as possible. Don't worry about making mistakes: learn from them. If you only do the bare minimum e.g. just doing your homework and studying the night before a test, you will be disappointed with your progress.

Metro Cards / items left on buses

It takes a considerable amount of time to locate and retrieve lost items on buses. If you lose your Metro card/ other item more than once, it will be your responsibility to locate it and pick it up.

Insurance

When you go to the doctor or dentist in NZ, you will need to pay the full amount. It is important that you keep the receipt as you will need it to make the claim. This is usually done when you return to Japan. Sometimes if you pay a large amount of money, your parents will want to make the claim while you are still in NZ. You will still need to pay the bill and keep the receipt. You will need to scan it and email it to your parents who will then make the claim.

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May 2, 2018



Reminders

School hours
9.30am -3.00pm

School opens 8.30 am

CAMP: Living Springs
Monday 7 May—
Wednesday 9 May

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
July 6

West Coast Trip (optional)
July 10-13



Success is the sum of small
efforts, repeated day in and
day out. – Robert Collier
(American author)

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Camp

- The bunkroom list will be on the notice board in the next couple of days. Your bunkhouse is also your duty group. Each duty group will be responsible for serving a meal and cleaning up afterwards and also cleaning on Wednesday morning. You may be required to clean a bunk room/ toilets/ showers/ dining room etc. With this in mind, during our stay at Living Springs please rinse out the washbasin / shower after you have used it.
- Talk with the other students in your bunk room. Does everyone need to take their hair dryer? Maybe you can share one with other students. Are there any other items that perhaps the people in your bunk room could share?
- As you know there is a camp concert on Tuesday night. If you have music on your i-phone, please make sure you have downloaded it and are not relying on wifi availability.

For host families

Insurance for students:

As part of the student visa requirements, it is mandatory that all students have comprehensive insurance cover during their year here. However in most cases, students pay the bill, keep the receipt and make the claim when they return to Japan. If you need to take your host daughter to the doctor, she will be able to see your family GP. She will need to pay on the day and keep the receipt. She will also need her passport information which she has a copy of.

Adventure Specialties Ltd trips.

There are various trips available for the students to go on during the school holidays. Adventure Specialties is not part of SCLI but puts together trips suited to our students. If your host daughter chooses to go on any of the trips and you have questions about pick up / drop off times etc, please contact the Adventure Specialties trip leaders. Before your host daughter goes away, she will receive information about the trip including important contact numbers.

Here are the dates for the trips being offered this year:

West Coast:	July 10—13
Southern Loop Tour:	October 9-12
Wellington :	November 15-18
Top of the South:	December 17-20
North Island:	January 15-18

SCLI term dates

Term 1

Friday July 6 End of autumn term

Term 2

Monday July 23 Start of winter term
Friday September 28 End of winter term

Term 3

Monday October 15 Start of spring term
Friday December 14 End of spring term

Term 4

Monday January 21 Start of summer term
Tuesday March 12 End of summer term