



SCLI NEWS

The week at school

Summer Term No.1

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Important Dates

First of all I would like to wish you all a happy new year and thank the wonderful families who took their host daughters away on the great holidays we have been hearing about. We have hit the ground running so to speak; Marama have already completed Test 5 this week, Mermaids will sit it tomorrow and Thursday and Moana will sit it on Friday and next Monday. Your host daughter should be working hard this term and sometimes it may be difficult for her to balance her time between study, family and friends. However with lots of encouragement and support, I am sure she will be able to do it. If, on the other hand, you feel your host daughter could be putting in a bit more effort, we, her school in Japan and her parents would be grateful if you could strongly advise her to get her priorities sorted and 'hit the books'. Students were advised of the exam timetable last term.

In the afternoon course the topic is NZ History and next Tuesday students will visit Ferrymead to take part in an education unit there. This is always an enjoyable and informative visit and students will be able to try some hands- on activities.

As I have mentioned this term is a busy one; as you can see under the 'Important Dates' on the right side of this newsletter. It includes our garage sale which is always popular with host families.

Enjoy the rest of your week,

Lisa

Tuesday, January 30
Visit to Ferrymead Historic Park

Tuesday February 6
Waitangi Day
School closed

Term 4 Exam dates : February
Thursday 15 Writing
Monday 19 Reading & Listening
Tue 20– Thur 22 Speaking

Friday, February 16
TOEIC

Saturday, February 23
Garage Sale

Monday, February 26
School Day Out

Monday, March 5
Class Day Out

Graduation
Wednesday, March 7

Return to Japan
Sunday, March 11 TBC

For students

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great holiday and had a chance to recharge so that you have lots of energy for the term ahead.

This term is extremely busy and you will need to use your time wisely. There is a calendar with important dates marked on it on the notice board. For the upcoming exams, you will need to study the afternoon topics since the last exams. You will also need to study from your morning course book.

Motivation

There is no Japanese to be spoken in the school this term. The next month needs for you to study intensively. You may need to make a study plan. Remember to add breaks and exercise and of course rewards for your hard study. You will not regret the hard work you do but you will regret it if you do not do your best.

TOEIC Club

Due to students sitting Test 5 and a visit to Ferrymead next Tuesday, there will be no TOEIC club. However there will be vocabulary sheets on the hall table. If you have any questions, please ask Lisa.

TOEIC exam

Please let Lisa know by Friday if you do not wish to do the February TOEIC exam. It will cost approximately \$190.

Visit to Ferrymead

As part of the New Zealand History topic you will be visiting Ferrymead Heritage Park next Tuesday. The bus will leave school at 9.30 a.m. A bus will take you back to the Bus Exchange at 2.30pm. You will need your lunch (something you do not need to reheat), a drink, a hat, sunscreen, a camera and sensible walking shoes. The weather is forecast to be extremely hot this day.

Sending boxes back to Japan

A convenient way to send your boxes back to Japan is by using Japan Speed Pack. They will deliver the boxes to school and they will pick the boxes up from your house. Payment is upon delivery (in Japan) . You pay for the weight of the box so make sure you only pack things you really want to use again. There are various other courier companies in Christchurch you may want to check out.

Garage Sale

We will be having a garage sale at the end of February where you can sell anything: shoes, clothing, shampoo, books, electronic goods, Japanese food etc.

Budget

Expenses you can expect this term include; TOEIC (approx \$190), graduation (approx \$20) and a class day out.

For host families

Graduation

Graduation is Wednesday, March 7. Please keep this date free—it means so much to your host daughter that you attend this event. Both the ceremony and the supper will be at the Addington Raceway. More information about this event to come.

**WANTED
FRIDGE MAGNETS**
If you have any flat fridge magnets (the ones with advertising on them) that you do not want, we would love to have them. They will be upcycled and used in the classroom.

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