



SCLI NEWS

Please give this to your family tonight.

Summer Term No 1

January 26, 2011

The week at school

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you have enjoyed your summer vacation and looking forward to the coming final term. This is the real SCLI newsletter for the week (not yesterdays which was dated 2050!!)

On the back of this notice there is a Term 4 programme, detailing dates of exams, extension activities and other events. Please show it to your host family.

The next few weeks will pass very quickly so please do not leave everything to the last minute. It is also a term in which to minimize sleep-overs

as you need to spend your time studying.

Some students are still absent, spending time with their host family on holiday. However if you are going to be absent, you should be mindful of assessment requirements when planning time off school. There is still a major test left as well as afternoon tests. You will need to make sure you catch up when you return. Please avoid the exams, the two weeks leading up to exams as well as the period before graduation if possible. In addition the class outing to Ferrymead is an important day to be at school.

The afternoon topic this week, is *Global Issues*, focusing on climate change. We realise that this is a controversial topic and it is our aim to give students a balanced perspective. I appreciate all the help with homework that host families can give for this topic. We are not looking for scientific knowledge, just an opportunity for discussion!!

Unfortunately the earthquakes keep coming and we seem to feel them quite strongly here at school. The students are doing very well and are not allowing them to impact negatively on their time in Christchurch.



Reminders

Graduation Wednesday
16 March at Addington
raceway.

Exam 2 February 24-3 Mar
TOEIC Feb 18

Class Photos on Wednesday
next week

Ferrymead visit 11 Feb
Bus leaves school at 9.25
a.m.

Test 5 Fantails tomorrow.

For students

TOEIC

You will see on the term programme that the TOEIC test is just before Examination 2. Please remember that your November score will not be valid for university entrance purposes. Today we explained to students the price (\$210) and photo ID requirement for this test. I will be ordering materials at the end of this month so would like to know numbers by next Friday.

Graduation

The last day of school is Tuesday March 15 and graduation is Wednesday March 16 at 6.30p.m.

Both the ceremony and dinner will be at the Addington Raceway.

Buskers festival

This has always been a popular event with our students. The buskers are performing at many venues throughout the city, especially in Victoria Square. Check them out—you will enjoy their performances.

Post-exam activity

There will be a special day out in the last week of term. More details later!

Scrapbook

Please make sure you have photos for scrapbooking this week. You need to continue to add to your scrapbook. Completion is a course requirement. Scrapbooks will be assessed in the week after examinations.

Class Photos

Disaster! These will need to be taken again. Please come prepared on Wednesday next week! Our apologies.

Ferrymead Visit

As part of our study on New Zealand History you will be going to Ferrymead Heritage Park on February 11. This will be an all day visit so there will be no morning class. The bus will return to the Bus exchange in the afternoon.

You will need to take your lunch, a warm jacket, good walking shoes, sunscreen and pen and paper. Please do not be late to school.

Extra TOEIC Classes

Teachers will be advising you of the times for extra classes.

Class photos

Unfortunately we have had a problem with the class photos and we will need to re-do them. Please come prepared next

For host families

Many thanks to those of you who hosted visitors from Japan during the summer holidays. I am sure the families greatly appreciated the chance to visit your home and spend time with their daughter's New Zealand family. Also a big thank you to those who took their student on holiday. The students have some lovely memories of their New Zealand Christmas and summer.

2011-2012 Sandi has almost completed matching host families and students for next year. Unless you hear otherwise, you will have a student for the new academic year.

Graduation dinner

The price for adults this year is \$39. Children under 12 are half price. Please note that the ceremony starts at 6.30p.m. with dinner to follow about 7.30p.m.

Return to Japan: We have conflicting information about the departure time for the students. We will let you know as soon as possible.

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