

Newsletter – Week 1



Please Note

SHS school in Japan have asked that no mobile phones or devices be brought to Australia. Students may use an iPod for music, and of course may use a camera.

Students are all aware of this rule, and must not have a mobile phone with them in Australia.

Welcome students and families!

Hello SHS families and students. Here we are at the beginning of an exciting 10 week tour. I know there are often tears, slip ups and miscommunications in the first few weeks, but with patience, smiles and confidence we can make this another successful tour for our students.

Next week all students will sit their first TOEFL Junior test. They will sit a second test in Week 9, which will give us an idea of their progress in Australia. The results from last year's tour were amazing, and I attribute this success mainly to the homestay experience. Keep talking and engaging with your student; you are possibly their main source of English!

Following on from this, we encourage students to do their homework at the



Aussie BBQ with our teachers

kitchen or dining table where possible. This allows them some visibility and they can ask for help if needed. Sadly they do have a lot of homework to do and I apologise if you have a tired and sometimes overworked student at home, however they should be able to balance work and family time.

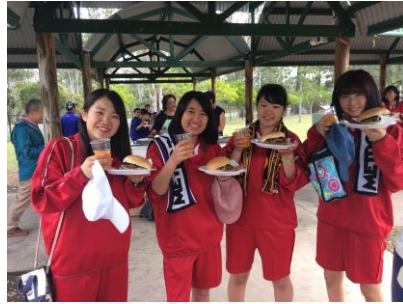
Next week is the first week of the Hills' school holidays. This means Hills students are on holiday, however most

other schools continue and all of the school buses will run as normal. There will be 2 weeks (26/6 – 7/7) when only the Hills bus and the 540 will run. Please make other transport arrangements for your student for this time. If you are having trouble doing so, please contact me and I can help.

See you next week!

**Vanessa Newbery,
Manager 0401938330**





Great conversation starters...

- Tell me about...
- How do you...in Japan?
- What do you think?
- What is your favourite...?
- ...and always ask 'WHY?'

*Japanese students may need time to think about their answer. Be patient ☺

REMINDER – Holiday times!

With the public school holidays coming up, starting on 26 June, please remember that the 540 bus and Hills bus will run as normal. **No other school buses will operate.** For students who catch the school buses, please let me know if you need help arranging transport. Any questions, just call. Vanessa. 0401938330

Advice from an SHS 3 month student from 2016 ...

“Always communicate with your host family and try your best. Don't worry if your English is wrong, please always try. Your host family will help you. Don't forget to study hard, and smile!”

Ami Yoshikawa



The students were well behaved and enjoyed their first excursion

Week 2:

- Surf Lifesaving and Water Safety Talk
- TOEFL Junior tests
- **Museum excursion on Wed 22/6** (Hat, walking shoes, sports uniform, morning tea, money for souvenirs etc)
- Writing Test 1

Week 3:

- Golf lessons begin
- Reading Test 1

SHS class times

8:45am – 3:15pm

