

# Newsletter – Week 7



I have five people in my host family. I have two host parents, one younger brother and two younger sisters. My host family has a guinea pig and eight chickens. My family looks like my host family. I talk with my host family, especially I talk with my host parents.

**Yuta Ojima**



I have no brother or sister, but in Australia I have two host siblings. As my host siblings are noisy all day, I thought my host family was happy and the home was cheery and pleasant. My host parents always have a smile on their face. I think they have a charming smile and they make me smile.

**Miyu Kono**

## Class time and homestay reflections

Hello SHS families and students.

This has been a reflective week, as students take time to think of their time spent at school and at home. Work on the textbooks from Japan continues to be balanced by work on Australian culture, vocabulary and developing general English skills.

Homestay is the focus of the newsletter this week. Since joining the SHS 3 month program 4 years ago, it has become apparent just how important the homestay experience truly is. So much natural communication takes place in the home; English is fast-paced, flowing and real as opposed to our 'teacher talk' which can sometimes be filtered for better understanding. It is during the homestay



experience that most of the real learning takes place. I thank each and every host family for taking care of the students and for doing so many wonderful things with them to enhance their experience. It is lovely to see that even simple, inexpensive things like a picnic in the park or a family BBQ are treasured by the students as happy memories. There is no need to spend a lot of money to feel part of a loving

family. Thank you host families for everything that you do!

We are now looking to our graduation evening. Please save the date – Wed 16 August. The evening will be held at Parklands College Church Hall and will begin at 6:45pm. This is a fantastic night full of entertainment, fun and possibly a few tears. A note will come home on Monday about graduation.

**Vanessa Newbery**  
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In my free time I usually play Mario Kart, watch Disney movies and listen to music. Lately I play a card game with my host family. I enjoy every day now. Time passes very rapidly. My host family is kind to me. I can live at home peacefully.

**Mizuri Goto**

I paint pictures with my host mother. My host mother is good at painting. I was weak at painting but I learned the excitement of painting. I haven't painted for a while in Japan so I want to paint many pictures now. At church, I am glad to meet many people.

**Nana Furuta**



I always talk with my host brother. He is very kind because he changes to simple English language from difficult English when I can't understand. Every day he says "Do you want to play a game?", so I play games in my free time. Yesterday we worked on a puzzle.

**Rara Sakemoto**



My host family is very friendly and always care about me, so I love my host family. My host mother cooks very well, so after school I can't wait for dinner! My favourite dinners are 'tacos' and 'chicken rice'. These are very delicious. I will miss my host family.

**Kanon Imai**

I was very nervous at first, but I'm used to the Australian environment these days, so I have fun living now. My host family cooperates to help me improve my English skill. My host family is strict but kind. I could feel a different life in Australia.

**Sonoka Mori**

My host family are very nice people. My mum is very kind and pretty. She smiles every day. My dad is very funny. He likes jokes! My host sisters are so cute with good smiles. They are funny and kind. I'm happy every day. I love my host family!

**Kotone Okumura**

I love this family. My host family is kind to me. My host family is crazy so they are always laughing. I played football in the yard with my host family and their relatives at a party. I got two tries. The game was in full swing. I want to stay here a long time.

**Atsushi Futaguchi**

My host family is kind and interesting! My host mother is always smiling. My host father has a busy job, and my host brother likes watching TV or playing games. He is funny! He often says "Play with me" or "Follow me", so I often play with him. I always spend a good time. I want to stay here. I like my host family!

**Kotomi Asano**

I have a great host family. They have a lot of different cultures. Some of these surprised me, sometimes I can't believe the differences, but I found those cultures have great meaning and I have to respect that. I found a lot of things in my homestay life that my family has taught me.

**Yuchen Wang**

I have many plans with my host family on the weekend. I had never been to the beach before, however I went to the beach with my family on the weekend. The beach was shiny so sometimes I closed my eyes. I collected funny shells. I got another name from my host father when I collected them. I like this name.

**Karin Okamura**

I have daily life Monday to Friday, but on Wednesday I can go shopping with my host mother after school, so this is a little special in my weekday life. We do special things on the weekend, like visit a flower garden or go to Sea World.

**Kaito Saito**



Next week:

- Cedar Glen farm stay – Groups 3 & 4 on Tuesday 1/8. Groups 1 & 2 on Thursday 3/8.
- It is a farm – it will be dusty and dirty. Students will be riding horses, so suitable long pants and closed in shoes are ESSENTIAL.