

Newsletter – Week 9



In Australia, we have morning tea and lunch. We can eat and play sports outside during these break times, however in Japan we can't play sports during break time so much, because we only have a few minutes, and besides we don't have a playground in school.

Daichi Isobe



Australian lifestyle is different to Japan. In Japan water is common and people say nothing about using a lot of water. Actually, I took a bath for 20 minutes. However, in Australia, I have to take a shower for 4 minutes. We have spent time in Australia. We have learned and tried many interesting things.

Sohei Saeki

Testing and reflecting

Hello SHS families and students.

This has been a busy week! Students completed their second TOEFL Junior test this week, as well as a writing test and speaking test. We have also been practicing our graduation performances and speeches.

However, in the midst of all this activity, there has been some time for quiet reflection. Group 4 students and their teacher, Ms Greig, have presented their reflections in this week's newsletter for you.

Next week will be another full week, as this year's SHS tour comes to a close. Monday is a public holiday, as Logan City celebrates the EKKA. There is no school on Monday. On Tuesday, students will need to



wear sports uniform, as we will walk into Jimboomba for a BBQ. On Tuesday and Wednesday, students will also have their final textbook tests.

Wednesday evening is our graduation night. Please aim to arrive at Parklands Christian Church no later than 6:45pm, so we can begin by 7pm. The address is 1 Hillcrest Rd, Park Ridge. Students will need to be in full formal uniform,

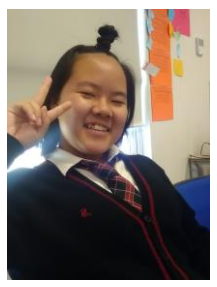
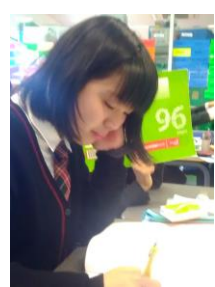
complete with blazer. Thursday will be our school break up day. Students may wear sports uniform on this day. We would like to have a party, so if every student could bring in a small plate of food or a bottle of drink to share, we can celebrate in style! Finally, students will be going to the Gold Coast on Friday with their Japanese teachers. Please wear free dress on this day. Normal school times on this day.

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My country has many different lifestyles, and Australian people have their lifestyles too. I think our lifestyles are diverse. Australian people treasure water. In this way water is very important for their lives. I want to try and treasure more about other lifestyles. I want to study abroad in Australia and other countries. **Yuri Shimako**

We had a lot of activities at school and with our host families. We went to the mountain to ride the horse, we rode in a four-wheel drive, we went to Dreamworld, and we learned about Aboriginal culture. My favourite activity was fishing. My host father is a really big fan of fishing. I went fishing on a boat with him. **Moe Tajitsu**



I saw a lot of animals in Australia. At home, my host family has a lot of pets, such as cats, birds and a guinea pig. I was surprised when I stayed there, because in Japan I've never seen a house with a lot of animals. I experienced good and new things in Australia. I had a wonderful time and learned a lot of things. **Kyoka Hashimoto**



Australia has different nature. You know, in Australia the seasons are the opposite to Japan, for example today the season in summer in Japan, however Australia is winter. What do you imagine about winter? Cold? Snow? It is not cold here in winter. **Kotone Takeuchi**

Australia is an island country, so Australia is surrounded by the sea on all sides and we can go to the beach easily. The Australian sea is very clear and there is no floating debris. The sand is very white and smooth. It was very impressive. In addition, I was surprised that we can swim in the sea in winter. Australian winter is so warm, so Australia is a very comfortable country. **Honoka Yamashita**

I spent a lot of time with my host family and their relatives and I learned they have a strong relationship, so I had a lot of time to talk or do activities. The activities I took part in were parties, shopping, surfing and whale watching. I'd like to go to Australia and meet my host family again. **Sunghyuk Seol**

I have experienced a lot of things here. First I liked talking with my host father. He talks with me and makes me happy. He is merry. We often talk about movies and comedy. But sometimes he teaches me Australian words and phrases, or strine. For example. *g'day* is hello, and *bloody* means very. I didn't know that Australia has dialects. Now I'm more interested in Australian culture. **Riku Yamawaki**



- Coming up:
- EKKK holiday Monday 14 August
 - Sports uniform on Tuesday and Thursday
 - Graduation evening Wednesday 16 August
 - Final English class 17/8, bring a plate to share

Australian food culture created many things. Australian people like eating and food. I like this culture, but the food is too good so I'm eating too much. My advice to people is be careful when eating Australian food. It is high in calories, and most of the food is big, but it is delicious! **Mayu Ono**

I was especially amazed by the difference in foods. Every food at the supermarket was big, including ice cream, cake, milk and chips. The reason for the big size is because Australian people have big meals. I was very surprised to see a whole bucket of ice cream in the freezer. Also, many meals have potato in them. We don't eat potatoes that often in Japan, but I like potatoes so I was happy to eat them. **Suzuno Nozaki**