Japan Tour Preparation– Wednesday Lesson November 23rd 2016
Topic: Q&A

Present:
2015 Japan Trippers: Jess, Melita, James, Harrison, Lachie
2017 Japan Trippers: Jess, Josh, Shona, Matilda, Chelsea W, Jordan, Nicholas, Mack, Sienna
Absent: Sophie, Megan, Jed, Kayden, Chelsea C, Aaron, Shailin (all on Mission X)

FOOD:
Don’t eat the fish on the stick. You’ll be sick!
Breakfast choices – eat it & fill up – lunch can be late
Snacks – make sure you buy plenty of healthy snacks and don’t eat them all at once - there can be long gaps between meals
Supermarket visits – stock up the night before with ‘good’ options
Good dinner options – katsudon, curry, tempura, fish, okonomiyaki
ps The custard buns are great!

COMMUNICATING WITH HOME:
Create a gmail account and check it works. Other email accounts aren’t reliable in Japan
Can access technology at Apple shops in electronics stores
Hotels have PCs and free wi-fi in lobby
Teachers have iPads
If you are homesick avoid emailing (or do but not much)
Don’t waste valuable time on computers
Teachers will update our Facebook page so parents will see a pic of you each day and know you’re OK

MANAGING BEING TIRED AND CRANKY
You will get tired – really tired!
Don’t stay up late – days are long and we are always up early to use the daylight. It gets dark quite early
Help each other out
Keep to yourself
Enjoy what you are doing - you might never return to Japan
Be aware of the body language of others. Give people space if they look like they need it.

SHOPPING
Best sword shopping is at Miyajima Island – big selection. Prices are similar in all places
Lollies – lollies – lollies!
Cameras - can get good deals on run-out models

PACKING LIST
The list is fine. Don’t forget plastic bags to put damp or dirty clothes in and velvet soap for washing clothes

WASHING CLOTHES
You can go to a laundromat in the evening or to an electronics store – don’t waste time at the laundromat!
Hand-wash small items and send big items like trousers to the hotel laundry

BUDGET
2015 students took on average $1200
Spent on average $800 on food, transport and entrance fees
Many brought money home