***2016 HOST FAMILY INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES***

We have our annual visit from Osaka Seikei Girls School in Japan from Tuesday 15 March – Wednesday 23 March 2016 (8 nights).There will be approximately 20 female Japanese students aged 15-16 years and will be accompanied by their 2 teachers from Japan. The emphasis of the program is to experience our culture, our food and our language so interacting as much as possible with a host family in English and eating your food at meal times is recommended.

Your child does not have to be in a Japanese class to host a Japanese student but as it is an all girls school, a host family must have one female sibling of any age living at home. The Japanese student can share a room or have a room on their own. Hence, boys can host a female student as long as they have a female sibling at home.

A payment of approximately $20 per day is provided to assist with guest expenses (see attachment). We ask each host family to provide accommodation and 3 meals per day (a cut lunch or lunch money for the canteen for school days). Also we ask that you pay for your guest when dining out or an admission cost to a venue if the outing has been arranged by you, otherwise we expect the Japanese student to fund anything additional during their stay.

The group will arrive at Frankston High School at approximately 11.30am on Tuesday 15 March and depart from the Farewell Party at FHS on Wednesday 23 March at approximately 8.30pm.

A Farewell Party for the students and host families will be held on Wednesday 23 March from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Pizza and light refreshments will be provided. As the evening will consist of eating, Certificate Presentation and a short performance before their departure we ask that all families be punctual. We hope that at least two family members be present to watch our Japanese guests perform, receive their Homestay certificates then farewell our guests at 8.30pm.

School Schedule

The Japanese students keep to the Frankston High School class times and attend their own classes the majority of the time. Each morning, recess, lunchtime and after school your child would meet their Japanese student at the Canteen Annexe. No Japanese student is to take public transport to and from school unless accompanied by a member of their Host Family.

A Working With Children Check form (WWC) needs to be completed by every person over the age of 18 years residing at your residence. WWC forms are available online (see attachment).

It is always a challenge to find enough host families.

If you are able to host, please email the attachments to me or return to the General Office on the Junior or Senior Campus as soon as possible ☺

Or for further enquiries: Anne Thomson 0409 835 541 or athomso@fhs.vic.edu.au