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Life Lessons with Bluey

Bluey is an Australian children's show about talking dogs, but adults love it too! I like it because it's **authentic**. It's set in Brisbane; near my **hometown**. The **voice actors** are Australian, so the **accents** are perfect! It has many **familiar** things, words, and places for me. It has short **episodes** with **simple** English. I think it's perfect for **foreigners** to learn about Australia. I hope you'll try the show! Today I'll tell you about episodes that teach **helpful** life **lessons**.



The Creek- be brave!

Bluey goes to the **creek** with her dad.

At first she's scared of the **bugs** & **uneven** ground. She wants to go back to the safe **playground**, but her dad tells her to be **brave**. She keeps going even though she's scared. She is rewarded with amazing nature. The creek is beautiful, and she even sees a wild **Pademelon**!

It reminds me of going to Mudgeeraba creek with my family. I was afraid too, **especially** of spiders! But I stayed, & now I have great **memories** there of walking our dogs & playing in the water.

Pass the Parcel- Don't be a sore loser



Bingo plays 'Pass the Parcel' at **birthday** parties. You sit in a circle & pass a present around while music plays. When the music stops, the kid holding the present unwraps one layer. **Only** one person can win the big **prize** in the last **layer**. Bingo cries & cries when she loses. Then, at each party, she gets a little **better** at losing. She sees how happy her friends are when they win, & learns to have fun **whether** she wins or loses. When she **finally** wins, her friends are happy for her! I played this game as a kid, but my mum put **mini** prizes like lollipops in each layer. There was only 1 big **winner**, but everyone got something.

Copycat- Understanding difficult emotions

Bluey finds an **injured** bird while walking with her dad. They use a **shoebox** and **towel** to **safely** carry it to the **vet**. Everyone does their best to help, but **unfortunately**, the bird dies. The next day, Bluey and her sister Bingo **reenact** this. Bingo **pretends** to be the bird that died.

Playing like this helps Bluey understand the difficult **emotions** she is feeling. This episode is a great example of why children & adults like Bluey. It teaches children about **mature** topics in a way they can understand.

Australia has many **native** animals, and we are very **respectful** of **wildlife**. I have found birds, **possums**, and wallabies injured like this near my house. I have done the same thing as Bluey; using a towel & shoebox to take animals to the vet. Of course, I can't **carry** a **wallaby**, so I called the **council** to ask for help that time. **Actually**, I don't know if those animals were ok after we left, but I **hope** they were.



The Decider- Choosing different sides, but still loving each other



Bluey watches **rugby** with her family & the **neighbours**. It's the State of Origin- a very **important** game! Every year the **Queensland Maroons** & the **New South Wales Blues** play 3 games- one each in May, June, & July. This year's **final** match is July 9th. Both teams have 1 win so far, so it will be the **decider**, like the episode!

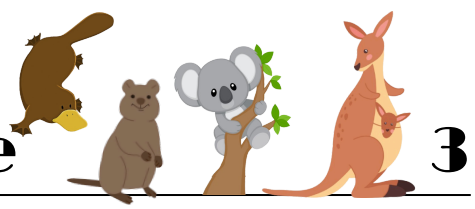
I'm from Queensland, so I **support** the Maroons, like Bluey's family! Their neighbours are different though. The dad supports the Maroons, but the mum supports the Blues. They have a friendly **rivalry**. They yell **for** their team, and **against** the other one.



Their son can't **choose** a team. He doesn't want to **disappoint** his parents. They tell him it's ok to choose, so he picks the Maroons. He goes against his mum for now, but they **still** love each other. This is **realistic**, people are so passionate about State of Origin! My family wears Maroon jerseys, even our dogs! But my friend is like the neighbours. She was **born** in Queensland, but her parents are from New South Wales. They support **different** teams too.



In the end of the episode, the **son** is so happy to learn there is a Green & Gold team- the Australian team! Now the **whole** family supports the **same** team, against our rivals New Zealand.



Keika Girls in Australia

In summer, Keika sends a group of girls to Wollongong, Australia for a 2 week **study abroad**. It's a great chance to **experience** world culture. This year the students leave for Australia on July 20th. Right now, I am giving special lessons on **homestay** life, Wollongong, Australian culture, and more to help them **prepare**. I'd like to use photos from last year to **show** you what the trip is all about.

School life at St. Mary Star of the Sea College



Our students **experience** Australian school at St. Mary's. They **practice** their English, learn about Australian **culture**, and make new friends. They go to both special **ESL** lessons, and normal classes with their host sister. Some **highlights** include going outside to draw **wildlife**, painting a **traditional** boomerang, and cooking sausages on a barbecue. It's **difficult** to understand all the English in these classes, but our girls do their best! They also **share** Japanese culture with the St. Mary's students with a **presentation** at the school **assembly**.



Homestay & Sightseeing in Wollongong



A homestay in a **foreign** country can be very scary, but very fun! The St. Mary's **host families** are very **friendly** though, so it's a little **less** scary. Students use the English they've learnt in class, ask their host family for **help** when they don't know a word, and use gestures to **communicate**.



The girls also get to **sightsee** around Wollongong & Sydney. They visit the beach, the **bush**, a **zoo**, a **church**, the Sydney Opera House & Harbour **Bridge**... more places than I can **fit** photos of! Australia is known for beautiful **nature**, so I'm happy the girls get to see so much of it! And of course, our **unique** animals are so cute, I'm **sure** they love meeting them!





Erin's Goodbye

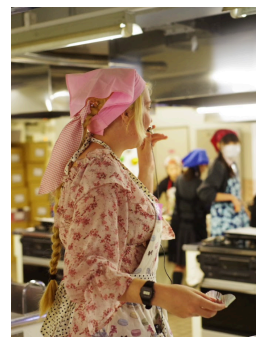
I can't **believe** it's time to say goodbye to Keika! I came here in December, 2020, so it's been 4 and a half years. I've been really happy to teach so many **lovely** students; Keika girls are such **angels**! I will miss our English classes, saying hello in the **hallway**, chatting in the staff room, everything! Please let me **share** some photos and **memories** from my time with you. ♡



My first real day at Keika was the English club christmas party. We made Christmas cards! The 2nd picture **above** is our 2024 Christmas party. Look how big our club has gotten! I hope English club will continue to be a big **success**. I enjoyed playing games like **flag** karuta, gartic phone, bananagrams, & more! We had fun watching English movies too. My last big **event** was our **Midsommar** party. We learned about **Sweden** and made **flower** crowns. Everyone looks so cute!



At Keikasai, English club did a trick or treat **quiz**, a Halloween short movie, and a 'It's a small world' **display**. My favourite was the movie- it was so fun to make! At the sports **festival**, the **crocodile** and **centipede** races surprised me. I'd never seen them before! English club looked amazing running in their **national** flags for the relay, and I loved the Jamboree Mickey dance during lunch! Next, I got to join school trips to Gunma & Okinawa. My best memories were **rafting**, & the giant whale shark. At Keika Festa we made cookies with the home ec team, what a great collab! I love music, so I went to **performances** by our brass band, marching band, & chorus club. They were so **impressive**! I loved Les Miserables by the chorus club, it's one of my favourite **musicals**. It's hard to **summarise** so much time in one page, but I hope you can see how much I enjoyed my time at Keika! I'll be here until the end of term 1, so please talk to me **anytime**! I plan to stay in Japan, so I'll try to visit for Keikasai!





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Making friends in Malaysia!

We visited a school, dressed in traditional clothes, and ate cultural food.



Sightseeing in two countries in one day!

We saw the King's castle in Malaysia, then we travelled to Singapore and saw the Merlion.



Thrills at USS!

We had so much fun at Universal Studios Singapore! Look at our cute headbands.



**XOXO,
Erin**