

# The Kosei Grapevine

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## Welcome!!

This is the second issue of the Grapevine. When you receive this, the final tests for the winter term will have just finished. We hope the students did their best on all of their tests, especially the English tests! This will be the last issue of 2008 so let us be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

期末テストも終わりました。試験の出来はどうでしたか。  
2008年も間もなく終わります。グレープヴァイン2号が間に合いました。来年が良い年になることを祈ります。



## EIKEN Speaking!

If you have already passed the written part of the Eiken but not the interview, our five *friendly* native teachers are available for practice. PLEASE DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE WEEK BEFORE TO BEGIN! Come in and schedule a practice interview. Come in and schedule 10 practice interviews! Let us know when you want to practice and we'll make time to help you. We're here to help you. Almost every student who practiced the Eiken with us passed. *Every* student who practiced with us more than one time passed! So please come in and sign up!

Pass Percentages:	No practice	1 Practice	2+ Practices
	44%	91%	100%

**SPECIAL PRACTICE SESSION!** On **December 17<sup>th</sup>** we will be holding a special Eiken interview practice session so please sign up!

### 練習して英検をパス

1次免除で2次のテストを受ける予定の生徒は試験直前だけでなく、前もって練習すること。これまで外人の先生と練習をしてテストに臨んだ生徒はほぼ合格しています。表にあるように2回以上した生徒は全員合格。そこで12月17日に外人の先生が特別練習をしてくださることになりました。また3学期にも放課後練習をお願いできることになりました。各自英語課に申し込みに行ってください。

## Global Centre Events

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students celebrated Christmas parties on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December (B2 and C) and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December (A and B1). Both parties were honored with a surprise visit from Santa Claus. Santa Claus (who appears to have a New Zealand accent) told the students the story of Christmas. Unfortunately, Santa is a busy man in December and he soon had to leave. Still, he did leave Christmas presents for everyone (luckily, all of the students were good this year!) For Christmas activities, student teams competed in a "put-the-nose-on-Rudolf" game and a Santa relay race. For the Santa relay race, members of each team put on a Santa suit and raced around the course. They then took off the suit and passed it to the next member of their team. The competition was fierce.

### クリスマスパーティー

忙しい中を校成に立ち寄ってくれた(ニュージーランドなまりの)サンタからクリスマスにまつわる様々な話を中2生が聞きました。そしてプレゼントももらいゲームをして楽しみました。



## Wordfind Puzzle

P	R	T	A	W	K	E	N	T	T	H	C	S	C	V
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L	T	M	T	Q	W	E	P	Q	T	M	C	Y	R	M
E	W	O	M	M	A	W	S	P	H	O	X	R	N	S
A	Q	Z	L	O	E	C	X	E	A	R	S	N	L	I
Y	B	U	O	U	C	H	Q	I	N	U	A	R	I	U
X	Y	V	Q	U	M	B	Q	M	I	T	N	V	Q	G
D	L	A	G	Q	O	B	N	E	I	W	T	B	W	L
R	A	T	S	C	N	G	H	S	P	J	A	A	X	J

### Hints

1. You get it for Christmas!
2. The man who gives you hint #1
3. Where you find hint #1 - under the \_\_\_\_
4. Goes on top of hint #3
5. The best color for Christmas!

### Kosei Teachers: Answers

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## What's happening at Kosei?

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Speeches

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December, all 57 7<sup>th</sup> grade students trooped nervously into the LL for their second speech contest of the year. The judges had a difficult time deciding the places but eventually decided on Ayano Miyaki and Sakura Suzuki as the winners. In close second came Yuri Hayashi and Marie Mizuno, followed by the only group of three students, Yuki Endou, Ai Koizumi and Mizuho Yano. Honourable mentions went to Erika Shinkuma, Rei Yamaguchi, Tomoka Chikudate, Momoko Gooshiki, Ayaka Tanahashi and Ayano Nakajima. Well done everyone!!

### 自分たちで電話会話を書き暗唱して発表

12月3日に中1生の第2回スピーチコンテストがありました。それぞれよく練習して臨みレベルの高いコンテストになりました。1位は宮木彩乃、鈴木さくら。わずかの差で2位に林優里、水野真里江。3位は3人で発表した遠藤優希、小泉愛、矢野瑞穂。優秀賞には新熊恵理佳、山口麗、築館友香、郷式桃子、棚橋彩香、中嶋彩乃が選ばれました。

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Speeches

All ten students in the Junior High 3A Class gave speeches about the high points, new experiences and difficulties they faced during their trip to New Zealand. The students' speaking ability has really grown this year. Four native teachers were on hand to judge and give speaking pointers. What impressed us the most was the confidence the students showed in front of their teachers and peers. Including speeches delivered during the New Zealand trip, almost every student has spoken in a public environment this year!

### 修学旅行体験をスピーチに

中学3年英語Aクラスの10名の生徒がニュージーランドへの修学旅行で学んだ事柄を英語で発表しました。交流したニュージーランドの学校で発表や、こうした発表が自信となり英語力も飛躍的に伸びました。

### Morning Announcements

Every weekday morning there is an announcement in English broadcast all over the school. The announcements were made by the 3D students in the Spring term and by the 1F students in the Autumn term. Here's an example by Chiaki Okawara:

*Good morning everyone! Today is Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The weather is sunny today. A week from today, term exams start. Have you studied hard for the tests? I have studied. I'll try to get a good score. It's 8:22 now. Homeroom begins in three minutes. Please don't be late and have a nice day.*

Next term, the students who return from New Zealand will make the morning announcements. Please listen carefully. Next term we will begin putting secret messages in the announcements. They will be clues to a puzzle. The first student to come to the English Department with the correct answer will get a prize!

### 朝の英語放送でクイズ

月曜日から金曜日の朝は英語の放送が始まります。1学期は昨年ニュージーランドから帰国した生徒が、2学期は年明けに出発する生徒が放送を担当しました。12月3日の大河原千明さんの放送はわかりましたか。

3学期は間もなく帰国する2Fの生徒が担当します。放送でクイズを出題する予定です。注意して放送を聞いてください。答えがわかれば英語課にすぐ来てください。1番に正解した生徒にはプレゼントを用意します。



### Study Abroad Class

It's almost Christmas and 1F have less than 40 days to go until they depart for New Zealand. They will have an English camp at school from the 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> December. The camp will be part of their final preparation for studying abroad. The students are a little nervous but they are very excited.

The 2F class will be returning to Japan on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December after studying abroad for one year in New Zealand. I'm sure they have had many enjoyable experiences and have made many new friends. They have spent the year immersed in an English environment so we are very interested to see how well they can speak English now!

### 留学コースニュース

1F生はニュージーランド留学出発まで40日を切りました。12月20日から22日まで準備のための最後の合宿をして備えます。

2F生は12月14日によいよ帰国します。たくさんの思い出や友達を作って帰ってくることでしょう。英語漬けの1年を終えてどんなに英語を吸収して帰ってくるか大変楽しみです。

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