

# The Kosei Grapevine

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## Happy New Year!!

This is the first issue of the Grapevine for 2009. We hope you all had a nice and safe holiday. This term will be very exciting and busy for the students; there are a lot of events on before their final exams in March.

2009年最初の発行です。3学期は短く3月の学年末テストまで行事も多く忙しくなりそうです。

## Upcoming English Events

This weekend, the **Eiken** written tests will be held on Saturday and Sunday. The students have been studying hard and we wish them all the best for the tests.

On February 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a **recitation and speech contest** for Junior and Senior high school students. We have three students participating in the recitation section, Wakana Morita, Ryoko Goto and Aya Kuratomi. We also have Yui Ishikawa participating in the speech section. We wish the students the best of luck.

予定

英語検定が今週末1月24日にあります。頑張ってください。

2月14日中学・高校レシテーション・スピーチコンテストが恵泉女学園であります。中学生の森田若菜、後藤涼子、倉富綾が、高校から石川唯が出演します。健闘を祈ります。

## 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. 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%

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。特に表にあるように2回以上練習した生徒は全員合格です。今回も外人の先生に各自申し込んで練習をしよう。英語科の出入りロドアに予約表があります。そうして合格を勝ち取ろう!



## New Zealand News

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 1F departed for NZ to live and study for a year. There were a lot of family and friends at Narita Airport to say goodbye. 1F has studied really hard and we all think they are now ready to enjoy their year living and experiencing NZ life and culture. The girls are really excited to meet their host families and to start school!

We're all looking forward to seeing them back in Japan in December and hearing all their stories.

留学生出発

留学組がニュージーランド出発に先立ってそれぞれの抱負を言葉にしました。英語をしっかりと勉強してきたい、友達をいっぱい作ってきたい、独り立ちして頑張りたいと強い思いを胸に1月18日出発しました。教師全員彼らの健闘を祈り、1年間いつも心にかけてながら帰ってくる日を楽しみにしています。



## Comments from 1F students before departing for New Zealand

- I always depend on my parents, so in NZ I want independence and emotional autonomy. And of course, I also want to learn to speak English very well. I'll do my best.
- I want to learn to speak English fluently.
- When I come back from New Zealand, I hope I will be able to speak English fluently.
- I want to make friends and learn to speak English very well. I'll do my best. I'm looking forward to meeting NZ people.
- I'll do my best!

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# What's new at Kosei?

## Junior High Immersion

### Art

In art class this term, the 7<sup>th</sup> graders are working on creating their own character. The students have produced some great sketches that will be turned into characters, then molded in clay and painted.

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are working on a story scroll-- they will create a six-scene story, paint the story onto Japanese washing paper with calligraphy ink and then add colour.

9<sup>th</sup> graders are continuing their Memory Scrap Book. This term they must create a pop-up style page, paper cutout and a self-portrait to add to their scrapbook. We hope they enjoy the task and have a wonderful keepsake for the future.



### 美術 (Art)

中1は2学期にスケッチしたものを彫像にし、色づけして作品にします。

中2は6場面からなる物語を創作して和紙に墨で描き色づけして巻物に仕上げます。3学期は授業数が少なく時間内に仕上げられるように頑張りましょう!

中3は引き続き思い出帳の製作です。3学期は仕掛け、切り抜き、自画像を付帯します。中学の記念の品になると良いですね。

### P.E.

It's a new year and so all the years are starting new sports in P.E. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders are playing soccer, the first time for some of them. The 8<sup>th</sup>

graders are doing table tennis, which is very popular among the students. And the 9<sup>th</sup> graders are doing soft tennis.

### 体育(P.E.)

中1はサッカーです。初めての生徒もいるようですね。中2は1年でした卓球です。中3はソフトテニスを学習します。

### Music

This year's Chorus Contest is right around the corner (January 31<sup>st</sup>)! Kosei students are always busy, so they need as much rehearsal time as they can get. So, we are using Music class time to fine-tune their performances. Some of the songs classes have chosen for their free, class song are quite ambitious, so they must work very hard. Good luck to everyone! After the contest, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will practice the recorder, and 9<sup>th</sup> graders will review the many songs they have learned this year and get ready for their final exam.

### 音楽(Music)

今年のコーラス・コンテストは1月31日に開催されます。音楽の時間は勿論、忙しい合間をぬってできる限り練習しなければ間に合いません。2月は中1、2年はレコーダーの練習、中3はこれまで学んできた歌の復習と期末テストの準備をします。



Wordfind Puzzle Answers



## Opinions

I recently spoke with some of the 2F girls who have just come back from New Zealand. I asked them about some of the differences between the schools in Japan and New Zealand. Here's what they had to say...

- In Japan we have to study many subjects but in NZ we can choose any subjects we like.
- In Japan we have to wear shoes all the time but in NZ the students don't wear shoes during PE class.
- In Japan classes are very strict and we write a lot but in NZ the students ask many questions and do many group activities together.
- In Japan at a co-educational school, boys and girls don't do many things together but in NZ, the boys and girls are very close and do many things together.

### オピニオン

留学から帰ってきたばかりの2Fの生徒に日本の学校との違いを聞いて見ました。NZでは、

- 好きな科目だけを選択して勉強します。
- 体育は裸足です。
- 質問をたくさんし、グループ活動が多い。
- 男女が一緒に学び仲がよい。

## Important Dates This Term

Jan 24-25	Eiken Written Tests
Jan 31	Chorus Contest
Feb 11	Foundation Day – No school
Feb 22	Eiken Interview Tests
Mar 3-6	Final Exams
Mar 2	High School Graduation Ceremony
Mar 21	Junior High School Graduation Ceremony

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