

## Welcome!!

It is now February and the weather is getting a lot warmer. It will soon be spring and the school year will be finished. The winter term is a short term and the students will soon be on vacation. At the moment, the students are busy studying for their upcoming examinations. We wish all the students good luck with their examinations.

もう2月です。3学期は早いですね。少しずつ暖かくなって生徒はすでに学年末の準備に忙しい毎日です。これが終われば春休み。最後までしっかり頑張りましょう！



## Recent School Events

### Chorus Contest

The Kosei Gakuen Chorus Contest was held on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. It is the biggest event of the third term. Everyone did a wonderful job this year. It is a great chance for the students to perform for each other as well as for the family and friends who attend. The students practiced hard for months, and the result was a superb show of talent and teamwork. All of the junior high school students sang "A Whole New World" from the Disney movie "Aladdin". They sang this song in English! Then each class sang another song of their choice, and one of these was in English, too! In the junior high contest, class 3-2 won first place, 3-1 won second, and 1-2 won third place. The winner for best pianist in the junior high was Chiharu Takahashi (3-1), and the winner for best conductor in junior high was Ryouko Goto (3-2).

In the senior high contest, in which each class sang one song of their

choice, class 1A won first place, 1B won second, and 2F won third place. The winner for best pianist in the senior high was Mai Komiyama (1D), and the winner for best conductor was Mariko Watanabe (1A).

### 合唱コンテスト

恒例の合唱コンが1月31日に開催されました。時間をかけて各人が大いに頑張り素晴らしい成果を残すことができました。中学の課題曲はディズニー映画からA Whole New Worldでした。自由曲に英語の歌を歌ったクラスもありこの機会に英語の勉強にも大いに役立ちました。中学の部の1位は3-2、2位は3-1、3位に1-2、優れた伴奏者・指揮者に高橋千陽、後藤涼子。高校の部では1位は1A、2位は1B、3位は2F、優れた伴奏者・指揮者に小宮山舞、渡部真梨子が選ばれました。



## Recent English Events

The Setagaya Ward Speech Contest was held last Saturday. All our girls did extremely well. They had all been practicing for many weeks and it showed during the contest. First was Ryoko Goto with her recitation of 'Bean Jam Buns'. Next came Wakana Morita, who recited 'Can Anyone Hear Me?' Aya Kuratomi was next with President Obama's acceptance speech. All three girls should be very proud as they gave very clear and fluid recitations. The last girl of the day was Yui Ishikawa. She was in the returnee group. All these girls had lived in a foreign country for at least two years and their levels were very, very high! Yui had only lived in NZ for eleven months – she got second place! The content, pronunciation and fluency of her speech was wonderful. Congratulations Yui! Also to Ryoko, Wakana and Aya – well done!

### スピーチコンテスト

2月14日(土)世田谷・目黒・町田地区の私立中学・高校生によるスピーチコンテストが恵泉女学園で開催され、中3の森田若菜、後藤涼子、高1の倉富綾、高3の石川唯が「出場しました。レベルが高いことで有名なこの地区は今年も激戦になりましたが4名がそれぞれ大変健闘しました。その中で留学経験者のグループに出た石川唯が2位に入賞しました。おめでとう！



## Anagrams

Rearrange the letters to make a word

1. AUTGNRIAOD \_\_\_\_\_  
Hint: March 2 and 21
2. CSJOKAN \_\_\_\_\_  
Hint: David's Last Name
3. BYEFRAUR \_\_\_\_\_  
Hint: 2<sup>nd</sup> month

## Recent Community Events

On February 11<sup>th</sup>, Foundation Day, there was a children's festival in the Karasuyama town square. There were performances by the brass band, dance club and baton-twirling club. Also many students volunteered and worked in the various food booths and game areas. The students all performed very well, worked hard and represented the school well. They made it a great day for the local children and their families.

### 烏山子供祭り

2月11日建国記念日、烏山地区の祭りには校成から多くの生徒がボランティアで参加しました。ブラスバンドやバトン部、また食べ物を売ったりゲームのコーナーも生徒が参加してお祭りを盛り上げました。



## 1F Class Update

### Natsumi Hori sent an email update on her New Zealand life.

Long time no see! I am good. How about you? My host family is very nice. There are 4 people in my host family!!! Dad, Mum, brother (10), sister(9) and a dog and cat. My host Dad is now working in Australia, so I can't meet him but I can talk with him on Skype!!! My host family has taken me to many places such as the beach, supermarket and so on. I am really enjoying my NZ life. The day after tomorrow, I start to go to school!!! I will take PE, home

economics, drama, tourism, Japanese and I have to take two English classes and one math class. Its going to be fun !!!!

### NZ から第一報

4人家族に迎えられたなつ美は海や買い物にも一緒に出かけ家族に溶け込んでNZの生活をスタートさせています。明日からは学校にも出ます。体育・家庭科・演劇・観光・日本語と英語・数学を選択しました。



## Upcoming English Events

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

On February 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a **speech contest** for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students. Students have already been selected from each class. The students will recite a Show and Tell speech that they have written themselves.

On April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be a camp for the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade students who will study in Australia for one month in August. The students will participate in a variety of activities to build up their speaking and listening ability.

### 予定

- ・ 2月21日は中1のスピーチコンテストがあります。自分の大切なものをみんなの前で話します。
- ・ 2月22日英検2次試験があります。受験生は練習を重ねて備えています。
- ・ 4月3・4日来年オーストラリアに1ヶ月間留学する生徒の勉強会が開かれます。



## An Email from an Ex-Student

Hello! My name is Kayoko, I graduated from Kosei a long long time ago. I just happened to open the school's website and I couldn't believe Kosei girls now have those wonderful classes and trips to NZ. Wow! They are so lucky! I wish I could re-enter as a new student so my English would be much better! But I am not complaining :-) I remember I enjoyed learning English with Mr. Egawa, Mr. Tagawa, and Mr. Tomita. Please say "hi" to them if they are still teaching at school. After I graduated, went to a nursing school, became a nurse. I have been living in Hawaii and working at a local hospital. I am happy to hear/read that Kosei girls are studying English so hard. All of the stories and pictures make me smile :-) You go girls!!! Aloha. Kayoko

### 卒業生からメール

現在ハワイ在住の看護師をされている榎本香代子さんからグレープバインを読んだとメールをいただきました。校成の英語環境の変化を称賛し、在学当時を懐かしく思い出されてのお便りです。ありがとうございました。

## Important Dates This Term

Mar 2	High School Graduation Ceremony
Mar 2	No classes for Junior High School
Mar 3-6	Final Exams
Mar 11	Exams returned
Mar 20	National Holiday – Vernal Equinox
Mar 21	Junior High School Graduation Ceremony
Mar 24	Closing Ceremony
Apr 3-4	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Australia Camp

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