

The Kosei Grapevine

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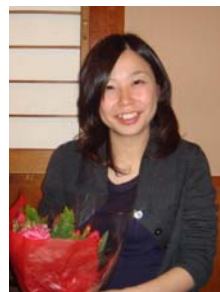
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Issue 5

Welcome!!

What a year!! The 2008 school year passed so quickly. It was a year filled with great memories for all. Congratulations to all students who passed their examinations, you all studied very hard. The spring vacation has begun and we hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable vacation.

2008年度、皆しっかり頑張りました。春休みを楽しんで4月に新しいクラスでまた会いましょう。



High School Graduation

The Graduation Ceremony for the 12th grade students was held on Monday 2nd March. For a lot of the girls it was very emotional as they had made strong bonds with both friends and teachers. The ceremony started with the traditional Buddhist 'offering' of food to the Gods. It was then followed by speeches. One of the 12th grade students gave a very heart filled speech about her six years at Kosei. Awards were then presented followed by the closing by the Vice-Principal. Finally there was a lunch for all the students, teachers and parents. It was a good time to take photo's and to thank many people. We wish all the girls leaving, the very best of luck and please come back and visit us sometime.

高校卒業式

3月2日に開かれました。多くの生徒が級友や先生方と別れを惜しみました。祝辞、答辞に続いてさまざまな賞が授与され、式の後は昼食や写真を取り合って和やかに終わりました。卒業生のこれからの健闘を祈ります。



Eiken News

Congratulations to all of the students who passed the last Eiken! For those who didn't, keep on trying! Speaking of trying, 5 friendly native teachers are available to help you prepare. Please come by the English room to make an appointment for speaking practice. The more you practice, the better your chances of passing: 45 of the 49 students who came in to practice the last test passed!

英検ニュース

3学期の英検テスト合格した生徒、おめでとう。練習にきた49名の生徒のうち45名が今回合格しました。練習が大切ということです。次回のテストに備えてすでに申し込みが英語課で受け付けられています。

Goodbye and Thank you

Dear students and teachers at Kosei, thank you for all the wonderful memories made at Kosei over the past year. In this year I aim to go to Finland to continue my studies in Fashion Design. Let's do our best and study hard! A special thank you to Tonobe Sensei for all of her support. I hope to see you all again. Laura.

美術のローラ先生は3月で校成をやめられて引き続きデザインの勉強をするためにフィンランドに行かれます。

Dear Kosei Girls, how are you all? I hope you have a nice vacation. Although it is sudden, I am leaving Kosei to become an elementary school teacher. I'm so sad, but I had a really good time with you all for the last three years. Time goes very fast, doesn't it? If you want to make your dreams come true, you have to study hard. I want you all to become people who are active in the world using English. Good luck! From Shusei.

突然ですが、3月で校成を退職し4月から小学校で新たに教職につきます。3年間楽しい教師生活でした。夢の実現に向かって勉学に励んでください。みんなが英語を生かして活躍する日か来ることを願っています。(上原)

Congratulations to Mrs Morooka who is taking a year off to have her second child. We wish her all the best for a safe delivery.

師岡先生が第2子出産のため産休にはいられました。元気なお子さんの誕生を待っています。

Word Search

There are 8 English words hidden in the Word Search. Please find them.

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Recent English Events

7th Grade Presentation Contest

The theme for the 7th grade presentation contest this term was "Show & Tell". Students brought something interesting from home and told their classmates and teachers about it. Some of the interesting things were a bottle of special star-shaped sand, a beloved elephant-shaped pillow, a beautiful musical doll, and a photo of an adopted golden retriever named Pearl. All of the students did very well, and it was very difficult for the teachers to decide on the winners. They decided to choose winners from each English class for their great performances. These winners were Aya Taimura, Akiho Nakamura, Momoko Goshiki and Ayano Nakajima. Then the teachers chose first, second and third prize winners overall. Tied for third place were Ayano Miyaki and Sakura Suzuki, second place was Yuka Otake, and first place was Marie Mizuno with her interesting and original story about her family of rubber ducks. We are very proud of all the students for the great progress they've made this school year, and we are very much looking forward to starting up together again in April. Have a great spring break!

中1スピーチコンテスト

“自分の大切なもの”という題で品物を見せながら皆にスピーチをしました。星ズナの入った瓶、愛用象型の枕・人形のオルゴール、もらってきた愛犬、等等楽しい話が広がり賞を決めるが大変でしたが、クラス別に田井村彩、中村彬帆、郷式桃子、中嶋彩乃が、3位には宮木彩乃と鈴木さくら、2位に大竹ゆうか、1位は楽しいあひるの家族の話をした水野真里江が決まりました。1年間に皆大変進歩しました。自信を持って進級です。楽しい春休みを。



9th Grade Debate

The 9th grade Super A class concluded their Junior High School English life with a debate on February 23rd. Entitled "Travel: International or Domestic," the debate was spirited and energetic. Although both teams did well, "Team Domestic", consisting of Akiyo Yamamoto, Yuka Nakamura, Ryoko Goto, Tomomi Ohashi and Chiaki Ueda managed to edge out their competition. Honorary Judges of the debate were David Jackson, Clare Murray and Naoko Tani. The judges declared Yuki Yamasaki of "Team International" to be the overall MVP. Haruna Morikawa, also of "Team International" was the runner-up.

中3ディベート

中学3年間の英語の仕上げにディベートで国内旅行と海外旅行はどちらが良いか意見を戦わせました。他の先生方も審査に加わっていただき結果は海外旅行グループの理論が優れ、勝利を勝ち取りました。

Morning Reading

Every week, one of the Junior High 2nd or 3rd grade classes reads English books for ten minutes after homeroom. We're -looking forward to introducing the system to our new second graders. Have fun reading!

英語朝読書

中2、中3は朝の10分間に英語の本を読みました。新学期もさらに本をそろえて継続していきます。

Anagrams Issue 4 Answers:

1. Graduation 2. Jackson 3. February

Native English Teacher Comments

This was an interesting and exciting year for me. There were many new teachers to work with, including all new native teachers, and of course many new students. It's wonderful to see all of the individual achievements, and I think we all made excellent progress together. Thanks to such a good year, I'm sure that next year will be even better. I'm grateful to everyone and looking forward to starting up again in April. ---David Jackson

1年間を振り返って

多くの新しいネイティブの先生を迎えて、英語の力をつけるために1年間さまざまな取り組みをしました。生徒もそれに答えてしっかりと学習し、力を伸ばしました。4月から引き続き頑張りましょう。



Upcoming Australia Camp

This year, twenty students will spend one month in the land of koalas, kangaroos and crocodiles. With both a homestay and daily school life at Trinity Anglican School, the students will have a lot of opportunity to use English. On April 3rd and 4th, Ms. Fujisawa and the native English teachers will be running a two-day special course to help the students prepare for their time in Australia. The students will do a variety of activities designed to help them improve their English speaking and listening ability. They will also, to the teachers' delight, cook dinner for the teachers and themselves on April 3rd. We can't wait!

短期留学に備えて春季講習会

今年の夏休みに1ヶ月間20名の高2生がオーストラリアでホームステイしながら学校に通い語学研修をします。4月3、4日には本校で特別講習＝英語の特訓で、話したり、聞いたりする力をつけるための様々な訓練、さらに料理も特訓して備えます。楽しそう！

Important Dates This Term

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| Mar 20 | National Holiday – Vernal Equinox |
| Mar 21 | Junior High School Graduation Ceremony |
| Mar 24 | Closing Ceremony |
| Apr 3–4 | 10 th Grade Australia Camp |
| Apr 9 | Opening Ceremony |

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