

# The Kosei Grapevine

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## Welcome!!

Hello everyone! This is the time of year where a lot of people get sick and catch a cold so we hope you are all being careful. Rainy season has also begun; try to stay warm and dry so that you do not get sick. All of the students and teachers are very busy at the moment. This year is passing by very quickly. So enjoy each and every day because the year will be over before you know it.

梅雨に入り体調を崩しやすい、風邪を引きやすい季節です。体調管理をよくしてください。1年ももう折り返しの月です。時間を大切にしっかり励もう。



## English News

Last weekend, the **Eiken** written tests were held on Saturday and Sunday. The students studied hard and we hope they all get good results. Good luck to you all!

英検が6月13日にありました。備えた力を出し切れ了吗か。

### Junior High English Presentations

**7<sup>th</sup> grade** students will give Show and Tell presentations about someone they like, such as a friend, family member or famous person. The final contest will be held July 2<sup>nd</sup>. **8<sup>th</sup> grade** students will give a book report about an English book they have recently read. The final contest will be held June 25<sup>th</sup>. **9<sup>th</sup> graders** in the A class will give speeches on

the topic of their choice, while the students in the B and C classes will give presentations about Japan. Learning to talk about Japan will be very helpful to the students when they visit New Zealand for a homestay next October. The final contest will be held July 1<sup>st</sup>. The winners in each grade will represent Kosei at city-wide recitation and speech contests held in the fall.

中1は友達・家族・有名な人について、中2は読書感想、中3Aクラスは自由題、B・Cクラスは日本についてスピーチをします。10月のNZ修学旅行での交流の準備にもなります。それぞれ予選の後本選のコンテストが7/2, 7/2, 7/1に開かれます。優勝した生徒は秋に他校での大会に代表として参加します。

## News from New Zealand

Hi everyone! I've been in NZ now for 6 months and I really love it!! At school I study ESOL, International English, Maths, Japanese, Dance and Independent Living. But from next month I'm going to change Independent Living to Year 13 music because lot's of the students in my class use iPods or cell phones. It really makes me "hot under my collar!" In my PE class I play basketball but from term 2 we'll play something different. In Japanese class I watch movies and do origami. In the last holiday, I did some volunteer work. I worked at a garden center which is next to my host family's house. Next time I'll work at a kindergarten. Chiaki

NZにきてもう6か月、大変楽しいです。学校では外国人のための初級英語、国際語としての英語、数学、日本語、ダンス、家庭科を学んでいます。来月からは家庭科の代わりに高3の音楽を選択します。多くの級友がアイポッドや携帯を持っているのがしゃくです。体育はバスケットですが、2学期からは他種目に変わります。日本語クラスでは映画や折り紙をしています。この間の休みホストの家の隣のガーデンセンターでボランティアしました。次は幼稚園に行きます。

## Blankets for Africa

Many African people suffer from war, drought and floods. These disasters leave people homeless in harsh weather conditions. Blankets protect them from the hot sun during the day and keep them warm during the cold nights. Kosei students recently collected 23 blankets and 13000 yen and sent them to these unfortunate African people. Before sending the blankets, the students sewed messages of hope and encouragement in English onto the blankets, simple messages such as "Peace", "Love" and "Friendship".

現在も多くのアフリカの人々が戦争・干ばつ・洪水などに苦しんでいます。毛布を送って夜の寒さをしのげればという募金活動が宗教委員を中心に今年も展開され、集まった23枚の毛布に平和・友愛・友情のメッセージを縫い付け、13,000円の募金とともにアフリカに送られました。 [www.mofu.org](http://www.mofu.org)

## Peace Tile Project

The third grade students will make a "peace tile"—a small painted or collaged tile, to be displayed. The idea originally comes from a project started in America which uses Arts "...to inspire social change." Many people from all over the world are participating. Students will learn and use brainstorming and arts techniques to create images mixing text and color to communicate their ideas about peace. They will develop their technical skills in collage and painting whilst learning how to think about the world in a wider context. When the project is finished, we will create a webpage to display with project we are aiming to organize an exchange if possible with a school in another country.

### ピースタイルプロジェクト (美術)

中3生はピースタイル(小さなタイルをコラージュでかざった)を製作します。これはアメリカでスタートしたもので「世界を変えていこう」という企画で、今では世界中から参加者がいます。生徒は考えをまとめて素材や色をさまざまに組み合わせ平和へのイメージを形にしていきます。世界をより広い視野から考えながらコラージュや色使いの技術を学びます。製作したものはウェブに載せて、できれば取り組んでいる外国の学校とも交換していきたいと考えています。 [www.peacetiles.net](http://www.peacetiles.net)





**New Zealand**

I think the biggest difference between the NZ and Japanese winters is that in NZ we don't have any snow in the cities. Most of the cities in NZ are at sea level and near the coast. In the North Island during the day, the temperature can range from about 5 - 15 degrees but at night it'll drop to -1 or 2 degrees. The South Island is a bit colder but not by much.

NZ has many high mountains so during the winter Kiwi's love to go skiing. The ski season is from July to the end of September. During the school winter holiday's, lot's of students go off to the mountains with their parents to enjoy a week skiing. If you have a chance please go to and enjoy NZ's winter wonderland!

NZ では都市部は海岸線にあるので、冬雪が降りません。北島の冬は5～15度、夜は零度近くまで下がります。南島はそれより少し寒い程度です。高い山がありスキーが7月から9月末までできます。多くの生徒が冬休みには家族でスキーに出かけ楽しめます。この時期 NZ に行って冬を楽しんでは!



**England**

Every year for two weeks starting in June, people in England watch the world's oldest tennis championships in Wimbledon, and the only ones still played on grass courts. This year Roger Federer will be going for a world record 15 Grand Slam titles, and will hope to beat Sampras' previous record of 14 titles. During Wimbledon, 27,000 kilos of strawberries and 7,000 litres of cream will be eaten. But be careful, when you buy them, don't eat them all at once as there aren't that many.



6月の前半2週間は歴史ある唯一芝生の上で戦われるウインブルドンテニスが開かれます。今年ロジャー・フェデラーが4大会で新記録の優勝15回目がかかっています。これまではサンプリスの14回が記録です。試合中観客は27000キロのイチゴを7000リットルのクリームとともに消費します。すぐに売り切れるので買ったらずっくり味わって食べるという事です。

**America**

**Graduation**

For most U.S. schools, the school year starts in August or September and ends in May or June. So, it is summer vacation right now and many students have just graduated from high school or university. Congratulations! It's party time!

アメリカの学校は8月から9月に始まり5月から6月に終わります。現地ではすでに夏休みがスタートし、卒業シーズン、あちこちでパーティです。



**Fathers' Day**

Fathers' Day is celebrated every year on the third Sunday of June in America. Many people give their fathers Fathers' Day cards and maybe presents such as neckties, tools or electronics. Mothers' Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May. Happy Fathers' Day, Dad!

アメリカでも6月第3日曜は父の日、母の日は5月第2日曜です。感謝の気持ちをカードやプレゼントに託します。

**Morning Announcements**

Every morning, students make a morning announcement, in English, to the school. The students can talk about anything they want.

**Example:**

Good morning everyone. Today is Thursday May 14th. The weather today is sunny. I'd like to talk about the importance of speaking English. Nowadays we have a global economy and the language business people use is English. So I think it's very important to study English hard. We are lucky at Kosei because there is a very good immersion English program. We are also lucky to have 6 native teachers that we can speak English to whenever we want.

So everyone try your best and speak to the natives. Don't be shy! The time now is 8.23am. Homeroom begins in 2 minutes. Don't be late and try to speak English!

おはようございます。5月14日木曜日、良いお天気です。今日は英語を話す大切さについて話します。現代は世界中で経済交流があり英語が共通語の役割を果たしています。そこで英語を学ぶことは大変重要で、校成ではイメージョンを通して、また6名のネイティブと英語を話す機会に恵まれています。しっかり機会をとらえて話しをしましょう。恥ずかしがらないで!



The Grapevine Staff

**Important Dates This Term**

- Jun 15 – 20 Parent-Teacher Meetings
- June 22 Junior High Achievement Test
- July 1 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Speech Contest
- July 2 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Speech Contests
- July 7 – 9 End of Term Exams
- July 15 – 16 Junior High English Summer Camp

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