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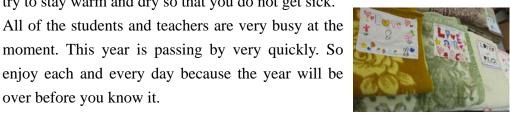
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## Welcome!!

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

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!

over before you know it.

英検が6月13日にありました。備えた 力を出し切れましたか。

### **Junior High English Presentations**

7th 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 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 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 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 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

# 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」と言う企画で、今では世界中から参加者があり 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 ものはウェッブに載せて、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





### **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 一が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 に出かけ楽しみます。 この時期 NZ に行って冬 を楽しんでは!



#### Around the World 世界の6月

### **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。今年はロジャー・フェデリーが4大会で 新記録の優勝15回目がかかっています。こ れまではサンプラスの14回が記録です。試 合中観客は27000キロのイチゴを700 0 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ゆっくり味わ って食べるといいですよ。

# Morning Announcements

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

### Example:

morning everyone. Today 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.

The Grapevine Staff

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、佼成ではイマージョ 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!



### **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。

# Important Dates This Term

Jun 15 – 20 Parent-Teacher Meetings

June 22 Junior High Achievement Test

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Speech Contest July 1

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Speech Contests July 2

**End of Term Exams** July 7-9

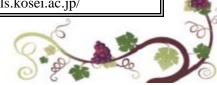
July 15 – 16 Junior High English Summer

Camp

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