

The Kosei Grapevine

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Welcome!!

Welcome everyone. This is the second issue of the Grapevine. We hope that you all had a great Golden Week. The Kosei staff and students have all been very busy lately. Last Saturday we had our annual Sports Festa, and next week the Midterm examinations start. It is good to see most students are studying really hard for their examinations. We hope the students will do their best on all of their tests, especially the English tests! Good luck to you all!

ゴールデンウィークに引き続いて運動会も終わりました。忙しさが一段落してこれからは中間テストに向けてしっかり勉強です。がんばれ!

Sports Festa 2009

Saturday, May 9th was the fourth annual "Sports Festa" at Kosei Girls' School. Kosei's version of Sports Day is held in the spring, not the fall as most other schools do. The entire school is split into two teams, red and white, who battle out the day in various races which require speed, endurance and most of all, teamwork. The weather was perfect, and with a large turnout of friends, family and former students, it was a wonderful day for everyone. The events this year included the teacher-student relay race, sports club relay race, giant ball rolling race tug-of-war, bean bag throwing competition, and the dreaded "kibasen", in which armies of riders mounted on three "horses" to try to remove the headbands of opposing team riders without having their own removed. This fierce competition is definitely the climatic event of the afternoon.

Correspondence from Hawaii

Kayoko Enomoto graduated from Kosei about 15 years ago. She found the Kosei website and she sent us an email. Some of the 8th graders read it and replied to her. Kayoko kindly wrote to them. Here is one of the correspondences:

Hello Kayoko, my name is Yuri. Thank you for your e-mail. I like English It's very interesting. So I want to go to New Zealand to study English. But studying abroad seems to be hard. Was it hard? I want to speak English fluently. I'm studying English for that purpose. Do you know a good way to study English? Thank you.

Bye for now, Yuri

Hi Yuri, thank you for your message. I am impressed you have such passion to study English and you already know what you want to do. Good for you! You are right, studying abroad is not always easy, but don't worry too much! I bet you will have a lot of fun in NZ! I came to Hawaii

about 12 years ago but I am still learning. The most important thing is not to give up on yourself. Be patient! According to my own experience, the best way to study English is perhaps "enjoy it, use it, feel it". I recommend you talk to native speakers as much as you can, find a study buddy to use it, and watch your favorite movies over and over. Good luck with your study and have a safe trip to NZ! Aloha, Kayoko :)

ハワイからのEメール

前回約15年前の卒業生榎本香代子さんがホームページでグレイブヴァインを読み、お送りいただいたメールを載せました。それを讀んだ中2生がメールを書き、再び返事のメールをいただきました。お許しいただいて一部を掲載します。先輩ってありがたいですね。

英語を学ぶのに一番大切なことは決して投げ出さないこと! 辛抱強くコツコツと! 外国人とできるだけ話すこと! 友達になって習った英語を使うこと! 好きな映画を繰り返し見ること! 留学は大変だけど心配し過ぎないよう!

どれも大変に役に立つアドバイスばかり。校成のみんなは理想的な勉強の環境にいるのです。先輩をめざしてがんばろう!

Also, junior high school students competed in the fast and furious "eye of the hurricane" race, first year high school students had a relay race, second year high school students had the team jump rope competition and third year high school students compete in the "hundred-legged" race.

Both teams had their moments of glory and defeat, but in the end, the red team was victorious and claimed the flag for Sports Festa 2009.

スポーツフェスタ

5月9日(土) 好天の中、学校全体を赤と白の2つのチームに分けて競う運動会が開催されました。クラブ対抗リレー、先生も加わってのリレー競走、綱引き、追っかけ玉入れ、大玉送り、午後のクライマックスは騎馬戦、中学生による台風の目、高1のいかだリレー、高2の大縄跳び、高3のムカデ競争などみんな真剣に取り組み、今年の勝利の旗は赤チームに渡りました。



Australia Camp

On April 3rd and 4th, twenty three 11th grade High School students participated in an English Only Day Camp that was run by the Native English teachers. The teachers were helped by Victoria and Scott, two New Zealanders who are working and studying in Japan.

The students were wonderful: they showed great attitude through both days and worked very hard. The focus of the first day was on communication with the host family. All of the students did their best and many showed a great deal of originality in solving difficult problems.

The first day closed with chirashizushi. The students made dinner in small groups using only food that can be readily (and cheaply) found in Australia. They also practiced explaining what chirashizushi is and how to make it. It was delicious and we know that their host families will be pleased!

Also on Day One, English/Music teacher David Jackson taught the students about the aboriginal instrument, the didgeridoo. The students also learnt the traditional Australian song "Waltzing Mathilda" and gave a very good rendition of it to end Day Two. Day Two was also filled with

many different kinds of fun events. The students and teachers played a variety of sports and games including table tennis, dodgeball and egg-spoon races.

オーストラリア短期留学準備

短期留学する高校2年生23名が4月3, 4日に学校で集中勉強会・日本語は禁止という2日間を持ち、一人一人大変真剣に取り組みました。1日目はホストファミリーとの会話という難しいが大切な課題を様々な展開で特訓しました。午後の最後に「ちらし寿司」を料理、美味しくいただきました。ホストファミリーにごちそうできるように、現地で手に入る材料だけで作り方も英語で説明できるように練習しました。2日目はデイビット先生からアボリジニーのディジェリーデューという楽器の紹介と吹き方、またオーストラリアの国民歌、ワルティングマティルダを習いました。更に卓球・ドッジボール・スプーン競争とゲームを楽しみながら話す英語の特訓でした。校成留学生在がNZで友達になったビクトリアとスコットがお手伝いに駆けつけてくれました。



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 the 23rd of April. The weather today is sunny. I'm Manami from 3F.

What did you eat for dinner last night? When I was in New Zealand, I ate a lot of potatoes for dinner. I think New Zealand people like to eat many kinds of potatoes. For example, they eat mashed potatoes, baked potatoes and

fried potatoes. In Japan, we don't eat potatoes very often. We eat a lot of rice and fish instead. It's now 8.23am. Homeroom begins in 2 minutes. Don't be late and have a nice day.

毎朝の英語の放送はNZ留学から帰国した高3が担当しています。NZの食卓にはポテト料理がよく並ぶようです。日本人は米・魚が主ですね。これからはしっかり耳をすまして聞きましょう。面白い体験談が流れてきますよ。

The Grapevine Staff



Thank you for reading our newspaper. Please contact us if you have any questions or comments. fujisawa_y@girls.kosei.ac.jp

New Zealand News

We recently received an email from a 2F student. Her email is below.

Hello!! Yes, I'm really enjoying my school and host family life!! Tomorrow I have netball practice after school!! And on Saturday, I'll go to Hamilton to buy a school ball dress!! NZ life is very good!! I don't wanna go back to JAPAN!! Haha! NZ's cold now because winter is coming soon!! But my school skirt is soooo long so my legs are warm!! This is a picture of my host family!! When we went to top of the north island!!

Luv Kaede

NZに留学中の生徒から便りが届きました。学校もホームステイ家族とも順調。週末には学校で開かれるパーティに着る服を買いに行くそうで、楽しんでいる様子が伝わります。これからNZは冬に向かいますが、制服のスカート丈が長くて冷える心配ないようです。写真は北島の最北部を訪れたときのものです。



Important Dates This Term

May 21 st	High School Midterm Tests begin
May 22 nd	Junior High Midterm Tests begin
May 29 th	Blankets for Africa
Jun 1 st - 13 th	Eiken Festival
Jun 2 nd	JHS Dental Check
Jun 13 th	No classes - Eiken

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