

The Kosei Grapevine

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Welcome!!

Hello everyone!! The weather has become much cooler lately, we hope you are all well and keeping warm. It is almost winter and school will be finishing soon. The end of term examinations are approaching fast. I hope you are all studying really hard.

このところ寒くなりました。冬がそこまで来ています。期末テストも間もなくです。しっかり勉強して備えてください。



The New Zealand Ambassador comes to Kosei

November 16th saw the visit of the New Zealand Ambassador and New Zealand Tourism to Kosei for the first time. Everyone involved had been practicing for weeks and were a little nervous before things got underway.

At first the Brass Band Club played a wonderful rendition of the New Zealand National Anthem and all of the Junior High School girls sang in both Maori and English. It was fantastic to hear! A big thank you must go out to David for teaching them that!

Shannon Walker the Marketing Manager of Tourism New Zealand then gave us a wonderful presentation on New Zealand with a beautiful opening video and lovely slides of different places in both the South and North Islands.

After that, the New Zealand Ambassador, Ian Kennedy, made a speech on 'Leadership' in Japanese for about 15 minutes. Everyone was very impressed at how well he could speak Japanese.

Following that Kaho Nishio from the 3F class led a 'Panel Discussion'. There were six girls who took part in this with Ambassador Kennedy answering various questions on education, the role of women in New Zealand and Japanese society, the importance of studying abroad and Kosei's study abroad course. The Ambassador commented that he thought the level of English spoken by the six girls was some of the best English he had ever heard from Japanese junior and senior high school students. He had been to quite a few schools in Japan and he thought Kosei was the best. Well done!!

For the final part of his visit, the 1E and 3F classes performed various songs and dances for the Ambassador. Amongst their performances the two classes sang a lovely beautiful Maori song called 'Pokarekare ana'. This was the first time both classes had ever sung together and they did it so well!

A big thank you must go out to everyone who participated on the day. All the girls were so well behaved and the Ambassador said that Kosei Junior and Senior High School is a wonderful school and he will return next year as it was a real pleasure! Awesome Kosei Girls!!

NZ 大使校成来校

11月16日ついにNZ大使とNZ観光局の方が校成を訪問してくださいました。まずプラスハンド部のNZ国歌の演奏、続いて中学生が音楽の授業で練習していた国歌を英語とマオリ語の両方で歌い歓迎しました。観光局のウォーカー氏からビデオやスライドによるNZの素晴らしい自然を紹介していただいた後、ケネディー大使から「リーダーシップ」についての話を15分間日本語でうかがいました。次に留学クラス3年の西尾佳穂さんが、司会をして中・高6名の生徒が大使に、NZの教育、女性の役割、海外留学の重要性と校成の留学コースについて質問をし、わかりやすく説明をしてくださいました。後から生徒たちの英語について大変おほめの言葉をいただきました。よくがんばったね!

最後に高1と高3留学クラスで「ポカリカリアナ」というマオリ語の歌を歌いました。初めて全員で歌いましたが、上出来でした。

当日参加した皆、ホントにありがとう。大使から校成が素晴らしい学校で、また来校したいと言っただけでした!



Memories of the New Zealand Trip

So many things remained in the students' memories after the New Zealand trip. Here are three writings in which you can see what they experienced and remember most.

NZの旅は生徒それぞれにいろいろな思い出として残りました。3人の生徒の英語で書いた旅行記を載せます。



Before New Zealand

When I got to Narita airport, all my friends were there. I went there by bus with Yui. It took 2 hours. I heard that the airplane didn't fly. I was really surprised. Then, we went to stay at a hotel near the airport. I had a nice time there. Dinner was so delicious. I thought Japan is the best country!! That night, I caught a cold. I was disappointed. If, tomorrow, I still have a cold, I can't go to New Zealand. I tried to sleep for a long time. But I talked with my friend. I went to bed at 1 o'clock. I was very tired. The next morning, I felt so good. I could go. I was happy. "I am looking forward to my visit to New Zealand", I thought on the airplane. By Sayuri

I was surprised because I heard the airplane couldn't fly, I stayed at the hotel "Nikko" in Japan. The hotel's room and dinner were very good. I had vegetables, pasta and rice for dinner. They were delicious. On Saturday, I got up at 5:10am, so I was very sleepy. I got on the airplane and had breakfast. I had two pieces of bread and two bananas for breakfast. They were delicious but they were too much for me, so I was full soon. When the airplane was flying, I saw some movies and played some games. I saw "Land of the Lost", "Twilight", "Transformer" and "Terminator 4". They were exciting for me. I arrived in Auckland airport at 2:00am so I was tired. By Sakurako

Important Dates This Term

Dec 2	9 th Grade Skit Presentations
Dec 3	8 th Grade Speech Contest
Dec 3	7 th Grade Recitation Contest
Dec 3	8 th Grade Christmas Party
Dec 15	7 th Grade trip to Kidzania
Dec 15	8 th Grade trip to Kamakura

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This trip was my first time to New Zealand, so I was very excited. There was a big problem on the first day, so I felt very nervous. But I arrived in New Zealand at last. It was a very long trip! I was really surprised because there was a lot of beautiful nature and fresh air. Compared to Tokyo, I felt comfortable. And I was also very moved with the view. The view from Mount Victoria especially made a strong impression on me.

My best memory was talking with the Hamilton Girls High School students. I could communicate with them in English, so I was very happy. I thought that overseas students were studying very hard. I thought that I had to study much harder!

My host mother was very gentle and kind, but she spoke English very fast. So I couldn't catch her English correctly. I felt a little sad. I wish I could speak English much better. I want to go to New Zealand again someday when I can master English. (By Naomi)

Thanksgiving Day



Thanksgiving is a holiday in the USA and Canada when people give thanks. It is celebrated every year on the fourth Thursday of November in the USA and on the second Monday of October in Canada. So, this year it is November 26th in the USA, and was October 12th in Canada.

The first Thanksgiving was a year after a group of English people, called the Pilgrims, moved to the north coast of America, near New York, in 1620. In their first year in America, many of the Pilgrims died because it was very cold and they didn't have enough food. But nearby Native Americans taught them how to farm and survive. So the next year, when the Pilgrims had grown lots of food, they had a huge dinner party with the Native Americans who had helped them. The Native Americans brought lots of food to the dinner, too, so it was a very special time. Everyone had more food to eat than they needed and were very thankful to each other for friendship and good fortune.

These days, families get together on Thanksgiving Day, perhaps at the grandparents' house, and have a big dinner. Many families watch college football together on this day as well.

感謝祭

アメリカとカナダの祝祭日です。毎年合衆国では11月の第4木曜日、カナダでは10月の第2月曜日です。今年はそれぞれ11月26日、10月12日になります。

初めての感謝祭は1620年ニューヨーク近郊の海岸に清教徒と呼ばれるイギリス人の一団が上陸した年に始まりました。最初の年は寒さと飢えから多くの清教徒がなくなり、近くにいた原住民たちが農業や生き延びる方法を彼らにおしえました。次の年にはお蔭で多くの収穫が得られ、助けてくれた人々を招いて盛大に晩さん会を開きました。原住民もたくさんの食べ物を持って参加し、盛りだくさんの食べ物・お互いの友情と収穫を感謝する特別な集まりになりました。

現在は家族が大概は祖父母の家に集い、食事を共にする日になりました。また多くの家庭が大学間のアメリカンフットボールの試合を観戦する日でもあります。

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