

# The Kosei Grapevine

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## Welcome!!

Happy New Year everyone!!

Hello everyone!! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. The weather was lovely and warm during the winter vacation so we hope you made the most of it.

The winter term is very short and there is lots happening so it will be full on. Have a great term everyone!!

おめでとうございます。楽しい冬休みでしたか。おだやかな天候で充分楽しめたことと思います。3学期は短いですが、盛りだくさんに行事があります。充実した学期にしましょう！

## Speech Competition

The Eighth Division Speech Competition was held last Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of January. From Kosei there were three girls involved in the competition. Wakana Morita from 1E spoke about a movie called Able where a young mentally handicapped Japanese boy went to America to learn English. She related what she saw in the movie to her upcoming study abroad experience in New Zealand. Shaya Nakamura from 1A recited The Frog King, and Aki Sakuramoto from 1-1 recited The Hungry Lion. Aki worked very hard practicing her pronunciation and she did an excellent job.

All the girls did extremely well and got a huge round of applause from the large crowd that had gathered to listen to the speeches. From all of us here at Kosei we thank you and hope you enjoyed the experience!

### スピーチコンテスト

八支部スピーチコンテストが1月9日(土)にあり1Eの森田若菜は”Able”という映画で日本の身障者の男の子がアメリカで英語を勉強する話を見て1年間NZで勉強する自分に重ね合わせて話をしました。高1Aの中村沙愛耶は”A Frog King”、櫻本亜紀は”The Hungry Lion”の暗唱をしました。3名それぞれ健闘しました。彼女たちのがんばりに拍手を送ります。良い経験になったことと思います。

## New Zealand News

On Sunday, the 1E Study Abroad Class flew to New Zealand to study for one year. The girls have all studied really hard over the past 10 months and they were all looking forward to arriving in New Zealand. They have been given information on what schools they'll be going to and also about who their host families are. Many of the girls emailed their host families before they left and got replies. The students were very excited and couldn't wait to meet their new families. Most of the girls have host brothers or sisters of varying ages, some are just one or two years old, others are 20 years old. It will be a good experience for the girls to see the dynamics of a typical New Zealand family.

We wish all of them the best of luck for their stay in New Zealand and look forward to seeing them when they get back in December.

1月17日(日)1E留学クラスが旅立ちました。入学以来しっかり勉強を積んで希望に胸をふくらませてNZに出発しました。入学する学校やホストファミリーの情報をすでに入手し、多くの生徒がメールも交換しています。受け入れ先の家族、さまざまな年齢の子供がいる家族もあり会うことを楽しみに出発しました。NZの家族と交わってよい体験になることでしょう。彼らの健闘を祈り、12月の帰国が今から楽しみです。



## Speeches from some 2F Students

Hello, I'm Akina. I'm going to talk about my school in New Zealand. I went to Tauranga Girls' College last year. Tauranga is a very beautiful city. My school had about 1,600 students, and there were many school buildings. In the first few weeks of Term 1, I always asked someone where to go before every class, even though my English was bad. The teachers were very nice. Some students were not nice to the Asian international students but most of the other students were so nice!! They were very kind and friendly, so I found it easy to make friends. Some of my Kiwi friends taught me a lot of English. I'm very pleased about that. I am thankful to them for everything. I joined two school bands, the Big Band and the Symphonic Band. It was a very good way to make a lot of Kiwi friends and I really enjoyed it. To sum up, I was very lucky that I could go to Tauranga Girls' College. Thank you so much.

Hello everyone, I'm Miyako. I'd like to tell you what I did while I was in New Zealand. I went to Otumoetai College which is the biggest school in Tauranga. It has lots of international students so I made many new friends from all over the world. One of my new friends was a Korean girl. She stayed at my homestay for a month. I didn't have any host siblings so it was great to talk to someone as a friend. We still keep in touch with each other. I'm sure we will see each other again.

The thing that surprised me most was that New Zealand people walk in bare feet in the street. Not all the time, but I often saw people doing it. It was weird for me. But, sometimes I walked with bare feet as well because no one watched me. I did lots of things during my stay in New Zealand. I went surfing, rafting and kayaking for school activities. I'm lazy so if I hadn't gone to New Zealand I wouldn't have ever done these things so it was a good opportunity for me. I'll never forget the time I had with the people I met.

## Junior High Immersion Classes

### Physical Education (P.E.)

For the final term of this year, the 7th graders are doing Soccer and have already started to learn to pass the ball. They will also be learning to dribble later on in the term.

For the 8<sup>th</sup> graders, it's Table Tennis with both classes doing a Round Robin Tournament with everyone playing each other once.

And for the 9<sup>th</sup> graders, they are starting Soft Tennis and have already shown a lot of promise.

### イマージョン体育

3学期, 中1はサッカーです。パスの練習から開始してドリブルも行います。中2は卓球で総当たりの試合形式で授業を展開します。中3は軟式テニスで理論からスタートしました。



### Art

The 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be learning design skills and will use these to create a 3D character based on observational drawings and their own imaginations. This project is always a very fun one.

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders will deepen their understanding of design through creating tessellated and mirrored fabric designs on a scarf. Students will dye the material and use stencils created last term to build on their excellent work.

The 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be completing their memory journal using various techniques. This term they will create a pop-up page with an English message as well as complete the book's cover and inside pages. Landscapes inspired by the New Zealand trip will also be completed.

I am looking forward to seeing what the students will produce this term, students are all gaining a wonderful sense of color, perspective and a feel for expression.

### イマージョン美術

中1はキャラクターをデッサンしてそれを塑像に仕上げます。楽しい取り組みです。中2は2学期のステンシルで制作し良い作品になった染めもの学習を更に深め、今学期はスカーフに対称図形を描き染め抜きます。中3はいろいろの技法を織り交ぜた思いで帳制作を完成させます。表紙制作や、ポップアップに英語でメッセージを書いて1ページにしたり、NZ旅行の風景画もあります。生徒たちが作り出す色使いやさまざまな作品が楽しみです。

### Music

The annual Chorus Contest will be held Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Each junior and senior high homeroom class will compete. The junior high classes will sing The Carpenters' "Yesterday Once More" in English and then a Japanese song. The high school classes will sing Japanese songs. Prizes will go to the best classes, best conductors and best pianists. As usual, everyone has been working very hard to prepare for the biggest event of the term (besides graduation), and it is sure to be an enjoyable show.

### イマージョン音楽

恒例の合唱コンクールが1月30日にあります。クラス対抗で中学生は英語でカーペンターズの「イエスタデイ ワンス モア」と自由曲の2曲、高校生は自由曲のみを歌って競います。曲だけでなく指揮者・伴奏者にも賞が贈られます。卒業式を別にして3学期最大の行事に各クラス熱心に練習をしており、当日が楽しみです。

## Important Upcoming Dates

- Jan 24 Eiken English Test
- Jan 30 Chorus Contest
- Feb 1 Entrance Exams – no classes
- Feb 8 Memorial for broken needles
- Feb 9 Achievement Tests for Junior High School students
- Feb 11 National Holiday – Founding Day
- Feb 12 Entrance Exam for High School – no classes
- Feb 16 9<sup>th</sup> graders volunteer activities
- Feb 21 Eiken Interview Test

## Eiken Stuff

On Sunday, the Eiken written test will be held. For students who have already passed the written test, please come and see the native teachers as soon as possible so you can start practicing for the speaking test. The speaking test will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February so please start practicing soon. The native teachers are friendly, able and willing to help you prepare for the speaking test but **YOU MUST TAKE THE FIRST STEP!** Please come to the English room and make an appointment!

**英検** 24日は英検1次試験です。すでに合格している生徒は2次試験の練習にきてください。2月21日が英検2次の日です。外人の先生方は喜んで練習の手伝いをしますが、まずは英語科に練習の予約にきてください!

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