

The Kosei Grapevine

Volume 3

Saturday April 24th 2010

Issue 1

Welcome!!

A warm welcome to all new Kosei Students. It's nice to meet you. And of course welcome back to our wonderful existing students too. We hope that you enjoyed the Spring Break. We have already started this year now and hope that it will be an exciting one, with lots of challenges and also fun. Let's do our best to work hard and enjoy this year! We look forward to working with you! Fightooooo!!

新入生の皆さん・そして進級した皆さん。春休みを終えて新学期が始まりました。何か新しいことが始まる予感にワクワクします。新たな気持ちでしっかり頑張りましょう。みんなガンバレ！



Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony was held on April the 8th this year. It was very exciting as this year Kosei has had record numbers of students. There are 71 JHS 1st Graders and 204 HS first graders. Also for the Study Abroad Class there are 40 – which is almost double than in previous years. Rijicho and our new Headmaster gave very good speeches and wished all the new students well for their time at Kosei. I hope all the girls can fit in quickly and make lots of friends. Good luck with your studies at Kosei girls!!

入学式

4月8日中学71名・高校204名・留学クラス40名の多くの新入生を迎えて新年度が始まりました。学校生活に早く慣れてたくさんの友達ができるといいですね。健闘を祈ります。

Kosei Junior High School English Immersion Program

イマージョンプログラム

Students of this program will learn communicative problem-solving skills in an English-rich environment while studying various subjects in addition to English and learning to cooperate and learn together.

英語で様々な学習活動を通して他教科を学びながら同時に英語能力を高める学習方法です。

Junior high school students at Kosei Gakuen experience English in unique ways. One way is specialized English language classes. Another way is English immersion classes. Together, these courses make a program which gives students lots of time listening to English, many chances to use it themselves, useful skills involving music, art, sports, and a growing experience they can share together.

ユニークな英語の授業に、音楽・美術・スポーツ等の授業も英語で行われ、英語を大量に聞いて使うさまざまな機会に恵まれています。

Specialized English Classes

In one kind of English class, students learn about and practice the nuts and bolts of the English language with Japanese teachers of

English. These classes give students the explanations and support they need in Japanese and build their confidence to try to use English.

英語の知識を日本人教師と学び英語の基礎を固めます。

The other kind of English language class is led by native English-speaking English teachers. Here students practice English as a tool for communication with native speakers and each other. This way they can feel confident and satisfied that their skills are growing and can reach for the next level.

並行して外人教師と習った英語を使って会話の練習を重ね、使える英語にしていきます。

Immersion Classes

There are three immersion subjects: Visual Art, Music, and Integrated Study. In these classes, the targets are the content and skills of *the subject*, not the English language itself. However, students receive all instruction in English, which is why it is called *immersion*. This instruction

is carefully designed so that students can use both what they are learning in English classes and their own problem solving skills to understand their teachers and successfully carry out the tasks.

美術・音楽・総合がイマージョン3教科で、英語で授業が展開されます。英語の説明でも生徒たちが理解して学習できるように周到に準備され、英語能力を高めるためにも役立ちます。

Challenges and Difficulties

These classes are challenging, but students can succeed if they are patient, listen carefully, trust their teachers and always do their best. Students who do their best and never give up will gradually become more and more comfortable with listening to and using English to communicate and accomplish many different things.

授業が英語で展開されるためしっかりと聞き粘り強く学習することが必要です。努力する生徒のみが段々に慣れて英語を使いこなす力を身につけられます。



Junior High Immersion Classes



Music

We start the year with a new teacher at the helm of the music classes, and what better way than to focus on welcome songs from different cultures? 7th graders will attempt to sing a traditional Congolese welcome song! All junior high students start the school year by learning the John Lennon song “Love”. 9th graders extend the song by adding a new verse of their own. 7th graders begin learning alto recorder and 8th and 9th graders continue, using folk songs from all over the world. Have music, will travel...

音楽

先生が新しく変わりました。今年度は世界中の異なった音楽に耳を傾けてみましょう。中1はコンゴの伝統音楽で授業を始め、全学年共通にジョン・レノンの「Love」を歌います。中3はそれに歌詞も創作して歌います。中1はアルト・リコーダーの練習も開始、中2・3も継続して世界中のフォークソングを練習し、音楽で世界中をめぐるります。

New Teachers

Hi everyone, I'm Caro. I'm from Ireland and I love Japanese food especially soba. My hobbies are cycling, swimming, taking photos and watching movies. How about you? One of my favourite movies is Kurosawa's The Seven Samurai. I'm very interested in Japanese history and Japanese writers too. I like reading Soseki, Mishima and Kawabata. I teach English to junior high and high school students and immersion computers. I hope we can enjoy our classes together. I look forward to working with you. See you!!



Art

The first grade will be focusing on painting and color. Their project is an abstract painting. The second will create Flower pastel Drawings based on the work of artist Georgia O'Keefe. This will build on last year's work and help students to develop their skills in pastel and drawing. The third grade will make Peace Tiles. This is an international Project that was very successful last year. It encourages students to think visually and learn about how to communicate using images and words. I am sure all students will enjoy and make some lovely work.

美術

中1は抽象画を描きながら色使いを学びます。中2はキープの作品にヒントを得た課題のパステルで花の絵を制作し、去年から引き続いてパステル画の技術を習得します。中3は去年の3年生も作ったピース・タイルを今年も挑戦します。これは国際的プロジェクトでイメージを言葉を使ってで表して気持ちを表現する方法を学びます。どの学年も制作を楽しみいい作品を期待します。

Hello! My name is Mark Lipsham. I am a new teacher at Kosei. I am from Auckland, New Zealand, the biggest city in New Zealand. I have lived in Japan for a total of five years. The first time I came to Japan was when I was twenty-one. Since first coming to Japan I have learned a lot of Japanese and a lot about teaching. I also completed a master's degree in second language teaching in 2005. In New Zealand I enjoy outdoor activities like fishing and hunting. Last year I climbed Mt. Fuji.



Hello – my name is Stefan Van Eycken. I grew up in Belgium and Scotland, but have lived in Japan for almost 10 years. I studied music and am active as a composer. I love hunting for rare records. My taste in music? Italian film music of the '60s and '70s, and free jazz. I am also an avid collector of Japanese whiskies, and spend a lot of time watching Japanese movies (of the '30s, in particular).



Community Class for studying English Conversation

The first Adults Community English Conversation class started last Saturday.

There were around 35 parents that came and studied English. The lesson was very enjoyable and the parents got to speak English with the Native teachers. This year the focus will be on real life conversations and situations. As there were so many parents from this Saturday the class will be split into 2. Mark will teach one class and Nathan will teach the other. Anyone is welcome to come and join so if you have time on a Saturday morning between 9.45am – 10.35am please fell free to come. We look forward to seeing you there!

英会話教室

今年も土曜日の朝のご父兄の英会話教室がスタートしました。ネイサン先生・マーク先生が実用英会話を楽しく教えてくださいます。ご興味のある方はどうぞご参加ください。

Important Dates This Term

Apr 28	Sports Festa Rehearsal
Apr 29	National Holiday – Showa Day
May 2 – 5	Golden Week
May 7	Sports Festa Rehearsal
May 8	Sports Festa
May 22	High School Midterm Tests Start
May 24	Junior High Midterm Tests Start

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

