

The Kosei Grapevine

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Issue 2

Welcome!!

Welcome everyone. This is the second issue of the Grapevine. We hope that you all had a great Golden Week. It always amazes me how quickly the weather changes in Japan. A few weeks ago I needed a heater, now on some days I need the air-conditioner. Kosei staff and students have all been very busy lately. We had our annual Sports Festa, and this week the Midterm examinations finished. It was good to see most students studied really hard for their examinations. We hope the students did their best on all of their tests, especially the English tests!

季節が目まぐるしく移って、ゴールデンウィークに引き続いて運動会・中間テストも終わりました。結果はどうでしたか。英語のテストは？

Sports Festa 2010

Kosei's Sports Festa took place on Saturday May 8th. It rained that week so everyone was so pleased that it was a sunny day on Saturday. I hope no one got sunburnt!! There were lots of fun events, like the obstacle race with the teachers, the tug of war, skipping and lots of races. Well done to all students, you worked so hard to make the event really special. Well done to all the cheering and support you gave your teams also. We all enjoyed your team songs. But it was victory for the red team. Congratulations, you did very well. Thank you to the white team for all your hard work that day. I hope you were not so disappointed. How do you say 騎馬戦 (kibasen) and 台風の日 (taifu no me) in English? Do you know?

Why I Like Art

Hello. My name is Jennifer Pierce. I grew up in Kentucky, U.S.A. I have lived in Tokyo for six years. During the past 6 years, I taught at a preschool and then went to graduate school. Now, I work as a correspondent/photographer for a fashion magazine. I have always loved many different genres of art such as photography, theatre, dance, and jewelry design.

In the middle of May, I was the substitute art teacher at Kosei Junior High School for two weeks. During the brief two weeks, we worked on a couple of different projects: pastel drawing, the Peace Tile project, and abstract painting. It was very interesting for me to talk with the girls in the classes. They were curious about me and I was curious to see what kind of art they were creating! Even though it was a short period of time, I am really happy that through art I had the opportunity to connect with the students at Kosei.

Why do I like art? I like art because through art you can express yourself while simultaneously learning techniques or crafts. When I look at a painting, photograph, or drawing, I am most interested in how the artist used color in the composition. I really enjoyed mixing paints and making pastels in our classes because it allowed us to play with color! Art should be fun and imaginative. I hope I have the opportunity to visit Kosei again in the future. Thank you for an enjoyable experience!

レイチェル先生に代わって、短い期間でしたが美術を教えにジェニファー先生が来てくれました。米国人の先生は6年間日本で暮らされ幼稚園で教えられた後、大学院で学ばれ現在はファッション雑誌の記者・写真家として活躍され、その他さまざまなことにも興味を持たれています。今回校成の生徒たちと授業を通して楽しく会話し、興味を持たれている色使いを授業で展開できてよかった。美術は自己表現だから大好きです。絵画・写真での色の使われ方に関心があり、美術は作り出す楽しさが大切です。校成を再訪する機会を楽しみにしています！とのことでした。



These events were very exciting to watch!!

After lunch the students gave a performance, a dance performance with really lively music, so we could enjoy the atmosphere. The Sports Festa really was a lot of fun.

スポーツ・フェスタ

5月8日(土)は週の前半の雨から一転して晴天に恵まれ、日焼けが気になる中でおこなわれました。楽しいゲームが繰り広げられ、先生との障害物競走、綱引き、大縄跳び等盛りだくさんにありました。



全員で頑張り競技が一層楽しいものになりました。チームの応援歌もよかったです。勝利は赤に輝きましたが、白もがんばりました。ところで騎馬戦や台風の日を英語では何と言うでしょう?? 昼食後のダンスもにぎやかで活発に踊り会場が盛り上がりました。一日大変楽しかったです。



Nathan Introduction

Hello, my name is Nathan Prestidge and I am from New Zealand.

I went to two High Schools in New Zealand. The first one was a private boy's boarding school which was not in the city I lived. It was about four hours from my hometown of Hamilton. I lived at that school along with about 650 other boys. I stayed there for three years and then came back to Hamilton and went to Hillcrest High School where two of the Kosei girls – Yuria and Mana are studying now. My school life especially at Hillcrest High School was probably the best two years of my life. I had many friends and our rugby team was very, very strong! Hillcrest is a very nice area and it has many lovely cafes where you can relax and drink a nice 'Flat White' coffee – NZ style café latte. If you have a chance in the future please go to Hamilton and visit Hillcrest.

In 1992 I went to France and lived in Nice for 6 years. I went there to play rugby.

Living in Nice was fantastic! It is such a beautiful city and it is very close to Monaco and Monte Carlo where the famous Formula 1 car race is held every year. Sometimes I would get in my car and drive to San Remo – a small town just across the border in Italy. I love Italian food so I used to go there and eat all kinds of

delicious pastas and pizzas for lunch. During my time in Nice I made many friends and experienced many things. French people love to take their time when eating and they also love to chat. If you have a chance, please go to Nice—it's a great place!

校成 3 年目・NZ 出身のネイサン先生が校成に来る前の話を書いてくださいました。

高校は家から車で 4 時間の寮制の生徒 650 名の私立の男子校に 3 年間、その後故郷ハミルトンの校成の生徒の留学先でもあるヒルクレスト高校に変わりました。そこで友人を多く持ち有名なラグビー部で走り回り、有意義な高校生活を送りました。食堂で出されるフラット・ホワイトというコーヒーはお勧めです。

1992 年仏ニースに移り住み、6 年間ラグビーをしました。美しい街で自動車レース・フォーミュラ 1 があるモンテカルロからも近いです。国境近くのイタリアの小さな町サンレモに車に出かけイタリア料理も堪能しました。フランスの人々は食を楽しみおしゃべりに花を咲かせます。いつかニースにも出かけてください。素晴らしい街です!



Morning Announcements

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

Example:

Good morning everyone—I'm Mao from the 1F class. Today is Wednesday 12th of May. The weather today is cloudy.

I'm going to talk about my class. This year there are 40 students in the class. It is very big. I like this class very much and all the girls are aggressive which gives me a lot of energy. We will go to New Zealand next January so I'm very looking

forward to that. I will do my best to study hard!

The time now is 8:21a.m.—homeroom begins in 4 min. Don't be late and have a nice day.

毎朝の英語の放送は1F の1月に留学する生徒が担当しています。

5月12日の放送:

1 クラス40名の生徒みんなが留学を目指してしっかり学び、その日を楽しみに励んでいます。がんばります! 8時21分です。後4分でホームルーム!

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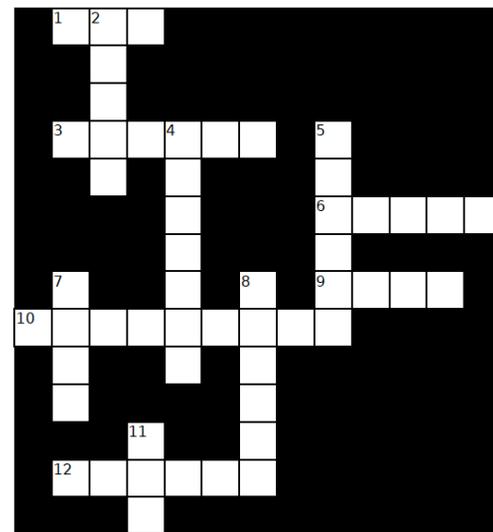
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Crossword

If you can't find answers, ask your teacher. Turn in the correct answer, then you can get something nice!



Across

- 1 Mark owns this game console.
- 3 Stefan's favorite drink.
- 6 Nathan's favorite sport.
- 9 Caroline does not eat ~ or fish.
- 10 Stefan loves this city in Spain.
- 12 Caroline lived in this country before coming to Japan.

Down

- 2 Nathan's favorite food.
- 4 Caroline has ~ (how many) pets in her country.
- 5 Nathan lives in ~ ward.
- 7 Stefan's son is named after tennis player ~el Nadal.
- 8 Mark's favorite sport.
- 11 Mark broke his ~ when he was a child.

Important Dates This Term

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| May 31st – 12th | Eiken Festival |
| Jun 1st | JHS Dental Check |
| Jun 12 th | No classes – Eiken |
| Jun 17 th | Achievement Test 1~3 periods |
| Jun 21 st | Vocational Field Trip |