

# The Kosei Grapevine

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## Welcome!!



Hello everyone! This is the time of year where a lot of people get sick and catch a cold so we hope you are all being careful. Rainy season has also begun; try to stay warm and dry so that you do not get sick.

All of the students and teachers are very busy at the moment. This year is passing by very quickly. So enjoy each and every day because the year will be over before you know it.

梅雨に入り体調を崩しやすい、風邪を引きやすい季節です。体調管理をよくしてください。1年もう折り返しの月です。時間を大切にしっかり励もう。

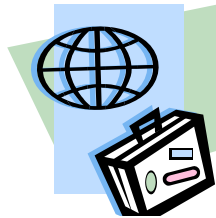
## English News

Last weekend, the **Eiken** written tests were held on Saturday and Sunday. The students studied hard and we hope they all get good results. Good luck to you all!

英検が6月12日にありました。備えた力を出し切れましたか。

be very helpful to the students when they visit NZ for a homestay next October. The final contest will be held on June 29<sup>th</sup>. The winners in each grade will represent Kosei at city-wide recitation and speech contests held in the fall.

中1は自己紹介、中2は「さわってはいけない」「占い師」のどちらかを覚えてスピーチします。中3はNZについての調べ学習をしてグループで発表します。10月のNZ修学旅行での交流の準備にもなります。それぞれ予選の後本選のコンテストが開かれます。優勝した生徒会に代表として参加します。



## Junior High English

### Presentations

7th grade students will give Self Introductions. The final contest will be held on June 23rd. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will give a recitation. They will choose one of *Don't Touch It* and *The Fortuneteller*. The final contest will be held on June 30<sup>th</sup>. 9<sup>th</sup> graders will give presentations about New Zealand as a group. Learning to talk about NZ will

## Why Music?

I often think in music. I see my life in terms of music. Not the words of a professional musician, as you might think, but of Albert Einstein. Here at Kosei, we share Einstein's view of the importance of music.

We believe that music opens doors that help us pass from the classroom into the world around us. This is why we open our ears to music from across the globe, from different countries and different cultures. We feel it's important to listen to these voices – close to home and far away – because they speak to us about what it means to be human: the good, the bad and the ugly. We believe it's important to celebrate those things that bring us together, and help us experience our common humanity. Music is one of those things.

In the course of five minutes in class, we may travel from a desert in Tanzania, to the cold Siberian night and a mother softly singing a lullaby, to Vienna 200 years ago ("oh, is that Beethoven's latest symphony?"), and back to here-and-now and a guy with a guitar singing in front of our station. This may seem strange, but it's all folk music, in the end. As Louis Armstrong said: "I ain't never heard no horse sing a song."

Stefan Van Eycken: Kosei Immersion Music Teacher

しばしば音楽を通して人生を考えます。アインシュタインの言葉を借りれば、音楽は授業の中から私たちの目を世界に開いてくれる扉です。そこで出来る限りさまざまな国、いろいろな文化の音楽を聞くのです。身近な歌・遠く離れた国の歌・いろいろな歌に耳を傾けることが大切です。音楽は様々なことを語りかけます。私たちを一つにし、人類共同体を体現する手助けをしてくれます。音楽とはそんな力あります。

授業では最初の5分間にタンザニアの砂漠から寒いシベリアまで、母親が優しく歌う子守唄や、200年前のウィーンの時代（ベートーベンが最後にシンフォニーを作曲した時代？）にさかのぼりまた現代に戻って、若者が駅前でギターを弾き語りする歌まで一気に駆け巡ります。変に聞こえるかもしれませんが、授業はすべてみんなが楽しめる音楽をめざします。ルイス・アームストロングが言っています。「歌は人間以外には歌えない。」  
音楽担当：ステファン先生



## News from New Zealand

Hey! I'm enjoying my New Zealand life very much at the moment. I teach dance to students at Aquines College everyday. We have a big dance competition coming up soon so I'll be going to that with my dance crew. I'm very excited about it because I'll be able to meet 'Sweet and Sour' – they won the world Championships last year in America – they are really good! Teaching dance is hard for me but it's a great experience! I love living in New Zealand! Ayana Take

NZの生活にも慣れました。毎日私がアクイネス高校の仲間にダンスを教え間もなくダンス競技会に出場します。去年米国で開かれた世界大会の優勝チーム「スイート&サワー」も参加します。最高のチームで会うこと大変楽しみにしています。教えることは難しいですが、いい経験です！充実した日々を送っています。

武彩奈



## Wedding in England

Rachel, Immersion Art Teacher has been to the wedding of her brother in the UK recently.

レイチェル先生がご兄弟の結婚式で英国に帰ってこられました。

I was lucky to be able to attend my brother, Tim's wedding in England this May. In the U.K. many people choose to marry in a church, to do this they need to attend marriage counseling and attend the church. Some people get married in registry office or other places but my brother chose to marry in my father's church ( he is a Christian minister). My Dad's church is in a small village in the south west of England called Tawstock and is surrounded by green fields. It is about 500 years old.

When the ceremony has finished they go outside where people throw pink or white confetti over them. This is usually made of thin paper in an oval shape and a photographer will take group pictures. The wedding reception is usually in a different place such as a hotel in Japan. There can be many parties but in the UK there is usually only one. My brother had his in an old mansion called "Castle Hill." We ate "bangers and mash" (sausages and mashed potatoes) with cake for dessert.

During the meal the bride's father, the best man and the groom give speeches, which are usually funny. At the end of the meal the couple cut the cake and after everyone has finished eating there is usually a dance. The couple will dance first, this is called the "first dance." The rest of the evening is a party with everyone dancing, drinking and enjoying themselves.

英国の結婚式は多くは教会でおこなわれ、先月5月に兄も牧師の父の教会で式をあげました。英国南西部に広がる平原の中のタウストックという小さな村に500年前から続いている教会です。

式が終わると教会の外で待っている人々がコンフェティーと言われる卵形に切った白やピンクの紙を新郎新婦に振りかけます。写真はその時写されます。日本ではホテルが多いですが、兄はキャスルヒルという館でパーティーを開き、結婚式のご馳走をいただきました。食事の間に花嫁の父、友人と花婿がスピーチをし会場が楽しい雰囲気になります。ケーキカットの後、新郎新婦のファーストダンスの後は皆がダンスや食事を楽しみ夜がふけていきます。



## 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. My name is Mayu from the 1F class. Today is Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June. The weather is rainy. I'm going to talk about Hokkaido. I come from Shiraoi. It is located in the south east part of Hokkaido. Some famous places near Shiraoi are the Ainu Village, Bears and Milk. In the winter there is a lot of snow and it is very cold. In the summer it's nice and cool. If you have a chance please go there. The time now is 8.22am. Homeroom begins in three min. Don't be late and have a nice day.

毎朝生徒による英語の放送が流れます。

おはようございます。今日 6月9日は高1の真由が担当します。私は北海道白老の出身です。

白老は北海道の南東にありアイヌの村が近く、豆やミルクが有名です。冬には積雪が多く大変寒い所ですが、夏は気持ちがいいです！

機会があれば 行ってみてください。

8時22分、後3分でホームルームです。

遅刻しないように！

## Blankets for Africa

Many African people suffer from war, drought and floods. These disasters leave people homeless in harsh weather conditions. Blankets protect them from the hot sun during the day and keep them warm during the cold nights. Kosei students recently collected 31 blankets and 35,412 yen and sent them to these unfortunate African people. Before sending the blankets, the students sewed messages of hope and encouragement in English onto the blankets, simple messages such as "Peace", "Love" and "Friendship".

現在も多くのアフリカの人々が戦争・干ばつ・洪水などに苦しんでいます。毛布を送って夜の寒さをしのげればという募金活動が宗教委員を中心に今年も展開され、集まった31枚の毛布に平和・友愛・友情のメッセージを縫い付け、3万5412円の募金とともにアフリカに送られました。

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## Important Dates This Term

June 23	Fire Drills
June 22	7 <sup>th</sup> Grader Speech Contest
June 29	9 <sup>th</sup> Grader Speech Contest
June 30	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Recitation Contest
July 6 – 8	End of Term Exams
July 8-9	Workshops for Summer Camp
July 12–13	Junior High English Summer Camp

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