

The Kosei Grapevine

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Welcome!!

Hello everyone!! We hope you are all well and keeping warm in the cool weather. Hopefully you are having a nice autumn and have seen some beautiful autumn leaves. The year is passing so quickly, it is already November. The students will soon be studying extra hard for their end of term examinations. Everyone stay safe and warm, and enjoy the beautiful autumn weather. 皆さんだんだんと寒くなる中を元気に通学していますか。秋たけなわで紅葉も美しいですね。11月もすでに半ば、期末テストの準備も間もなくです。暖かくして気持ちのよい季節を安全に楽しみましょう。



Halloween

On Friday, 29th October, the 7th Graders gathered in the Big Meeting Room for their annual Halloween Party. First of all, the story of Halloween was told. Next, it was time for the games. They played "Target Game" where they had to roll marbles at a target. When they hit the target, they had to say some English sentence and they got one point! Then they made a mask. Wearing their masks, they went to do "Trick or Treat" and got some candy for Halloween.

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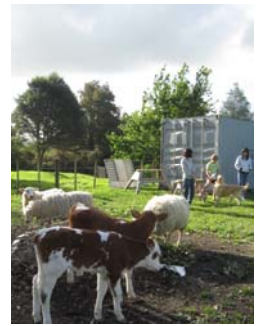
中1生が10月29日にパーティーをしました。ハロウィーンの始まりを学び、その後はお楽しみ会、それから制作した面をがぶりハロウィーンキャンディをもらうために'Trick or Treat' と言ってまわりました。

9th Grade Trip to New Zealand

The 9th grade students have just returned from their school trip to New Zealand. For most of the girls, it was their first time to travel overseas and their first time to stay on a farm. On the farms, many students fed lambs, chickens and baby cow. Some students rode horses and other students played with the farm dogs. Many students were surprised at how big the farms were! The students enjoyed the time with their host families. The students did many different things with their host families such as fishing, seeing waterfalls, shopping and baking with their host mothers. They all tried very hard to speak in English with their host families and they had a wonderful time.

While in Hamilton, the students visited Hillcrest High School. They spent time in classes and mixing with the New Zealand students. They did very well speaking in English with their Hillcrest High buddies and they made some good friends there. For the first days of the trip, the girls traveled to Waitomo Caves to see the glowworms. They also visited Auckland University and Museum, and they had some free time in Auckland. In Auckland, the students had to go by bus to various places without any help from the teachers. It was a great opportunity for them to use English. By all accounts they did very well! The students have all come back with wonderful memories, experiences and photos from New Zealand. Many are looking forward to going back again someday. Please enjoy the report in the back.

中3生がNZの修学旅行から帰ってきました。ほとんどの生徒が初めての海外旅行に初体験の農場宿泊。羊や鶏や子牛に餌をやり、馬に乗ったり農場の番犬と戯れた生徒もいたようです。農場の大きさにびっくり。ホストファミリーと釣りをしたり、滝に行ったり、買い物や料理と楽しい時間も過ごせました。頑張って英語を話し素晴らしい思い出になったようです。ハミルトンではヒルクレスト女子高校を訪問、NZの生徒と交流しました。そこでも英語でしっかり会話をしNZの友達もできたようです。ワイトモ洞穴に行って光るミミズを見たり、オークランド大学や美術館にも行きました。自由時には先生の手助けなしに、バスに乗っていろいろな所に生徒たちだけで行ってきました。英語を話す有意義な体験になりました。みんな大変よくできました! 素晴らしい思い出や体験をし写真も撮って、また行きたいと願いながら無事に帰国しました。裏に生徒の体験レポートを載せています。



Antti Pentikainen visits Kosei

Finnish Antti Pentikainen came to talk to the Kosei students on Friday, November 5th. He is the Director of Conflict Transformation, Religions for Peace. He has worked in several conflict zones as a mediator. He also has a long history of humanitarian work with UN agencies among others. He talked about what is going on in the world in simple words, by using examples of five tragedies in the present world to make Kosei students understand more easily how important it is to know about these things. His examples were the war in Congo, the conflicts in Somalia, the truth of world climate change, the tragedies of the women in Africa and school conditions in poor countries. His speech had a strong and important message. IF students had the honor to listen to his talk and they could learn what is important for us to do for world peace and prosperity.

アンティ・ペンティカイネン氏来校

フィンランド人のペンティカイネン氏は世界宗教者平和会議国際委員会事務局に所属され、国連機関を含め多くの団体に紛争地域の仲介者として活躍を続けておられます。世界中で勃発している問題の中から5つを取り上げて知ることの大切さ、皆で声を上げて行くことが世界平和に役立つことを平易な言葉で説明いただきました。1Fの生徒へ良いメッセージになりました。



Important Dates This Term

Nov. 11	New Zealand Prime Minister & Ambassador visit
Nov 13	Junior High Achievement Tests
Nov. 14	Eiken Interview Test
Nov 23	National Holiday
Dec.1	7 th grade Speech Contest
Dec.1	8 th grade Recitation Contest
Dec 2	9 th Grade Skit Presentations
Dec 4	8 th Grade Christmas Party

New Zealand report

I took a plane for the first time. I was very anxious but the plane was comfortable. I saw views from the plane. It was very beautiful. On the 2nd day, I watched the sheep shearing show and the dog show. Animals were very cute. On the 3rd day, I got on a boat at Waitomo Cave. I saw Ishibotaru, glowworms, there. It was beautiful. At the end of the day I met my host family. They were very friendly. Their house was so large. I played on the trampoline with a ten-year-old boy. I was very happy. On the 4th day, I went to the lake with my host family. We walked around the lake. I was a little tired but it was fun.. I met Kana and her host family there and we had pizza together for lunch. We also played cards. It was a lot of fun. My host mother cooked very well. The food was delicious. After saying good-bye to my host family, we moved to Hamilton by bus. On the 5th day, I studied math at Hillcrest High School. I was surprised to see the students behaving badly in class. On the 6th day, we went to Auckland University and the museum. Students were very kind to us. On the 7th day we had some free time. So we went to the aquarium, the Sky Tower and a church. The penguins at the aquarium looked quite cute.

I felt the farm stay short. The happiest of the whole trip was my farm stay. In the beginning I couldn't speak English well but little by little I got used to speaking English and I was able to communicate better. I thought it was a precious experience. I want to go to NZ again. (Natsumi)

Around the world 'Ireland' 2

Caroline tells us a little more about her country, so here it is:

Dublin, the capital is the largest city and located in the east of the country. It was built by the Vikings so it is very old. Some of you may know of James Joyce, Oscar Wilde and the poet W.B.Yeats who all came from Dublin. I guess more popular people from Dublin nowadays are the rock band U2, actor Colin Farrell and the pop group Westlife !! Maybe some of you know of the actress Saoirse Ronan? Her most recent film was "The Lovely Bones". She's only 16 and still a student, but already has won many awards and has been nominated for an oscar in one of her earlier movies. Kosei girls, can you imagine being a busy actress *and* a high school student?

Popular tourist attractions in Ireland are The Cliffs of Moher, Newgrange, Connemara and the Aran Islands. Newgrange is a burial chamber older than the Pyramids of Giza, Egypt. It is a UNESCO World Heritage site and people like to go there to watch the Winter Solstice on December 21st every year. This is the only day that the sun shines into the chamber and lights up the ancient designs and carvings on the walls inside. It's really beautiful to see. See you again soon. Slan (スラオン) !

[注: キャロライン先生に母国の話の続きを書いていただきました。遠い国で知らないことばかりです。読む助けに固有名詞をカタカナにしました。James Joyce: ジェイムズ・ジョイス Oscar Wilde: オスカー・ワイルド W.B.Yeats: イエーツ Colin Farrell: コリン・ファレル Saoirse Ronan シャーシャ・ローナン]

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