

# The Kosei Grapevine

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## Welcome!!

Hello everyone!! The weather has become much cooler lately, we hope you are all well and keeping warm. It is almost winter and school will be finishing soon. The end of term examinations are approaching fast. I hope you are all studying really hard.

このところ寒くなりました。冬がそこまで来ています。期末テストも間もなくです。しっかり勉強して備えてください。



## The New Zealand Prime Minister comes to Kosei

November 11<sup>th</sup> 2010 was a historical day for Kosei Gakuen. It was the first time ever that a Prime Minister visited us. John Key who is now the Prime Minister of New Zealand came and spoke in front of the school. He was greeted by the Head Master of the school at the main entrance and was led into Auditorium by a number of other very important people from Kosei and board members. As he walked in, the school started to sing the New Zealand national Anthem accompanied by the brass band. He mentioned later that he thought all the girls sang the national anthem beautifully both in Maori and English. A special thank you must go out to Stephan who taught and practiced for weeks with everyone – well done Stefan! Once on stage the President gave a speech which was translated by Miyu from the 3F class and everyone thought that she sounded just like a native speaker. After that, the Prime Minister spoke about the differences in education between New Zealand and Japan – we also found out that he has two gifted children – one of them is residing in France for a year studying at a French High School at the moment. Another thing he mentioned was that he likes to cook Japanese Katsudon! After that the 1F class gave a dance performance which was very entertaining and I'm sure everyone enjoyed it. Then came the Calligraphy club making a very impressive painting displaying the friendship between New Zealand and Japan.

Once that had all finished the Prime Minister moved up to the Global Center which was re-named "The John Key Room". There, there were six girls from the Junior and Senior High School who had prepared very good questions to ask the PM. Chiho and Akina from the 3F class and Saki and Yurie from the 1F class gave a rundown on what goes on in the John Key Room and the PM found it very interesting. Finally everyone who had been involved was able to get a group photo with the PM.

One thing that has to be mentioned also was the amount of security that was at Kosei on that day. Everyone was so surprised to see lots of SP Police – they looked so cool!!

Finally the PM left and we all waved him off. It was a great occasion at Kosei and we'll never forget the day when the New Zealand Prime Minister came to visit us!

### N Z 首相 倭 成 来 校

11月11日はNZ首相ジョン・キー氏、政府要人、駐日大使が倭成を訪問して下さり、学校の歴史に残る記念すべき一日になりました。学園本部から学園長・理事長をはじめ生徒全員で心から歓迎の意を表してお迎えしました。

NZ国歌を吹奏楽部の伴奏で全員が英語とマオリ語の両方で歌い、1Fのダンスの後、NZの有名な歌「ボカレカレアンナ」を再びマオリ語で全員で歌いました。書道部によるパフォーマンスもきっと喜んでいただけたと思います。大使からは二人のお子さんのこと、ご自分の奥様との出会いや、得意料理の「かつ井」の話等心とむお話を伺いました。その後、生徒の代表者と話の場が設けられました。

大使は多くの生徒と握手し、気軽に声をかけていただきお人柄を身近に感じることができました。生徒はカッコ良いSPの人数の多さに驚くと同時に、首相の素晴らしさに深く感動しました。

ちょうどAPECの会議で日本訪問をされた忙しい合間を私たち倭成に足をお運びいただきました。大変ありがとうございました。





## Memories of the New Zealand Trip



### Around the world 'Ireland' 3

The latitude of Ireland is 53° N and the latitude of Hokkaido is 43° N but there is no snow in Ireland in winter, which a lot of Japanese are surprised by!

Traditional and typical food from Ireland is stew, as it is cold in winter, salmon and lots of fish and seafood. I'm from the west coast, from a city called Galway(ゴールウェイ), home of the traditional 'Claddagh ring'. This is a ring that was once given as a wedding ring, but today it's



given as a sign of love. Galway is a city of only 60,000 people, which is tiny in

comparison to Japan!! It was

built in the 12 Century by the Anglo-Normans. It is a university city and famous for salmon fishing and its annual July oyster festival and horse racing events. There is also an Arts Festival held every July, the Japanese 'Kodo' drummers from Sado ga Shima and many Japanese musicians have played here. I'm not sure what else you want to know about Ireland. Why don't you ask me in class!! You can also go to the annual St. Patrick's Day festival and parade in Tokyo held in March. St. Patrick's Day is March 17<sup>th</sup> and it is the National Feast Day of Ireland.

Slan anois agus go raibh maith agaibh!

スラオン・アノイシュ・アグス・ゴ・ラオ・マア・アグイブ  
Goodbye and thank you all.

3回にわたってキャロライン先生に母国の話を書いて頂きました。新しいことをたくさん学びました。世界共通語の英語のおかげでいろいろな文化を知り興味が広がります。

### Important Dates This Term

- Dec 2 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recitation Contest
- Dec.2 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Skit Presentation
- Dec 4 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Party
- Dec. 7 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Speech Contest
- Dec 9~11 Term End Exams
- Dec 12 6<sup>th</sup> Study Abroad Students Back

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My farmstay was in Cambridge. I stayed for two nights with my host family. There were two people there. The atmosphere was nice. There were about 10 rooms in the house. My room was on the ground floor. I got up at 6:30. I had breakfast at 7:00. I ate bread for breakfast. Dinner time was at 7:00. After dinner I talked about NZ with them and ate ice cream. They keep donkeys, cows and sheep on the farm. I worked with my host family on the farm. NZ nature is very beautiful. I liked it very much but I didn't want to see the dead mouse.. I enjoyed running on the hill, which is my happiest memory of NZ. I rolled over and over on the hill. I had a nice week in NZ. I want to go to NZ again. (by Kana)

Asuna asked questions of her host family and buddy in the Hillcrest High School and these are their answers: • Their most important memory is their child's marriage ceremony. • NZ people are most proud of the green image of NZ. • Their image of Japan is making wonderful TV sets. • High school students are interested most in music and dramas. • Many high school students work part time in the markets. • They are proud of NZ people. But they don't like NZ weather. • They want to make a trip around the world after graduation.

### Thanksgiving Day



Thanksgiving is a holiday in the USA and Canada when people give thanks. It is celebrated every year on the fourth Thursday of November in the USA and on the second Monday of October in Canada. So, this year it is November 26<sup>th</sup> in the USA, and was October 12<sup>th</sup> in Canada.

The first Thanksgiving took place a year after a group of English people, called the Pilgrims, moved to the north coast of America, near New York, in 1620. In their first year in America, many of the Pilgrims died because it was very cold and they didn't have enough food. But nearby Native Americans taught them how to farm and survive. So the next year, when the Pilgrims had grown lots of food, they had a huge dinner party with the Native Americans who had helped them. The Native Americans brought lots of food to the dinner, too, so it was a very special time. Everyone had more food to eat than they needed and were very thankful to each other for friendship and good fortune.

These days, families get together on Thanksgiving Day, perhaps at the grandparents' house, and have a big dinner. Many families watch college football together on this day as well.

#### 感謝祭

アメリカとカナダの祝祭日です。毎年合衆国では11月の第4木曜日、カナダでは10月の第2月曜日です。今年はそれぞれ11月25日、10月14日になります。

初めての感謝祭は1620年ニューヨーク近郊の海岸に清教徒と呼ばれるイギリス人の一団が上陸した年に始まりました。最初の年は寒さと飢えから多くの清教徒がなくなり、近くにいた原住民たちが農業や生き延びる方法を彼らにおしえました。次の年にはお蔭で多くの収穫が得られ、助けてくれた人々を招いて盛大に晩さん会を開きました。原住民もたくさんの食べ物を持って参加し、盛りだくさんの食べ物・お互いの友情と収穫を感謝する特別な集まりになりました。

現在は家族が大概は祖父母の家に集い、食事を共にする日になりました。また多くの家庭が大学間のアメリカンフットボールの試合を観戦する日でもあります。

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