

The Kosei Grapevine

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Third Year JHS Trip to New Zealand!

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Our Junior High School third year girls were this year once again lucky enough to have the chance to visit New Zealand for a week in November. Before departing the girls researched various aspects of New Zealand culture and were looking forward to having many new experiences in New Zealand. They were not disappointed!

While in New Zealand the group visited many interesting places in Auckland, Hamilton and Waitomo. A definite highlight of the trip for all of the students was the chance to stay on a farm in the Waitako with a Kiwi family. The students were happy to help out with the farm work and participate in family life. Many students commented on how big the meals were! Although a few were a little worried about trying new foods such as lamb for the first time, everyone agreed that the food in New Zealand was delicious! Another aspect of the farmstay that left an impression with many students was the chance to interact with animals such as cows, horses, sheep and even alpacas. These few days helped the girls to realize how enjoyable it can be to communicate in English and how much you can learn about a foreign culture in just a short while. They have no doubt become precious memories for all of the girls.

After the farmstay the girls had the chance to visit Peachgrove Intermediate School in Hamilton. Here the girls had many opportunities to interact with Kiwi students of a similar age and many students commented afterwards on the interesting differences between school life in Japan and school life in New Zealand.

Other highlights included seeing Glow-worms in the Waitomo Caves and having free time to explore Auckland city. There were too many highlights to mention them all however it is safe to say that the trip was a great experience for all of the girls and a chance for them to not only improve their English skills but to strengthen their bond as a group before graduation!



Trip Highlights:

- *Visiting a local school*
- *Staying on a farm*
- *Seeing glow-worms*
- *Exploring Auckland*
- *Using English!*
- *Making new friends!*
- *Learning about Maori Culture*

修学旅行

中3が11月5日~12日にニュージーランドに修学旅行に行きました。事前にさまざまな準備をしっかりと行ったおかげで収穫も多く新しい体験を楽しんで帰国しました。

オークランド近くでの農場に初体験のホームステイは食べ物等心配もしましたが、農場の規模の大きさ、牛・馬・羊・アルパカのかわいさに触れ、英語でコミュニケーションしながら、農場の手伝いをしたりして楽しさを味わい異文化体験は実り多いものになりました。(写真右上)

ハミルトンのピーチグローブ中学では同年代の生徒と出あい楽しい時を過ごしました。(写真右下) ワイトモ洞穴の土ボタル見学や、オークランド市内探索を生徒達だけで行い英語力を高めるだけでなく友情の絆を深めました。写真左は市内の動物園にある人気のフォトスポットで、口を開けたドラゴンと誰かな?



Above: Students enjoyed staying with a local family!

Below: At Peachgrove Intermediate School



Kosei Student Takes 5th Prize!

On Sunday, November 20th, three Kosei Junior High School students joined 65 other students from 24 other Tokyo area private junior high schools to compete in the annual Private Junior High School English Recitation Contest held at Miwada Gakuen Junior High School. The representatives from Kosei were Misa Kim from class 1-2, Kozue Nakajima from class 2-2 and Marika Miyasako from class 3-2. Kozue Nakajima came 5th out of 22 students. Congratulations! One of Kosei's students also won the same prize last year. The two other girls also gave excellent performances and made their teachers proud. We are looking forward to the next contest and encourage any students interested in taking part to volunteer and challenge themselves.

5位入賞

11月20日に私立中学校英語レシテーションコンテストが三輪田学園で開かれ、中1金美紗・中2中島梢・中3宮迫真理佳が65名の参加者と競い健闘しました。そして中嶋梢が5位に入賞しました。おめでとう!

来年はあなたが頑張ってみませんか。

Christmas Party



On December 8th, all the grade 8 students gathered to take part in a large Christmas party. There were four fun activities planned by the English teachers and, to make it more interesting, we made it a competition. Class 2:1 against class 2:2.

The students were divided into four groups of two teams. Each team got a score for each activity and the team with the most points at the end, were the winners. Read on to find out who won!

Each group took turns to do the activities. There was Christmas themed Pictionary in which students guessed what word was being drawn on the whiteboard. Then there was a 'pass the hat' game in which the students listened to a Christmas story and competed to be the last student standing. The third game challenged the students to make a reindeer with the tallest antlers, without the reindeer falling over. And the fourth game helped the students get to know each other better by having them guess what presents their friends would like to give and receive for Christmas.

All the students tried really hard and had lots of fun in the process. The class with the most points overall was 2:2, but, in the end, there could only be one winning team, which came from 2:1 – Maguron's group!! Well done girls!

クリスマス会

12月8日中学2年生が1組対2組で4つずつのグループに分かれてクリスマスにちなんだ4種類のゲームを英語で楽しみました。皆真剣に戦いましたが、結果は2組の勝利! グループ賞は1組の「マグロン」チームでした。



Everyone enjoyed the games at this year's Christmas party! Merry Christmas everyone! Be safe and happy!

First and Second Year JHS End of Term Speech Contests

This term, the end of term speech contest was an exciting event for both the first and second year JHS students. This term we decided to do things a bit differently and challenge the second year students to write the short skit to be presented all by themselves. The results were highly entertaining and showed off the many talents possessed by this amazing group of girls. It was almost impossible to decide on a winner but in the end the first prize went to Rino Nakamura, Yuzuki Miyasaka and Momoko Suzuki and the second prize went to Kana Oota, Natsuki Kosaka, Moeko Chida and Yuuka Furutachi. There were also special prizes for "Audience Choice" and "Best Costume".

The first year students took on the challenge of presenting a short recitation of "The Hungry Lion". This passage gave the students an opportunity to begin studying the past tense, while improving their pronunciation and the students accepted the challenge with great enthusiasm. First prize was taken by Marina Nishino, second prize by Reyna Ozawa and third prize by Misa Kim.

中1・中2 スピーチコンテスト

中2生は自分たちで寸劇を書き、演出をしました。一からの難しい作業でしたが、結果は上々。セリフを考え衣装に工夫をこらして楽しい演劇会になりました。審査員が上位グループを選ぶのに苦労しました。今回は生徒も審査委員になってグループ賞やベストドレス賞も選びました。1位のグループは中村梨乃、宮坂柚希、鈴木桃子、2位は太田果奈、小坂菜月、千田萌子、古館有佳でした。生徒が選んだグループもほぼ先生たちと同じでしたから、しっかり見ていたと証明されましたね。

〈写真下右〉

中1生は教科書の最後にある「The Hungry Lion」を暗唱して発表しました。過去時制を学び英語の美しい発音の練習にそれぞれが懸命に取り組みました。中で特に良かった西尾満里奈が1位、2位は小沢礼奈、3位金美紗に決まりました。おめでとう!

[写真下左]



Above:

Winners of the first year recitation contest and the second year skit contest. Well done girls! Congratulations to all who took part!

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