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Welcome!!

Happy New Year everyone!!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. The winter term is very short and there are a lot of events on before the final exams in March. Have a great term everyone!!

おめでとうございます。楽しい冬休みでしたか。3学期は短いですが、3月の学年末テストまで盛りだくさんに行事があります。充実した学期にしましょう！



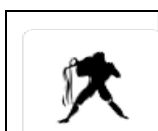
2012 horoscope -Let us welcome 2012 with lots of hopes, happiness and the crystal ball lights up, the tarot cards turn with horoscope 2012 predictions too. To give you a brief idea about it we have listed down for you the **2012 horoscopes**. <http://www.123newyear.com/>

Horoscope

Do you know what a **superstition** is? Different cultures have different superstitions. In Japan, many people go to a shrine and get an Omikuji. This says if it will be a good year or a bad year. In the U.S., Europe, New Zealand, and many other countries, people read their **horoscope**. There are 12 **star signs**, and they say what kind of person someone is. For example Aquarius(水瓶) people are often quiet, artistic, and independent. Leo(しし座) people are often very social and active. Depending on your **star sign**, you have a different **fortune**. You can read your fortune for the week in the newspaper. Did you know that Kosei has easy English-language newspapers in the library? If you want to know your fortune, ask the librarian for the *Asahi Weekly* or *Mainichi Weekly* paper in English! <http://www.asahi.com/aw/> <http://jp/life/weekly/>

I hope you have a good fortune and a great year!

Astrology



Aquarius

1/21~2/19



Aries

3/21~4/20



Cancer

6/22~7/23



Capricorn

12/22~1/20

1E Takes Off!

On Sunday January 15th the 8th group of KGGs students took off from Narita Airport. The girls will spend the next year studying at local schools and living with a Kiwi family. Once all the bags had been checked in and the girls had been given their boarding passes everyone gathered just behind the Air New Zealand counter to say some last words. Everyone was very excited about finally getting on the plane to New Zealand but also sad as they will miss their families while they are away! We wish 1E all the best for their study abroad year and look forward to hearing about their progress throughout 2012.

We're all looking forward to seeing them back in Japan in December and hearing all their stories. Kia Kaha girls!!



1月15日(日)留学クラスが1年間ホームステイをしながら勉強をするために胸をふくらませてNZに出発しました。出発の準備が済みボーディングパスを入手した後、お別れの挨拶をするために集まった時の写真です。悲喜こもごもの別れでした。彼らの健闘を祈り、1年間彼らからの便りを楽しみにしましょう。

12月の帰国が今から楽しみです。ガンバレ！

星座占い

迷信は文化によって異なります。日本人の多くはお正月には神社にお参りして、おみくじをひいて新年が幸運かどうか知ります。米国・欧州・ニュージーランドその他多くの国では運勢は星座占いで見ます。生まれた日によって12星座がありそれぞれ性格がわかります。水瓶座は物静かで、芸術肌・独立心がある人、しし座生まれは一般的に社交的で行動力のある人、だそうです。自分の生まれた星座によって運勢も異なります。新聞に週毎に掲載しています。校成の図書館にやさしい英語で書かれた英字新聞があるのを知っていますか。運勢が知りたければ、*Asahi Weekly* か *Mainichi Weekly* を開いて探してください。わからなければ司書の先生に。インターネットでも読めます。

2012年が運の良い年でありますように！

Welcome back 2F!

At the end of last year we welcomed back the girls from 2F, who had been studying abroad in New Zealand for one year.

One of their first duties on their return was to make powerpoint presentations about their lives, school and families and friends in New Zealand. It was a great chance for them to show off their improved English – there were even a few Kiwi accents! They did a great job!

In class, the 2F girls have been enthusiastic, fun and eager to learn. Japanese school life may be quite different to New Zealand school life but the girls seem to have settled back in very well.

However, after spending one year in New Zealand, it's inevitable that they miss some things. Ai said "I miss New Zealand so much, especially my host family." Saki also misses aspects of the place that was her home for a year but says the experience helped her appreciate her Japanese life more. "I realized how great our Japanese lives and families are" she said.

It seems they all had a great experience and made lasting memories and they have carried their enthusiasm back with them to Kosei.

Karuta Competition!

This year's Karuta competition for junior high school students took place on January 12th in the big hall. The students were very enthusiastic and there was lots of excitement right up until the final moments. For a long time, it seemed like 2-2 was going to win the event, but in a final twist of fate, 2-1 took the first prize, which goes to show that it's important to do your best and keep trying to the very end. With that thought in mind, we look forward to the chorus contest. Good luck, girls!



かるた大会

恒例の中学かるた大会が1月12日体育館で開あり、全員があきらめることなく戦い続け盛り上がりました。状況は2年2組が勝つと思われていましたが、最後にどんでん返し。2年1組が勝利しました。頑張りが通すことが大切なことを学びました。コーラスコンテストもこの教訓を生かしてしっかり頑張ろう！

Amendment

In the previous issue of the Grapevine dated December 14th 2011, the winners were stated wrong in the 7th grader Speech Contest. They were actually 2nd prize by Misa Kim and 3rd Prize by Reina Ozawa. Best in each class are Noa Fukami and Ayako Tatsuta.

訂正：2学期中1のスピーチコンテスト2位金美紗・3位小沢礼奈、特別賞は1組深見乃亜2組立田彩子でした。訂正してお詫びします。

お帰りなさい高2F生

NZの留学を終えて1年ぶりに帰って来た最初の課題は、NZでの生活・学校・ホームステイ先や友達についてをパワーポイントで制作でした。英語力の向上を示す良い機会、NZ英語で良い作品になりました。NZの学校生活は日本のそれとはかなり違っていたでしょうか、すぐに元の学校に馴染んで学習を始めました。しかし1年を過ごしたNZのことは思い出します。「特にホストファミリーは懐かしい」とアイ。サキもいろいろ住んだ家のことを思い出しますが、留学が日本の良さをより知る体験もになった、「日本の生活や家族の素晴らしさに気付いた」と言います。皆が貴重な体験をし、長く残る思い出を作って佼成に帰ってきたようです。

English Events

This weekend, the **Eiken** written tests will be held on Sunday Jan. 22nd. The students have been studying hard and we wish them all the best for the tests.

On February 18th there will be a **recitation and speech contest** for Junior and Senior high school students. We have three students participating in the recitation section, Erika Ishigaki and Karen Shiose. We also have Mizuki Saito participating in the speech section. We wish the students the best of luck.

英語検定が今週末1月22日にあります。頑張ってください。
2月18日中学・高校レシテーション・スピーチコンテストが下北沢聖徳中・高等学校であります。中学生から石垣彫華、塩瀬花蓮が、高校から斉藤みずきが出場します。健闘を祈ります。

Important Upcoming Dates

- Jan 22 Eiken English Test
- Jan 28 Chorus Contest
- Feb 1 Entrance Exams – no classes
- Feb 8 Memorial for broken needles
- Feb 8 Achievement Tests for Junior High School students
- Feb 11 National Holiday – Founding Day
- Feb 12 Entrance Exam for High School

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