

# The Kosei Grapevine

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## The 2012 Sports Festa!

This year's Sports Festa was held on May 12th. It was sunny, but also rather windy, so at times, it seemed like we were in a desert. Everyone always has their personal favourites among the many events on the program. One event the teachers definitely won't forget was the Teacher Relay: few of the male teachers were adequately prepared to dig up marshmallows from a tray of flour without using their hands. Don't try this at home! An exciting new event for the students was the "big baton" relay, but the highlight of the day was - as always - the cavalry race (kibasen). Right up until the end, it wasn't clear which team would come out on top. In the end, the white team prevailed, but not without serious resistance from the red team. Well done, girls! We can't wait for the next Sport Festa.



All of the teachers and students had a great day cheering for their teams!

### スポーツフェスタ

5月12日(土)、本校校庭にてスポーツフェスタが盛大に開催されました。紅白チームのどちらが最終的に勝利するのか最後まで予想できないほど、素晴らしい接戦を繰り上げました。勝利したのは白組です。



## Letters from New Zealand



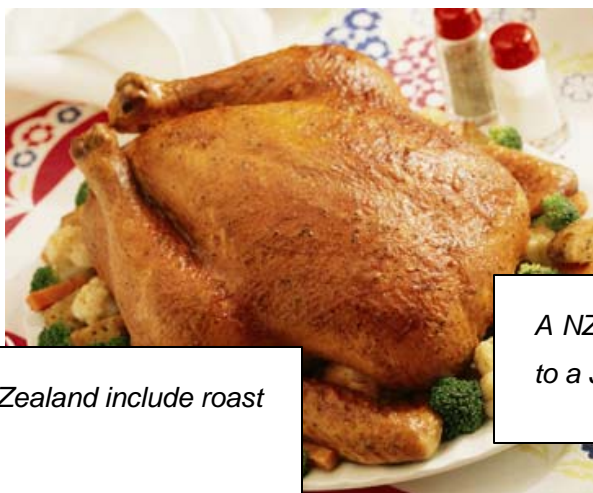
The students of 2E have been in New Zealand since January. Let's find out what they are up to and how their English is improving in NZ!

### "My English" by Ikumi

Hello! I'm going to write about my English studies over the last three months. My English is improving! I hope so! I think that I'm speaking, listening, writing, reading and understanding better than three months ago. So every month I will improve, until my time here in NZ is finished. Anyway Kana and my Japanese friend Akane have been helping to correct my English as their English is more advanced than mine and I have many Kiwi and international student friends. I want to be like them!!! One day I talked with a friend who came from France. He likes Japanese animation very much! From talking to him I understood that many French people like Japanese animation and that there is a Japanese animation event once a year in Paris. I didn't know that before I talked with him and I was happy to hear that!! So I'd like to speak more English with many people!! I'm really enjoying learning English! ☺

### "The Differences Between Japan and New Zealand" by Aina

As I have met many Kiwis in New Zealand, I have found out that they are interested in the differences between Japan and New Zealand. My host mom cooks a variety of meals for dinner. She cooks over three dishes at once. When I was in Japan, we did not always have a variety of meals for dinner. I used to eat a variety of food for lunch such as omelets, Vienna sausages, rice balls and hamburgers in a lunch box. In New Zealand, I bring sandwiches, leftovers and fruit to school. I think that the biggest difference is the way of thinking. For example, the clerks in the supermarket talk to the shoppers even though they don't know each other in New Zealand. Japanese people may think that is strange. I suppose that New Zealanders' habits are wonderful. That's why they can make a lot of friends. Moreover, most NZ people think that nothing is impossible. I think that that idea is one of the best ways to make ourselves strong.



A NZ lunch box is very different to a Japanese one

Popular meals in New Zealand include roast chicken and lamb.



Haruka introduced us to her hometown, Kyoto.

### Morning Announcements



Every morning, a member of 1E reads an announcement at 8.20am. Have you heard them? They talk about many things, such as events happening at school, their favourite group or even what they did at the weekend. Here is an example. This is Haruka from 1E's announcement. She spoke about her hometown.

毎朝8時20分に1年E組の代表生徒一人が英語で校内放送をしています。放送する内容は、休日の過ごし方、日々の学校での出来事、好きなアイドルグループなど様々です。今回は、杉本遥香さんに彼女の故郷である京都について話してもらいました。

*Good morning, this is Haruka from 1E. How was the midterm exam? I have decided that that I will work harder for the next exam.*

*Well, I would like to introduce you to Tango in Kyoto, where I was born. Do you know Oe Mountain or Amanohashidate? I suppose you don't know them, but those places are beauty spots. If you are interested in them, check them on the internet.*

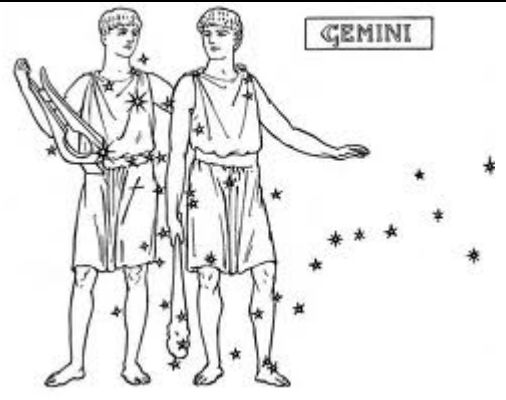
*There is a lot of nature in Tango. So, the air is clear. Moreover, the people living there are very kind. I like Tango very much and I am looking forward to going home in the summer vacation.*

Did you enjoy Haruka's announcement? I think it was really interesting to hear about her hometown. Listen carefully each morning to hear from the other members of 1E!

**感動的な「金環日食」!**  
5月21日(月)7:30頃に本校校庭にて「金環日食観測会」が行われました。「金環日食」を安全に観測するためには「専用グラス」が必要でしたが、本校生徒は理科教員の指導により作成した「専用グラス」を使用し、感動的な「金環日食」を楽しみました。次回、日本で金環日食を観測できるのは、北海道で2030年6月1日になります。

**Star Signs**  
**Happy Birthday Gemini!**  
May 21<sup>st</sup> – June 21<sup>st</sup>

People born under Gemini are said to be adaptable, versatile, communicative and intellectual. These are good things! However they are also said to be nervous and superficial. Are you a Gemini? Does this fit your personality?



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### Did you see the Eclipse?

Did you see the eclipse on the morning of Monday, May 21? It was a very rare and special event. The last time you could see a solar eclipse in Tokyo was 173 years ago! Because it was so rare, Kosei started school late so students could see it. Some students gathered at Kosei to watch before school. Before the eclipse, many stores were selling special glasses to see the eclipse safely. By Sunday, they were nearly all sold out. But a special event like this can bring people together. Many people gathered with neighbors in the morning to watch. People who had special glasses shared them with other people so everyone could see. Seeing the eclipse was interesting, but even better was how it brought people together for a special morning.

If you missed it, you can see the next solar eclipse in 2030. . . if you go to Hokkaido!

solar eclipse=金環日食

### Important Dates

- June 28 JHS 1<sup>st</sup> Year Speech Contest
- June 28 JHS 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Speech Contest
- June 28 JHS 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Speech Contest

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