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Speech Contest Results

This was the first speech contest for the 7th grade students. I'm sure some of them were very nervous but they did a great job and the standard was very high. They told us about their hobbies, families and favourite subjects in their one-minute self-introductions. First prize went to Nene Takeuchi. Yuna Suezawa and Akane Sekiguchi were in second and third place. Well done girls!

The 8th grade recited the story of the "Country Mouse and Town Mouse." The students were judged on their memorisation skills and voice and there were some excellent recitations! The winner was the reigning champion, Marina Nishio. Asuka Sugiyama and Misa Kim got runners up prizes. Congratulations!

Finally, the 9th grade contest featured group presentations about Japanese culture. We heard about many different kinds of Japanese culture, from Japanese toilets to onsen. Each group made interesting, fun and original presentations. The final decision was very close and there was a tie for first place, which went to Moeko Chida and Madoka Sugimoto who spoke about (and wore) Kimono and Karen Shiose and Tomoka Kitamura's group, which told us about Japanese lunch boxes. In third place were Natsuki Kosaka and Eriko Noguchi with a festival themed presentation. Well done everyone!

Congratulations on having a great first term!



6月28日(木)に本校中学生による英語スピーチコンテストが開催されました。昨年と同様、今年も学年によって発表するテーマが異なり、中1は自己紹介、中2は物語の暗唱、中3は日本の文化についてのプレゼンテーションを行いました。今年も、各学年の発表者全員のレベルが高く、最後まで審査員を悩ませました。
※受賞者の名前は、左の英文に記載しています。

School Trip to Cairns



On the 4th of July, our second year high school students headed off to Cairns in Australia. They are accompanied by their teacher Ms. Suga and Deputy Principal Ms. Inoue. The students were very excited about heading to Australia and the experiences that await them there. Some girls will stay for six days and others will stay for thirty-two days. Before departure the girls worked hard to practice their English conversation skills in class and to learn about Australian culture. Most were looking forward to trying the food in Australia, meeting local residents (such as koalas and kangaroos) and of course to making friends with Australians!

From 2013, our second year high school students will go to England for their school trip! Please look forward to more information in future issues!





News 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!

"School Ball" by Yuri

It was my first ball experience. I bought a purple dress, necklace, shoes and a bag for the ball. I was really excited. I went to my friend's house and a made up my face and my hair. I'm not good at make up so my friend helped me. I was surprised at my change. In the event centre, there were a lot of beautiful people!!! Everyone was changed We ate delicious foods and we ere dancing all the time. It was an amazing night. I will never forget this night.

Cultural Note

In New Zealand most schools hold balls for all year 12 and 13 students. The balls are held once a year. Teachers attend and everyone enjoys a nice meal together. After the meal everyone dances.



For many students the school ball is their first chance to dress up!

School Camp in Rotorua

Our girls from 2E have now been in New Zealand for more than six months. The girls have grown accustomed to life with their homestay families and to using English in their everyday lives. The students have gathered in Rotorua, one of New Zealand's most beautiful sightseeing spots for a short camp during their winter vacation. In Rotorua, they will be able to meet with their homeroom teacher and to share their experiences with each other.



Cultural Note

ニュージーランドの学校では年に1回、高校2・3年生を対象にしたスクールボールと呼ばれる「夕食会&ダンスパーティー」が行われます。男子生徒はスーツ、女子生徒はドレスを着て参加します。

Star Signs

Happy Birthday Cancer!

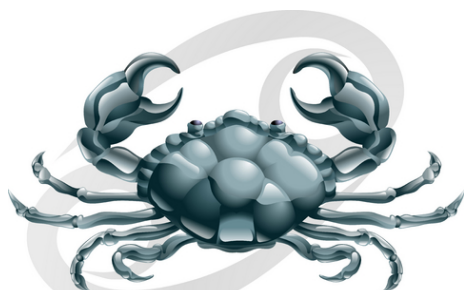
June 22 - July 23

People born under Cancer are said to be kind, caring and intuitive. These are good things! They are also said to be good at cooking, writing and to enjoy music! Are you a Cancer? Does this fit your personality?

English Summer Camp at the Yoyogi Olympic Centre

Many of our first, second and third year junior high school students gathered at the Yoyogi Olympic Centre near Shinjuku for the English summer camp on the 12th and 13th of July. As always, the students were looking forward to this yearly event where they had plenty of chances to speak English with the six native English speaking teachers and of course with each other! We had a lot of fun and games planned for the two days. This year events included performing a play in English and a scavenger hunt where students followed English clues to find information around the centre.

今年も7月12日・13日の2日間、代々木にある国立オリンピック記念青少年総合センターにて、イングリッシュサマーキャンプ（1泊2日）を実施しました。中学1年から中学3年までの参加生徒42人は、6つの少人数グループに分かれ、外国人教師とともにゲームやスポーツ、英語の寸劇など様々な活動を楽しみながら、英語漬けの生活をしました。



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Leafy and beautiful Yoyogi Olympic Centre!

Important Dates

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| July 8 | Eiken Interview Tests |
| July 12-13 | English Summer Camp |
| July 20 | Closing Ceremony |
| July 24-26 | Study Abroad Course Camp |

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