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Fun at the 58th Otomesai

The 58th annual Otomesai was held on the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd September. This year's theme was "Japan" and our students dedicated themselves to choreographing dances, arranging events and operating stalls that showcased aspects of Japanese culture. Despite rain meaning that the events had to be moved indoors, the students' spirits were not dampened and this year's Otomesai was as vibrant and enjoyable as ever.

Festivities kicked off with performances from three junior high school classes and all of the first year high school classes. The winning performances included a dance that combined several different traditional Japanese dances in one performance. Congratulations to 1-E (first in the high school section), 1-A (second in the high school section) and 3-2 (the winner of the junior high school section).

After the performances, students, parents and visitors enjoyed activities including visiting haunted houses, playing traditional festival games and a large number of visitors joined this year's Otomesai and this would not have been possible without the active help of many parents and friends of the school.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again at next year's Otomesai!



Students designed the cover for the Otomesai booklet!

9月22日(土)、23日(日)の2日間、第58回乙女祭(校成女子の学園祭)が開催されました。今年度の乙女祭のテーマは「Japan ~和!輪!環!~」。あいにくの雨でしたが、たくさんの方々には足を運んで頂き大盛況に終わりました。



What is Netball?



The students of 1E are busy learning about the culture of New Zealand. Recently, they had a chance to play netball!

Netball was first played in England over a hundred years ago and is currently the most popular sport with teenage girls in New Zealand. It is also popular with girls in countries like Australia, South Africa and England and is becoming increasingly popular with boys in these countries as well. Sadly, netball is not very well known outside the British Commonwealth.

Netball is similar to basketball. The aim is to shoot the ball into the nets at either end of the court. There are however several rules that are different to basketball including that players can not dribble the ball and that players can not hold the ball for more than three seconds.

The girls of 1E studied the rules, watched a short game and then were ready to play. While the rules were hard to understand at first, everyone got the hang of it in the end and they are now ready to take on their new classmates in NZ!



There are seven players on each team. Players must defend their partners and try to intercept the ball.

Only the GS (Goal Shoot) and the GA (Goal Attack) can shoot goals.



Immersion Music

The second term is already in full swing but because of the plethora of national holidays and special events there aren't as many music classes as one would expect during this, the longest school term. However, it's nice to see that the students make up for the lack of time with an increased level of concentration and energy in music class. The 7th graders had their first experience of part-singing in English with the GLEE-version of the Beatles' "Hello, Goodbye". Music appreciation and recorder playing is closely connected this term as the students learn about and play parts of Vivaldi's "Four Seasons". The 8th graders and 9th graders will focus on music from animated movies this term – the 8th graders are working on the song "If We Hold On Together" (which some students recognized from the Young Americans' performance); the 9th graders are polishing the Disney-classic "Go The Distance" (which they will sing when they visit Peachgrove Intermediate School in Hamilton, New Zealand). Both grades also explored connections between classical music and Vocaloid songs, and are pushing their recorder skills learning to play "歌に形はないけれど".



Paul and his group enjoying the activities at English summer camp!

English Summer Camp

前回に引き続き、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実施されたイングリッシュサマーカーンプの内容を報告します。

This year's English Summer Camp was held in the impressive Olympic Memorial Centre in YoyogiPark on July 12th and 13th.

More than thirty students, from 7th grade to 9th grade joined the camp and were divided into groups lead by the native teachers.

On the first day the students enjoyed playing different, exciting games with each teacher. This gave them a good opportunity to get to know their group members and teachers a little better – and have lots of fun at the same time!

Also, to encourage teamwork and help the students familiarise themselves with the Olympic Centre, they did a scavenger hunt. Each group had to find special items or do crazy things around the centre by figuring out clues. Everyone had an awesome time and the best team were awarded prizes.

The main event of the camp was a skit contest. Each group had to tell the story of a woman who found a fly in her soup on a restaurant. All the students worked hard on both days to memorise their lines and create a unique, funny and interesting skit. The winners were judged by the teachers and awards were given to the best individual performers. It was great fun!

The camp was a big success and the students could make new friends and learn English while having fun. We are all looking forward to next year's camp!

Star Signs

Happy Birthday Libra
September 23rd – October 22nd

Libra is an air sign. People born under this sign are considered to be kind and considerate to others. They are also said to dislike being alone. Libra's want what is best for everyone and make great friends!



今年は祝日や学校行事等の関係で、音楽の授業が例年より少ないようですが、生徒達は持ち前の元気と集中力で、音楽を十分に楽しんでいます。中学一年生は、まず、ビートルズの「Hello, Goodbye」を合唱しました。今は、楽器の練習として、ヴィヴァルディの「四季」をリコーダーで練習しています。中学二年生と三年生は、アニメ映画の歌の練習に取りかかっています。中学二年生の課題曲は『リトルフットの大冒険』の主題歌、「If We Hold On Together」。中学三年生の課題曲は、ディズニー映画『ヘラクレス』の主題歌である「Go The Distance」。また中学二・三年生はリコーダーの練習として初音ミク(VOCALOID)のオリジナル曲「歌に形はないけれど」を練習します。

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